

**COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS – MAY 23, 2018  
MEETING @ 7:00 PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER – ROOM 214  
AGENDA**

1. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
  - 1a. Theresa Holmes, P.O. Box 5519, speaking on Unsanitary Conditions at a Hathaway Road Hotel in New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/23/18)

***INVITEES: Theresa Holmes***

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KAMILE KHAZAN, New Bedford, MA, to the PLANNING BOARD, replacing Colleen Dawicki who resigned January 2018; this term will expire December 2018. (Ref'd 4/26/18)

***INVITEES: Kamile Khazan***

3. PUBLIC HEARING on an APPLICATION, Richard R. Torres, D/B/A Empire Ford of New Bedford, Inc., for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and Rentals, Body Repair, General Repair and Light Service at 395 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02745. (Ref'd 4/23/18) (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 and Wednesday, May 16, 2018.)

***INVITEES: Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; Richard R. Torres, Applicant; Abutters***

4. PUBLIC HEARING on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 2914 ACUSHNET AVENUE, (MAP 130D, LOT 248) a Circa late nineteenth century two-story residence – advising that “the structure is historically significant due to its association with members of the Spooner family who settled in this location from Plymouth in 1660, eight years after the “Old Dartmouth” land mass was purchased from Wamsutta in 1652, the Spooners were a well respected farming family whose vast land holdings were primarily located in the subject area, north of Acushnet Village; the residential structure, although associated with the Spooner family, has been altered with the application of vinyl siding and its original windows replaced; the property lack integrity, as it no longer possesses its historic qualities of setting and feeling, the land surrounding the subject parcel is no longer used for agricultural purposes and due to its location bordered by commercial development and its current Mixed-Use Business Zoning; it is no longer attractive as a residential use, in light of these finding, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 2914 Acushnet Avenue is historically significant, but not a preferably preserved historic structure.” (Ref'd 4/12/18) (Advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.)

***INVITEES: Diana Henry, Chairperson, New Bedford Historical Commission; Anne Louro, Preservation Planner; Neil and Erica Meunier, Property Owners; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; Patrick J. Sullivan, Planning and Community Development Director; Farland Corp., Inc., Applicant; Abutters***

5. PUBLIC HEARING on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 2904 ACUSHNET AVENUE, (MAP 130D, LOT 247) a Circa late nineteenth century two-story residence and barn structure – advising that “the structures are historically significant due to their association with members of the Spooner family who settled in this location from Plymouth in 1660, eight years after the “Old Dartmouth” land mass was purchased from Wamsutta in 1652, the Spooners were a well respected farming family whose vast land holdings were primarily located in the subject area, north of Acushnet Village; the residential structure, although associated with the Spooner family, has been altered, the barn, which retains its original form, massing and materials, is a good example of its regional barn type and is significant due to its connection with the Spooner family, its long term agricultural use, and is representative of New Bedford’s early rural character, the property lacks in integrity, as it no longer possesses its historic qualities of setting and feeling, the land surrounding the subject parcel is no longer used for agricultural purposes and due to its location bordered by commercial development and its current Mixed-Use Business Zoning; it is no longer attractive as a residential use, additionally, the barn currently lacks context due to its commercial surrounding and will not likely experience adaptive reuse, “in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structures at 2904 Acushnet Avenue are historically significant, but not preferably preserved historic structures.” (Ref’d 4/12/18) (Advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.)

***INVITEES: Kevin Burgess, Property Owner; Diana Henry, Chairperson, New Bedford Historical Commission; Anne Louro, Preservation Planner; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; Patrick J. Sullivan, Planning and Community Development Director; Farland Corp., Inc., Applicant; Abutters***

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