

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

August 14, 2019

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Vice Chair Bob Burger, Anthony DeLucia, John Sievec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall, Don Kowalsky (Alt)
Absent: None
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh, Fred Hill (arrived 7:45)
Commercial: None
Guests: None

At 7:32 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair, six regular members and one alternate were present.

Note: Meeting may not follow Agenda order.

1. Public Forum There was no one from the public present.

2. Minutes of July 10, 2019 meeting

Motion: John Sievec moved to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes upon clarification of item #3, seconded by Anthony DeLucia.

*Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, John Sievec, Bob Burger, John Hall
Abstained - Peter Charland, Anthony DeLucia (absent July)*

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Commercial Activity was reviewed later in the meeting.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Allyn Brown - July/August	\$ 960.00
Warden Fred Hill - July/August	\$ 480.00
Data Entry Clerk Nancy Matyasovsky	\$ 51.75
Bob Burger - ice : water sampling	\$ 78.70
Brown's Boatyard - boat fuel	\$ 91.52
Anthony DeLucia - sign locks	\$ 150.83
Anthony DeLucia - mileage June/July/August	\$ 165.00
Anthony DeLucia - mileage	\$ 42.00
K&G Graphics @ Tyco - print recreational licenses	\$ 298.00
C.W. Shellfish - Stocking	<u>\$ 5,642.00</u>
Total :	\$ 8,510.80

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Sieviec.
Vote: Carried - Unanimously

92 bags of little neck clams had been purchased from C.W. Shellfish (Chris Walston) and stocked in recreational areas during July.

Correspondence

A DEEP letter of approval was received for 485 Whitfield Street by Oceanco LLC, Charles Beckius, 530 Whitfield Street (historic Beecher house) to retain existing fill and place additional fill below the mean water mark for "improvement to a residential property".

A DEEP letter of approval was received for 299 Old Sachem Head Road by Camp Surfside, LLC, 935 Park Avenue, NYC, John Lust consultant, "retention of existing dock...and installation of a new dock and will due coastal research".

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- Shellfishing at Great Harbor has been very busy with about 25 people per day. Kayaking is also very popular in this area and advertised in magazines.
- Some issues include stolen wallets and licensed people with children who each had a bucket. Regulations state one five gallon bucket per one valid licensed adult per day. Children under 13 and one adult guest can help to fill that same bucket.
- Allyn requested additional first aid supplies/kits. People have cut themselves while shellfishing or crabbing.
- Warden Fred Hill suggested that GSC contact Fire Headquarters emergency personnel for information and training regarding legal issues and liability with Town employees providing first aid.

Warden Fred Hill reported that he had encountered a group of 12 to 16 nonresident shellfishers on a boat without licenses. One person was a resident with a valid license. Warden Hill was unable to reach the boat to make contact. GSC thanked Fred for his efforts.

Discussion reviewed the issue of children being supervised by an adult while shellfishing.

Motion: Bob Burger moved to add, to the shellfish license instruction sheet, that children must be supervised at all times by an adult with a valid shellfish license, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

9 New Business

A. Fair Booth Discussion

Discussion reviewed preparation for the GSC public education booth at the Guilford Fair on Sept. 20,21,22. Volunteers include Peter Charland, John Sievec, Don Kowalsky, John Hall and Allyn Brown.

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Treasurer Peter Charland reported that \$4,606 was received for commercial Lot revenue.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Peter Charland reported on recreational license sales:

- Sales by GSC members : 30 annual nonresident, 7 annual resident senior,
33 annual resident, 19 annual nonresident senior, 2 daily resident
Total sales: \$ 255.00
- Commercial Lot 25, Richard Greenleaf : \$ 371.00
- Capt. Morgan Bait Shop : \$3,980.00
- Total Revenue : \$4,606.00

B. Water Sampling – Ed Lombard / John Hall / Warden Fred Hill / Bob Burger

Bob Burger reported that water sampling is up to date. Most areas have been open for shellfishing. Chair Lombard reported that Bloody Cove had poor lab results more than once after heavy rains. Also that area is negatively impacted by geese and road construction.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

There was no new information to report on the boat.

D. Stocking – Anthony DeLucia / John Hall / John Sievec

Chair Lombard reported that Stocking recreational areas is up to date.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

There was no Finance Report.

F. Special Projects – John Hall / Peter Charland / Warden Brown

There was no new information.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia reported that he has obtained new keys for the sign locks.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Peter Charland reported that the GSC Facebook page has had some public interest with 57 followers and 2,000 people viewed the page. He added photos from Stocking activities. Real time status of open or closed recreational areas can be connected to the GSC webpage. These sites may attract volunteers.

7. Updates**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - John Sieviec**

John Sieviec reported that the LAC cancelled their July and August meetings.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB) - John Sieviec / Bob Burger

John Sieviec reported that SGAB had not met this month.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC) - Keith Harvey / John Sieviec

Keith Harvey reported that the Sachem Head Yacht Club has yet to obtain a permit for a pump out. DEEP fines are \$1,000 per day for not obtaining a permit.

Discussion reviewed information regarding unregistered moorings and mushroom buoys off Trolley Road. HMC has the authority to contact the Police.

D. Docks, moorings and other potentially impacting projects - John Sieviec/Keith Harvey

John Sieviec reported there was no new information on projects.

8. Old Business**A. Safety follow up - Allyn Brown / John Sieviec / Don Kowalsky**

Discussion was Tabled to the next meeting.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sieviec reported :

- The Guilford Yacht Club continues their DEEP approved project to spread their dredging spoils onto their property to restore salt marsh. UCONN undergraduates are working on this project.

C. Review Shellfish Management Plan

John Sieviec reported that Alissa Darcan, of Bur. of Aquaculture, has been working on data and emailed a report to GSC members. Discussion will take place at the next GSC meeting.

9. New Business

A. Other

Bob Burger recommended research to purchase a new GSC computer. GSC could order T-shirts / hats with logo, to be sold at GSC display tables at the Guilford Fair and other local events.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:34 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Burger.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary