



PLANNING BOARD

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

July 11, 2014

Holding Steen Real Estate
C/o Kenneth Steen
3 Ledgewood Boulevard
Dartmouth, MA 02747



SUBJECT: Bismark Meadows Subdivision—Seizure of Funds

Dear Mr. Steen:

Please be advised that at their July 9, 2014 public meeting, the Planning Board discussed the status of Bismark Meadows subdivision at length, and took input from property owners on Bismark Meadows Road. Your presence had been requested in a demand letter mailed on June 25, 2014; and the Board noted your absence. The Board is also aware that you have been unresponsive to the Conservation Commission, which has issued two Enforcement Orders on this project.

The Planning Board over the past several years has sent numerous requests and made every effort to allow you the opportunity to complete this work yourself. Given the lack of responsive on your part, the Board did not believe that you would act in good faith to complete the project in a timely manner to ensure that the street is accepted and the property owners have public services.

Therefore, the Planning Board voted to seize the remaining funds held in account for Bismark Meadows in the amount of \$23,000; and to expend said funds towards the completion of outstanding infrastructure and drainage work for this subdivision, and items necessary for the acceptance of Bismark Street and Bismark Meadows Road by the City of New Bedford as public streets.

Should you have further questions, please contact First Assistant City Solicitor, Jane Medeiros-Friedman.

Sincerely,

Jill Maclean
City Planner
Agent for the Planning Board

CC: Colleen Dawicki, Chair of the Planning Board
Jane Medeiros-Friedman, First Assistant City Solicitor
Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent ✓
Ronald Labelle, Commissioner of DPI