



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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### STAFF REPORT

NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 5, 2022

**CASE # 2022.39: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

36 N Water Street (Map 53 Lot 182)

**OWNER/** Jessica Coelho Arruda  
**APPLICANT:** 42-46 N Water Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740



**OVERVIEW:** The applicant is seeking to paint the exterior of the building.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** The Burroughs & Cushman Store at 36 North Water Street was constructed c. 1820–1835 as a commercial dry goods store and rehabilitated in 1998. The painted clapboard-clad building has a storefront at the first story of the west elevation framed by a simple Greek Revival entablature that contains a centered door flanked by two-over-two double-hung windows. Other Greek Revival elements include deep cornice returns and engaged pilasters along the storefront. Later Italianate details include decorative brackets at the intersection of the corner boards and cornice returns, bracketed window lintels, and a diamond-shaped window in the west gable peak. The building has been painted in a three-color paint scheme.

**PROPOSAL:** Three color paint scheme utilizing black for door and windows, Benjamin Moore Templeton Gray (HC-161) for body and Newburg Green (HC-158) for trim.

**STATEMENT OF APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:** *The Bedford -Landing District Design Guidelines* state the following relative to this proposal:

**PAINT COLOR:** Paint color, appropriate for the structure's age and architectural style, is recommended. Original paint color can sometimes be determined by scraping underneath clapboards or in corners where paint has built up. Laboratory paint analysis provides the most accurate means of determining original color. Paint analysis is recommended for selecting finish color on architecturally significant buildings.

**FOR MEMBER CONSIDERATION:** The applicant worked with a historic paint color specialist, Commission member Jan da Silva, to choose the colors based on the Italianate period.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The color is appropriate to the building and compliments the District.

***See the following color scheme and images:***



HC-161 Templeton Gray



HC-158 Newburg Green

36 N WATER STREET PAINT COLORS