



OFFICE OF PLANNING

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

April 15th, 2015

Ian M. Comerford, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Case #4180
Petitioner:

Bay Coast Bank
330 Swansea Mall Drive
Swansea, MA 02777

Local Media Group, Inc.
F/K/A Dow Jones Media Group, Inc.
F/K/A Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.
25 Elm Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Robert B. Feingold
700 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Location: 25 Elm Street (Map Plot: 53 Lot: 27 & 289)

Dear Mr. Comerford:

Please be advised that I have reviewed the petition, and submit the following for consideration by the Board.

The petitioners are proposing approval to erect a ground sign 49.86 square feet in area, which exceeds the maximum amount of square footage allowed under Zoning Ordinance. The allowed square footage is 25 square feet in area. Therefore, the proposed project requires a Variance for the area of the ground sign.

The property is located in a Mixed Use Business Zoned District. The project was heard before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review and a Special Permit for a reduction in parking requirements, as well as, the Historical Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Should the Zoning Board of Appeals grant the Variance, the conditions set forth in both the Historical Commission and the Planning Board's decisions must be abided by and incorporated into the decision as a condition.

Sincerely,

Jill Maclean
City Planner

Cc: Danny Romanowicz, Building Commissioner
Dana Rebeiro, Ward 4 City Councilor