



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

January 19, 2023

City Council President Linda M. Morad and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
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 **ANESHIA SAVINO** of 123 Sawyer Street, New Bedford, MA, as an **ALTERNATE MEMBER** of the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**. Aneshia Savino will be replacing former alternate member, Leo E. Choquette, Jr., whose has moved to a full-time member of this Board. This term will expire in December 2026.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Aneshia Savino
Zoning Board of Appeals



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 email to Silvia.DaSilva@newbedford-ma.gov. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Appointments may be subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for (see attached list): Zoning Board of Appeals

Name: Aneshia Savino Email: [REDACTED]

Home telephone: [REDACTED] Work telephone: n/a

Residence address: 123 Sawyer Street 11A Zip code: 02746

Present occupation & place of employment: Community archivist and herbalist

Educational background: NBHS Graduate - 2004, B.A. -Anthropology (archaeology) University of New Mexico, Albuquerque 2004-2009

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups:

Queer Arts Council of New Bedford- community board member and founder
Marie Equi Zine Library- founder and archivist

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

none

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

I'm invested in New Bedford and its future. I carry with me my family's 100 years of living in New Bedford as bricklayers, caretakers, firefighters, homemakers, immigrants, millworkers, and students. As a local history researcher, dancer, urban hiker, North End resident, and LGBTQIA+ community organizer under 40, I bring creative and underrepresented perspectives for New Bedford's next 100 years. The ZBA can work toward equitable access to safe housing, food and resources, outdoor spaces and natural environments, a range of employment, educational, and social opportunities for its residents across socioeconomic, religious, ethnic, and racial communities and I am hopeful to be a part of that work.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Archaeological survey, excavation, and data interpretation, historical research 2008-2009
Design, planning, installation, and operation of temporary urban communities at various art festivals 2010-2015
Coordinated, managed, archived New Bedford Whaling NHP Special Park Use program (including legal research, document processing, and customer service) 2017-2021
Produced and organized live and virtual events for AHA! Pride 2019- present
As multidisciplinary collaborator and independent researcher, I've learned that adaptability is essential for planning and communities who practice harmonizing needs, resources, and capabilities find solutions to shared challenges.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

My areas of interest in ZBA include past and current industrial and transportation related buildings and sites as well as the cultural landscapes, neighborhoods, and ecological resources affected by and associated with them. In any project, my attention focuses on sustainability and how intended use and impacts may evolve over time. Adherence to recommendations from the historical commission, conservation and preservation of sensitive natural, cultural, and social resources are also top priorities.

Availability for meetings: daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since: 1986-2004
& 2016 - present (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Andy Anello Relationship: Neighbor, fellow Queer Arts Council board member
and collaborator with Marie Equi Zine Library
Phone number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Anne Louro Relationship: Friend/Colleague
Phone number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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 Mayor's Office, 133 William Street, Room 311, 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: _____

Aneshia Savino
Apothecary, Dancer, & Scribe

123 Sawyer Street, 11A, New Bedford, MA 02746

Work Experience

MacRamos Photography, Photographer's Assistant *September - November 2021*

Set up lights for indoor and outdoor, action and portrait photography, scouted, cleared, and set locations, and maintained a daily schedule for a wedding photographer.

National Park Service, Blackstone River Valley, New Bedford Whaling, Roger Williams, Administrative Assistant/Special Park Use Coordinator

June 2017 - August 2021

Maintained agenda, took notes, edited, and distributed notes for weekly Leadership Team Meetings.

Created budget reports, managed finances and purchases in AFS and FBMS.

Assisted Human Resources and Park staff with hiring, interviews, onboarding, timekeeping, annual reviews, and awards.

Created and managed digital and hard-copy administrative records (calendars, finances,, property assessments, park permits, legal, historical, educational, and correspondences).

Managed Special Park Use Program for two sites.

Assisted Cultural Resource Specialist on projects as needed.

Collaborated across disciplines to create exhibits, tours, and educational materials.

Board member of NPS LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group.

Teleworked independently using Microsoft Teams.

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, Remote Transcriber

September 2016 - November 2017

Listened to and transcribed oral histories and conversations of Marine and Fisheries Science and shoreside industry workers' academic, work, home, and cultural lives.

Researched marine and fisheries science terminology, history, programs, and regional history for accuracy.

Edited and formatted transcriptions to meet Library of Congress archival standards.

Teleworked independently, corresponding with supervisors via phone and email.

Education

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. August 2004 - June 2009

B.A. Anthropology, Summer 2008 & 2009 Southwest Archaeological Field School (including survey, mapping, excavation, artifact/soil sample collection, cataloging, transportation, storage, data entry, and interpretation)

New Bedford High School, New Bedford, MA 2000-2004

Skills

Community apothecary providing herbal consultations for LGBTQIA+ folks

Spatial and ritual artist working in set and lighting design, ritual and performance scripting and choreography, event production and coordination, radical hospitality, and dance

Independent researcher of local, labor, domestic, and LGBTQIA+ history, Mediterranean, and Jewish Diaspora folklore and dance

Projects

Marie Equi Zine Library *Founder and Archivist since 2018*

Queer Arts Council of New Bedford *Community board member since 2019*

Dancing in Place *Exploring cultural memory through architecture and dance since 2020*