



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

January 7, 2016

City Council President Linda Morad &
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

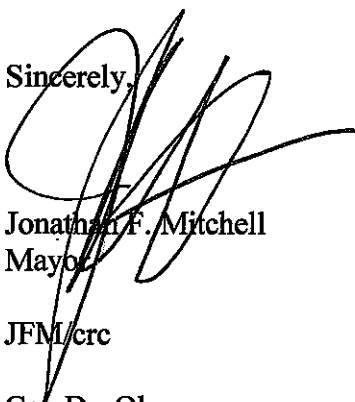
Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of Russell Olson of 33 E Drive, Westport, MA 02790 to the New Bedford Regional Airport Commission to fill the seat vacated by Sean Collins. His term will expire in 2019.

As Dr. Olson is not a resident of New Bedford, I am also requesting a **WAIVER OF RESIDENCY** to enable him to serve. Dr. Olson's nomination as a New Bedford Regional Airport Commission member is submitted in consideration of airport stakeholders' expressed desire to have greater representation from the general aviation community on the Commission. As you will see from Dr. Olson's letter, he is a long-standing member of the general aviation community in New Bedford and elsewhere, and, as a hangar owner at the airport and a frequent airport user, has a great interest in the ongoing success of the facility. I believe he will be of great value to the body.

Dr. Olsen's letter of interest and Commission application is attached for your review.

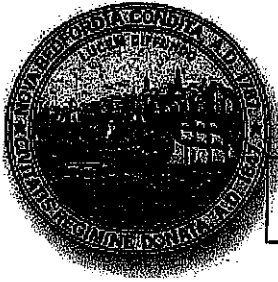
Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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Cc: Dr. Olson



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION**

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The Mayor is seeking citizens to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Airport Commission

Name: Russell Olson Email: rolson4852@charter.net

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Residence Address: 33 E Dr., Westport Ma Zip: 02790

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Retired Chiropractor

Educational Background: 5 yrs College, Comm. Pilots Lic.

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups: Atlantic Aviators,
Over the Hill Gang - Fall River

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: None

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: To bridge the gap
between General Aviation & Airport Comm. & Airport
Management.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: GA Pilot Commercial Lic., inst.
Airplane based at EWB for 36 years

Please detail specific areas of interest: To serve the Aviation Community.

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: property owner since 1975

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: Russell W. Olson

Date: 3-11-15

TO WHOM IT MAY INTEREST

DECEMBER 23, 2015

I am Russell Olson and I live at 33 E Drive, Westport, MA. where I have lived for 48 years and I own property at 2263 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford which I have owned for 39 years.

I grew up in southern Minnesota and graduated from New Richland High School in 1954.

I joined the Air Force in 1954 with Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas and Electronic and Radar Maintenance School in Biloxi, Mississippi. I was then stationed at Otis AFB on Cape Cod for the next three years with a short stint with the Navy and an advanced Radar School in Norfolk, Virginia. I was a radar tech on Super Constellation AEW airplanes for two and one half years flying over the Atlantic Ocean with a logged time of 1,326 hours. I rose to the rank of Staff Sargent and was Senior Radar Tech on board the Constellations.

I was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1958 and then worked for a short time in Cambridge, Massachusetts repairing lab instruments.

In 1959 I worked for Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington working on test equipment and radar for the Bomarc Missile.

In 1960 I returned to Otis AFB to work on the installation of Bomarc Missiles and then to Newport News, Virginia for the installation of Bomarc Missiles.

In 1961 I went to work for AVCO Corporation out of Stratford, Connecticut as a liaison officer to General Electric Company. This job took me to Cheyenne, Wyoming and Roswell, New Mexico, a year at each, and involved working on Atlas Missiles and the installation in the silos.

In 1963 I enrolled at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa and Blackhawk Junior College in Moline, Illinois. I completed five years of college in three calendar years to get my Chiropractic Degree at the end of 1965. I started my Chiropractic Practice in 1966 in Fall River and three years later moved to New Bedford to practice with Dr. Mellody. In 1976 I opened my own practice at 2263 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford and retired from practice in 2002 after my son joined me in practice.

My flying started at the age of 12, in 1948, with an airplane ride with our flying farmer neighbor in a Silvaire Luscomb airplane. My first flying lesson was in 1958 at Coonamessit Airport near Otis AFB, in an Aeronca Champ. That airport does not exist anymore. I then joined an Aero Club at Francis E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyoming and got my private airplane license in a Beech T-34 in 1961. My job took me to Roswell, New Mexico in 1962 so I started flying out of Artesia, and Roswell, New Mexico and got my commercial pilots license. After graduating from Chiropractic College I came back to Massachusetts and started flying again in 1974 and completed my instrument training in 1976 at Fall River Airport. I have been flying out of New Bedford since 1974 and have been flying the same airplane, Cessna 182 RG, since 1981.

My activities at New Bedford Airport increased after I retired. I had been a member of the New Bedford Pilots Association from time of inception to the disbanding a few years ago. I joined the Women in Aviation New Bedford Chapter approximately ten years ago and ran the car show part of the Airport Fun Day for six years. I bought the second "T" Hangar when they became available in 1988 and have owned it ever since. I am presently the Clerk (secretary) for the New Bedford Chapter of Women in Aviation. I, as well as the other members of the Women in Aviation group, were instrumental in building the playground at the airport.

In regards to a possible appointment to the New Bedford Airport Commission, I believe I can be a contributing member of the commission. I have attended commission meetings for at least seven years and have had near perfect attendance. I visit the airport almost every day at one place or another. I have always felt that attendance is of utmost importance, because without a quorum at the meeting it virtually stops all business transacted at the airport for that month. This has been a complaint by people trying to do business at the airport for some time, I hope by me being on the commission and having good attendance that that will help make the quorum at the monthly meetings and therefore not delay business transactions before the commission. I've always had an interest in the workings of the airport and would do my best to contribute what I can.

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