



# Appointments and Briefings

June 17, 2014 – 7:00 PM – **Revised Agenda**  
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

**\*\*View Minutes\*\***

1. Public Hearing, on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 4026 ACUSHNET AVENUE, Map 136, Parcel 252, advising that “the structure was built circa 1800 and retains some of its original exterior architectural features including setting and massing; the structure is associated with members of the Tobey family who were early settlers of Old Dartmouth; the subject structure is reminiscent of a “Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn” farm complex found in many colonial American communities; the structure is found to be historically significant because of its historical representative of New Bedford’s early rural character and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 4026 Acushnet Avenue is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 5/22/14, advertised in the Standard-Times on Tuesday, June 3, 2014)

***INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; City Planner Jill Maclean; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Abutters***

2. Public Hearing, on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 2992 ACUSHNET AVENUE, Map 132, Parcel 510, advising that “the structure was built circa 1830 and retains some of its original exterior architectural features including setting and massing; the structure is associated with members of the Spooner family who were descendants of William Spooner, one of the fifty-six original proprietors of Dartmouth; the subject structure is found to be historically significant because of its historical integrity as the homestead of one of the area’s earliest settlers and as a representative of New Bedford’s early rural character” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 2992 Acushnet Avenue is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 5/22/14, advertised in the Standard-Times on Tuesday, June 3, 2014)

***INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; City Planner Jill Maclean; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Abutters***

3. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOHN WALSH, New Bedford, MA, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS as an Associate Member, replacing Michael Amaral whose term had expired. This term will expire in December of 2016. (Ref’d 5/22/14)

***INVITEES: John Walsh***

4. Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Carney and Rebeiro requesting, on behalf of Neighborhoods United, that the leaders of said group be asked to attend the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the breakdown of communication between the Mayor’s Office and the City Council; and further, that Police Chief Provencher, DPI Commissioner Labelle and a Representative of the Mayor’s Office be invited to said Committee meeting. (Ref’d 3/13/14)

***INVITEES: Neighborhoods United President Jerry Pinto; Neighborhood Association Leaders; Police Chief Provencher; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly***

5. Written Motion, Councillors Martins and Alves, requesting that the Administration, along with the Election Commission, place a binding or non-binding referendum question on the upcoming November ballot regarding the Community Preservation Act. (Ref'd 6/12/14)
- 5a. Communication, Councillor Martins, submitting information on the Community Preservation Act. (Ref'd 6/12/14)
- 5b. AN ORDER,
- 5c. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting, that the City Council seek to adopt the "Community Preservation Act" for New Bedford, as an opportunity for the City Council to create a fund dedicated for outdoor recreation, open space, historic preservation and community housing and to receive matching funds for these purposes. (Ref'd 6/12/14)

***INVITEES: Preservation Planner Anne Louro; City Planner Jill Maclean; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Planning and Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan***

***Chairman suggests to "Following the Recommended Action", on the following items:***

6. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho requesting, that the municipal parking lot on Phillips Avenue, between North Front Street and Acushnet Avenue, be immediately provided with lighting, even if it's a temporary lighting, such as flood lights, while permanent lighting is being installed, for the safety of the many customers of the growing number of businesses in the area who use the parking lot during the evening hours; and further, requesting, that this be done without delay as more people will be utilizing the parking lot as the summer season approaches. (Ref'd 4/24/14) ***Refer to DPI for immediate action***

***Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action", on the following items:***

7. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes and Council President Gomes, requesting that David English and Mary O'Keefe the Regional Representative of Comcast Cable attend the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, and to provide this Councillor with an update as it pertains to their agreed upon meetings with the Residents of Tripp Towers. (Ref'd 11/22/11, 6/21/12 – tabled, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee, 2/19/14 – Remain in Committee)
8. Written Motion, Councillor Duarte, requesting, that Denis Keohane, owner of Keohane Company, Ltd., meet with the Committee on Appointments & Briefings to update the City Council on what his plans are to fix the former Keystone Building. (Ref'd 6/28/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee)
9. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Ronald Labelle and Mayor Mitchell apply for funds from the newly established \$21 Million Dollar State Massachusetts Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Fund; and further, requesting that said funds be used to repair the deteriorating seawall along West Rodney French Boulevard. (Ref'd 6/13/13)