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February 15, 2022

New Bedford Conservation Commission

Dennis Audette, Chairperson

133 William Street

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Reference: Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda February 15, 2022

Notice of Intent as filed by the City of New Bedford Public Infrastructure for property identified as WS Sassaquin Avenue, New Bedford (Map 138, Lot438)

Dear Chairman Audette and Members of the Conservation Commission:

I am writing in reference to the above-referenced request which is to be heard by the Conservation Commission on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date and time. I would however like to offer my support for, and comments related to this Notice of Intent regarding several projects proposed for Sassaquin Pond.

While I strongly support the petitioner's request that will begin a series of long overdue projects to improve the water quality in Sassaquin Pond, I want to be sure that once approved by the Conservation Commission that there are no further delays in completing the three phases of this work covered by this Notice of Intent. It is my understanding that this work is to be completed in 2022; therefore, I would like the Conservation Commission to condition the approval of this application in a manner that requires the petitioner to report any delays that would affect the completion of the three phases of this project by the end of the calendar year.

Further, there is a state license that will need to be obtained by the contractor, Solitude Lake Management, who will be completing the phragmites removal phase of this project from the MASS Department of Environmental Protection. I am requesting that the Conservation Commission require that said license be presented to the Commission no later than August 01, 2022 to ensure that this phase of the project can be completed in early fall.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence. Kindly read this letter into the record of the Conservation Commission meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support and concerns for the proposed Notice of Intent.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad

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