

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 9, 2019
7:30 P.M.
Relocated
Nathanael Green Community Center
Alexander Room

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall
Absent: Bob Burger, Don Kowalsky, Anthony DeLucia
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh
Commercial: Peter Weiss and Christopher Scheppach, fishermen
Guests: None

At 7:30 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum There was no discussion.

2. Minutes of December 12, 2018 meeting

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to table approval of the December 12, 2018, seconded by Peter Charland.

Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall, John Sieviec, Ed Lombard

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Chair Lombard reported that commercial invoices had been sent. Fees for oyster grounds were increased as agreed upon by the Commission.

Fisherman Chris Scheppach requested, for his brother Doug, to conduct an exploratory study of their Lot to determine if Doug should renew his license agreement. They are building a new clam boat. The area is located near Chimney Corners north of Goose Rocks. Other areas would be studied in the spring.

Chair Lombard will research the Lot information and provide for further discussion at the GSC February meeting.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Nancy Matyayovsky - Data Entry	\$ 51.75
Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. November	\$ 94.88
Joan Dudley - Recording Secretary Pro Tem December	\$ 25.88
Warden Allyn Brown	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
Total :	\$ 394.51

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

Chair Lombard reported that GSC had received an email reminder notice from UCONN Sea Grant, Tessa Getchis, for the Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions to be held January 26, 2019. Warden Brown, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey will attend.

The public is reminded to call the Town Hotline number directly for the most up to date information on opening and closure of recreational areas.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that most recreational areas have been closed this month due to rainfall and winter conditions with a few shellfishers observed when open. He continues to witness some boaters shellfishing illegally. He recommended that Wardens be give the authority to give tickets to enforce regulations and fines. He will contact the DEEP for information.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Chair Lombard reported that he is working on the count for 2018 recreational license sales including those purchased for gifts.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that he has been working with DEEP on water sampling. This past month has had several days of rain and wind.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

Chair Ed Lombard reported that the GSC boat is on a trailer in his yard. After discussion, it was decided that GSC commissioners will coordinate with Warden Greg Marsh to winterize the boat.

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

Discussion reviewed options to change shellfish supplier for 2019.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

- December recreational license sales: \$ 115
- January - Capt. Morgan Bait Shop : \$ 998
 - * 8 nonresident, 3 nonresident senior, 4 resident, 11 daily, 1 resident senior

Total Receivables : \$1,113

Discussion reviewed the December Operating Statement noting that there were no expenditures in December. The Fund Balance is \$134,492.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that the cost of the GPS Garmin model that GSC would purchase may soon drop by 50%. He will advise on the final cost.

Warden Brown reported that he had been contacted by a Boy Scout troop leader to plan a Spring Clamming Day.

Keith Harvey reported that Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop is not receiving GSC emails regarding the recreational area Open and Closures. Chair Lombard will contact Capt. Morgan's.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia was not present to report.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Chair Ed Lombard reported that the GSC webpage is updated and he will continue to update the recreational areas' open and closed information. Currently, the Town weather station is working. Shellfishers are again reminded to call the GSC Hotline number for the most accurate open and closed information.

7. Updates**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)**

John Sieviec reported that LAC did not meet in December. Next meeting will be in February.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB) - Stephen Goldschmidt

John Sieviec reported that SGAB did not meet in December.

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

HMC Liaison Keith Harvey reported that HMC had not met in December.

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

There was no new information.

8. Old Business

A. Safety follow up - Allyn Brown / John Sieviec / Don Kowalsky

Discussion will be held at the February meeting. Warden Allyn Brown recommended that safety guidelines include that shellfishers should use the "Buddy System" never harvesting alone. Allyn will attend Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sieviec reported that the below four projects continue to be on hold waiting for the State of CT funding from the newly elected administration. The water main project for Indian Cove residents has received \$3,500,000 from the State of CT yet it is unknown when the project will begin. (Warden Fred Hill arrived)

1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration

There was no new information on the Shell Beach Marsh Restoration project.

2. Seaside Ave. dock

There was no new information on this project.

3. Rt 146 road reconstruction

There was no new information.

4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

Design plans have not been submitted to the Town.

C. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Chair Lombard has not heard from the Bureau of Aquaculture (BOA) on the update to the Shellfish Management Plan. The update is overdue and requires more accurate information. GSC has questions regarding approved shellfish beds.

9. New Business

A. Other

Warden Fred Hill reported that he had emailed his report and invoice prior to this meeting. The invoice will be approved at the February meeting.

Fisherman Peter Weiss proposed that GSC apply for the UCONN Sea Grant to be included in the State of CT application for federal funding to rehabilitate shellfish industry. John Sievec will contact Tessa Getchis regarding the criteria.

Fishermen Weiss and Chris Scheppach offered to help GSC with water sampling.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:11 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary