



# *Committee on Environmental Affairs*

March 30, 2015– 7:00 PM - **Minutes**  
Chambers of the City Council, City Hall, Room 214

## **NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
**DATE: MARCH 30, 2015**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS LINDA MORAD, CHAIRPERSON; HENRY BOUSQUET, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; NAOMI CARNEY; JOSEPH LOPES; STEVEN MARTINS; JAMES OLIVEIRA (7:06); DANA REBEIRO; KERRY WINTERSON**

**ABSENT: COUNCILLORS DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES**

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Councillor Morad called the Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk of Committees read into the record a letter from Councillor Coelho stating her reason for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. This letter was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Carney. He also announced that Councillor Gomes called to say he would be late in attending this meeting.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting TWO ORDERS, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and Notice of Activity and Use Limitation for Walsh Field, Map 63/Lots 2, 48 and 92 (Ref'd 11/13/14) were received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (1, 1a, 1b)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Confirmatory Activity and Use Limitation for the new Andre McCoy Field, Map 63/Lots 85 and 91 (Ref'd 11/13/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (2, 2a)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Confirmatory Activity and Use Limitation for the east side of Liberty Street, Map 76/Lot 256 and Map 70/Lot 227 (Ref'd 11/13/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (3, 3a)

Michelle Paul, Environmental Director was recognized to give an overview of the items before the Committee. Ms. Paul explained that their department has been reviewing the activity use limitation as it relates to the Andre McCoy Field, formally the old Keith Middle School. Now that three years have passed, they asked the city, if there was anything that they needed to do in order to appropriately continue the activity use limitation on the property. They were told that they should make the site boundaries official and should be

properly recorded with the city. This was the only thing that really needed to be addressed as it related to the property.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the TWO ORDERS, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and Notice of Activity and Use Limitation of Walsh Field, Map 63/Lots 2, 48 and 92. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Confirmatory Activity and Use Limitation for the new Andre McCoy Field, Map 63/Lots 85 and 91. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a confirmatory Activity and Use Limitation for the east side of Liberty Street, Map 76/Lot 256 and Map 70/Lot 227. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading of items 4, 5 and 6 and follow the Chairpersons recommendation to take "No Further Action" on them. This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet, requesting that Region 1 EPA Public Affairs Assistant, Kelsey O'Neil, be invited to the next meeting of the Special Committee on Environmental Affairs in order to explore what the EPA has planned for future cleanups and to ask questions regarding the EPA's involvement with the City relative to remediation funding for all outgoing projects. (Ref'd 03/22/12, tabled 04/23/12) (4)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that representatives from CLEAN be invited to a Committee on Environmental Affairs meeting to brief Committee members on what CLEAN has discovered relative to their research of instances of cancer and other illness associated with prolonged exposure to toxic chemicals. (Ref'd 01/24/13) (5)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet and Oliveira, requesting, that an update be provided to the City Council from Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent regarding the status of the grant to repair the watershed at Sassaquin Pond. (Ref'd 10/10/13) (6)

Councillor Martins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Winterson.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Committees