



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 7, 2017

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

Dear President Lopes and Honorable Council Members:

I am pleased to submit for your confirmation the appointment of Jamie Ponte as Commissioner of Public Infrastructure.

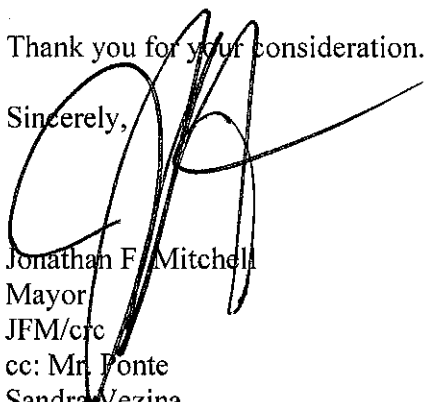
After an extensive recruitment process, Mr. Ponte was determined by the Screening Committee to be the most qualified applicant for DPI Commissioner, and the Committee enthusiastically recommended him for the position.

Mr. Ponte has been working for the Department for the past eight years and has proven himself to be an integral member of the senior management team and an effective leader in his role as Superintendent of Wastewater. He holds numerous licenses and certifications relevant to DPI's various functions, and is well-versed in the Department's core functions, particularly those related to our complex water and wastewater systems. He is also quite familiar with DPI's Engineering, Parks Maintenance, Forestry, and Cemetery Divisions. He will continue to move the Department of Public Infrastructure forward as he works with his team to improve on current systems and processes in an effort to increase efficiencies. Mr. Ponte also has excellent working relationships with current staff, consultants, vendors, and sub-contractors within the department, and will continue to be an asset to the City as DPI Superintendent.

As Mr. Ponte resides in Rochester, MA, his appointment will require a **Waiver of Residency**, and I respectfully request that the Council grant a **one-year waiver**. Mr. Ponte will be present at the December 14th Council meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor
JFM/crc
cc: Mr. Ponte
Sandra Vezina