



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

April 10, 2019

Mr. John Miquel
1063 Almy Street
New Bedford, MA 02745

Re: Wetlands Violation
Map 134, Lot 372
1063 Almy Street

Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Miquel,

This letter is to follow up on my 4/09/2019 inspection of your property and conversation with you regarding the fill material recently brought into your backyard and the brush clearing and tree removal in the wetlands. The wetlands on your property are protected under the MA Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131 S40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00 et seq) and the City of New Bedford Wetlands Ordinance.

My observations are that Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (310 CMR 10.54) have likely been filled by the fill material spread in your backyard. The edge of the fill is in the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) located on the north side of your property. The extent of wetland filling could not be determined yesterday. It was also observed that three maple trees had been cut and shrub vegetation cleared in the BVW and the woody debris piled up in the wetland. You agreed not to loam the rear part of your property where I indicated the wetland filling may have occurred. You also agreed to attend the next Conservation Commission meeting on **Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.** at the Brooklawn Senior Center located at 1997 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. At this meeting, you can discuss with the Conservation Commission what needs to be done to obtain compliance. In the mean time please do not conduct any further work in the wetlands, including clearing of wetland vegetation or upland native vegetation within the 100' Buffer Zone of the wetlands and stream. The 100' Buffer Zone extends from the wetland and stream boundary 100' into the upland. Work within the 100' Buffer Zone requires approval from the Conservation Commission. Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Porter

Sarah E. Porter
Conservation Agent

cc: Conservation Commissioners, File