



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

January 16, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and  
Honorable Members of the New Bedford 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 John A. Walsh of 86 Rotch Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts to the **NEW BEDFORD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**. Mr. Walsh will be replacing Terence G. Lewis, Sr., who is relocating from the City and whose term has expired. This term will expire in July 2022.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: John A. Walsh  
New Bedford Redevelopment Authority





## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

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) Redevelopment Authority

Name: John A. Walsh Email: john.walsh@newbedfordma.net

Home Telephone: 508-548-1111 Work Telephone: 508-548-1111

Residence Address: 86 Rutch St. New Bedford Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Attorney Law Office of John A. Walsh, Jr.

Educational Background: see attached

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

see attached

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Interested in economic development in the city of New Bedford

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Legal.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Development in the city of New Bedford.

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

Resident of the City since what year: 1963

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: [Signature]

Date: 1/8/2020

JOHN A. WALSH  
86 Rotch Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Education : New England School of Law  
J.D. 1991

Salem State College  
B.S. Business Administration/Finance 1985

Employment: **Law Office John A. Walsh, P.C.**  
156 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
November, 2009 to present  
Sole practitioner engaged in the general practice of law concentrating in complex civil litigation, insurance coverage litigation, personal injury, and housing litigation.

**Southern New England School of Law/UMASS School of Law**  
Faunce Corner Road  
North Dartmouth, MA  
2005 to 2014  
Adjunct professor, Legal Skills I, II, and III, and Insurance Law.  
Responsible for teaching legal research and writing, drafting of pleadings and appellate briefs to first and second year students.  
Teach principles of Insurance Law to second and third year students.

**Wynn and Wynn, P.C.**  
90 New State Highway  
Raynham, MA  
August 1997 to November, 2009  
Partner/Trial Attorney  
Civil trial attorney with a concentration in insurance defense, insurance coverage, product liability, construction accident, automobile, medical malpractice actions, and business and employment disputes.

**Gibson & Behman, P.C.**  
Woburn, MA  
September 1993 to August 1997  
Associate  
Civil trial attorney concentrating in insurance defense and insurance fraud cases.

First and second chair bench and jury trial experience.

**American International Group**

Federal Street

Boston, MA

1991 to 1993

Litigation Examiner

Responsible for establishing reserves, investigating and settlement of litigated complex casualty, construction and product liability claims.

**Aetna Casualty and Surety**

Quincy, MA

1989 to 1991

Senior Adjuster – X Unit

Responsible for establishing reserves, investigation and settlement of litigated and non-litigated complex casualty claims and Superfund litigation.

**Lexington Insurance Company**

1987 to 1989

Claim Examiner

Responsible for supervision of outside investigators and counsel handling general and professional liability claims nationwide.

Attended arbitrations, mediations and trials.

**Commercial Union Insurance Company**

1985 to 1987

Outside Adjuster

Responsible for establishing reserves, investigation and settlement of all line of claims including personal and commercial lines, homeowners, general liability and workers compensation .

Other:

Former Alternate Member, New Bedford Zoning Board of Appeals  
Hearing Panel, New Bedford Housing Authority  
Former Conciliator, New Bedford District Court  
Former Director, New Bedford Youth United Summer Basketball

