

Wellfleet Selectboard
Hybrid meeting
715 Old King's Highway/Zoom
Tuesday September 27, 2022; 7pm
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ryan Curley, Chair; Michael DeVasto, Vice Chair; John Wolf, Kathleen Bacon, Barbara Carboni

Others Present: Richard Waldo, Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Nancy Vail, Town Assessor; Nancy Civetta, Shellfish Constable; Michael Hurley, Police Chief; Rich Pauley, Fire Chief; Kate Lena, Barnstable County; Nathan Johnson, year-round resident, Karen Johnson, Wellfleet Resident, Rodney Avery, shellfisherman; Marc Spigel, special police officer; Timothy Sayer, Resident; KC Myers, Provincetown Independent reported

Chair Curley opened the public hearing

- Application received 6/27/2022 for the renewal of shellfish grant license #05-01 consisting of .99 acres in Loagy Bay for nine years, 10 months and 28 days from Nate Johnson (Wellfleet, MA) and Rodney Avery (Wellfleet, MA).

Spoke to the board about his brain explaining he doesn't remember numbers or months or dates. He explained he has disabilities. He didn't agree with the current situation. He explained that he would like Karen Johnson to have her name on his grant and explained that because of a conflict with Avery, Avery wouldn't sign off on this he wanted the board to make a decision for them. The board discussed and will take a look at this in the future, town counsel will be notified and questioned on this issue. For tonight they needed to approve the grant renewal. Bacon stated she feels this is a special circumstance and that Johnson needs the help to work this grant. She feels that this is an exception. Avery spoke to the board and stated he could hire someone to work on the farm he doesn't need a partner on the farm he can hire someone.

Board Member Carboni Moved, Chair Curley Seconded, and it was voted to approve Nate Johnson and Rodney Avery's grant renewal request for grant number #05-01 consisting of 0.99 acres located in Loagy Bay for a period of nine years, 10 months, and 28 days with an expiration date of April 30, 2032.

Administrator Waldo stated to the board that maybe they could postpone this approval tonight to seek town counsel's opinion and have this on the next hearing when there will be two other hearings before them. Chair Curley stated that he would be willing to approve for a shorter time until this issue is resolved. The board discussed some options to allow time for other options to be explored. Civetta stated a year would be a sufficient amount of time to get this situation settled.

Board member Carboni Moved, Chair Curley Seconded, and it was voted to amend the original motion and renew the grant renewal for one year. To expire one year from today.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (DeVasto recused)