



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

February 2, 2017

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

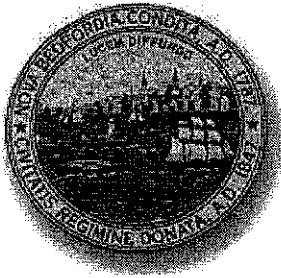
I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of Stephen S. Brown of 187 Newton Street, New Bedford, MA to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Brown will be replacing James Mathes who resigned from the Board on March 31, 2016. This term will expire in December, 2017.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/dlr

cc: Mr. Brown  
Zoning Board of Appeals



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BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

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The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish 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) Zoning Board of Appeals

Name: Stephen S. Brown Email:

Home Telephone:  Work Telephone:

Residence Address: 187 Newton Street, New Bedford, MA Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Attorney at Law Office of Stephen S. Brown, LLC

Educational Background: BA, MBA, JD

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

Congregation Tifereth Israel Board of Directors, UMass Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, New Bedford Whaling Historical Park Board of Directors

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

Property Research Coordinator for City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development  
Receivership Program, New Bedford District Court Bar Advocate

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

To fulfill civic duty.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Land use and zoning law -- I did a clerkship at the Massachusetts Land Court, see resume.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Land use and zoning law, charity, the public good

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

Resident of the City since what year: 2005

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:

Date: 1/23/2017

## **Stephen Samuel Brown, MBA, Esq.**

187 Newton St. New Bedford, MA 02740

- Licensed to Practice Law in Massachusetts in Rhode Island

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### **Work Experience**

#### **Law Office of Stephen S. Brown, LLC**

September 2014 – present

Managing Attorney

- Property Research Coordinator for City of New Bedford for Office and Housing and Community Development Receivership Program since September 2014
- Bristol County Bar Advocate in New Bedford District Court since September 2014
- Private attorney in multiple civil and criminal matters throughout state and federal courts of Massachusetts

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#### **Sajen.org, Inc.**

February 2015 – Present

Treasurer and Secretary

- 501(c)(3) Public Charity dedicated to promoting Oral Health in Massachusetts, India, and Nepal
- Coordinate charitable seminars
- Facilitate fundraising events
- Oversee legal and financial aspects of public charity

#### **Massachusetts Land Court**

September 2013 – September 2014

Judicial Fellow for the Honorable Robert Foster

- Research specific legal issues
- Write drafts of judicial opinions, including Zoning case opinions
- Assist judge in court during hearings, conferences, and trials
- Write docket entries

#### **University of Massachusetts School of Law, Immigration Law Clinic**

August 2012 - May 2013

Student Attorney

- Prepare and file VAWA claims, asylum claims and U-visa applications
- Research statutory law and case law to apply to client cases
- Conduct intake interview to assess client's immigration needs

#### **University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, MA**

Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant - Torts

- Provided tutoring for students on torts class material and graded assignments.
- Gained deeper understanding of subtle distinctions within tort law.

#### **University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, MA**

August 2010 - December 2010

Dean's Pro Bono Tutor

- Selected by Dean's committee to provide tutoring for students in all legal academic areas.

## **Education**

**University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, MA**

Juris Doctor, May 2013

- 2013 Class Valedictorian
- GPA 3.93, Class Rank 1 out of 103
- Senior Editor of Law Review, 2013
- Association of Corporate Counsel, Law Students Ethics Award, 2013
- Academic Achievement Award, 2013
- George Kish Memorial Scholarship Award, 2010

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth – Charlton College of Business, Dartmouth, MA**  
M.B.A., May 2012

**Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA**  
B.A., Summa Cum Laude, May 2008

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## **Finance Work Experience**

**Citizens Bank, New Bedford, MA**

October 2004 - May 2013

Banker II

- Promote various bank products including bank accounts, mortgage and home lending products
  - Build and maintain business banking relationships
  - Perform notary public services
  - Ranked #1 Banker for Citizens Bank, Southern Mass region, Q3 2012
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## **Languages & Interests**

- Spanish (Fluent), Nepali (Fluent), and Tibetan (Fluent)
- Lived in communities of Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal for 7 years
- Attended high school in Costa Rica, and toured the country playing guitar in a Calypso band

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