

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS – SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
MEETING AT 7:00 PM
AGENDA**

**THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A,
SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A**

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON NB CABLE ACCESS FACEBOOK PAGE

1. CITIZEN'S INPUT TIME – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. John Silvia, 1256 Sassaquin Avenue, New Bedford, speaking on water bills. (Ref'd 09/29/2020)
 - 1b. Mary Feitelberg, 749 Purchase Street, New Bedford, speaking on the role of firefighters and the value they contribute. (Ref'd 09/29/2020)

INVITEES: John Silvia; Mary Feitelberg

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOAQUIM "JACK" LIVRAMENTO, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE; Mr. Livramento will be replacing Joshua Amaral who has resigned; this term will expire in May 2023. (Ref'd 08/20/2020)

INVITEES: Joaquim "Jack" Livramento

3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, that the City is authorized to file an application with the U. S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board and applicable Federal agencies to reorganize Foreign Trade Zone #28 (FTZ 28) to an Alternative Site Framework (ASF) and that the Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary paperwork for the application and any subsequent administrative actions for FTZ 28. (Ref'd 04/07/2020)
 - 3a. AN ORDER, (Ref'd 04/07/2020)

INVITEES: Edward Anthes-Washburn, Director, New Bedford Port Authority; David Gerwadowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Representative, Mayor's Office

4. PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED, on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION REVIEW - 23 ROBESON STREET (Map 71/Lot 45) Circa 1903 two-story wood framed residence-partial demolition of east façade bay, the building is a contributing property (NBE.419) within the Acushnet Heights National Register District, this area is characterized by its late 19th and early 20th century residences developed on the rise of County Street overlooking the inner harbor; the building is associated with the political and social history of the City, as it was constructed in 1903 by Thomas Desmond, a local leading Attorney and a City Solicitor for several years, the Desmond Family also constructed the abutting properties at 17 and 27 Robeson Street, this house is locally known as the longtime residence of former Senator, Councillor and Mayor George Rogers; the building is architecturally significant as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of

the Queen Anne style, the subject building is part of a group of buildings which share identical architectural features including cut shingles, arched openings, swag motifs and full bays with stained glass windows and the property owner has indicated that he will follow the Historical Commission's recommendations to mitigate the partial demolition of the façade wall; therefore, in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the building at 23 Robeson Street is Historically Significant but the east façade bay is not a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure. (Ref'd 04/23/2020) (Advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, July 1, 2020) (07/14/2020 - Hearing Continued to September 29, 2020)

INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Tabitha Harkin, City Planner; Diana Henry, Chairperson, New Bedford Historical Commission; Anne Louro, Preservation Planner; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; P & I Realty Trust Corp.; Abutters

Chair Suggests 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'

5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of BETHANY FAUTEUX, New Bedford, MA to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire April 2022. (Ref'd 04/07/2020) (06/09/2020 - tabled) (7/14/2020 – NFA Failed R/C Y-5, N-4; Remain in Committee)

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