



# *City of New Bedford*

IN COMMITTEE

February 23, 2023

The Honorable City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings, at a meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES R. GAGNON, New Bedford, MA, a United States Airforce Vietnam Veteran, to the VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD; Mr. Gagnon will be replacing Elizabeth C. McNamara, who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2023. (Ref'd 11/10/2022) (12/13/2022 – Lack of Quorum, matter not heard) (01/10/2023 – tabled, applicant not present) (01/11/2023 – communication received from the Administration withdrawing the application for this candidate)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES R. GAGNON, New Bedford, MA, a United States Airforce Vietnam Veteran, to the VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD; Mr. Gagnon will be replacing Elizabeth C. McNamara, who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2023. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

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

November 3, 2022

City Council President Ian Abreu and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Abreu and Honorable Members of the Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **JAMES R. GAGNON**, a United States Airforce Vietnam Veteran, of 32 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford, MA to the **VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**. Mr. Gagnon is replacing Elizabeth C. McNamara, who has resigned. This term will expire in December 2023.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds  
Attachment

cc: James R. Gagnon  
Chris Gomes

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MA



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](mailto: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): VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

Name: JAMES R. GAGNON Email: 1

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address: 32 SHAWMUT AVE. Zip code: 02740-4204

Present occupation & place of employment: VOLUNTEER COMMANDER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CH 19 WILLIS ST. NEW BEDFORD, MA. 02740

Educational background: 2 YEARS BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups: VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CH 495  
LIFE MEMBER OF VFW FREETOWN POST 6643 (LIFE MEMBER)  
MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION ACUSHNET POST 0265  
PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

(DAV) DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN CH 7 NEW BEDFORD LIFE MEMBER  
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 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE DAV  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FOR 32 YEARS HELPING VETERANS. I BEEN  
TRAIN BY NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER AND STATE DEPARTMENT IN MY  
POSITIONS. I HAVE TRAIN AND GIVEN LECTURES TO DIFFERENT CHAPTERS  
IN THE STATE.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: 10 YEARS AS A CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER DAV  
6 YEAR AS COMMANDER OF DAV  
4 YEARS IN U.S. NAVY 2 TOURS IN VIETNAM  
2 YEARS AS DISTRICT COMMANDER OF SOUTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS DAV  
TRAINER & LECTURE GIVEN TO CHAPTERS ON VETERANS AFFAIR & BENEFITS  
Please detail specific areas of interest: HELPING VETERANS

Availability for meetings:

daytime

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evenings

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both

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(check one)

Resident of the City since: 1948 (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: WILLIAM COMEAU

Relationship: VETERAN FRIEND

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: JOHN W. REMEDIS

Relationship: VETERAN FRIEND

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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: James R. Dagnon

Date: OCT, 21, 2022