



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

May 25, 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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES R. GAGNON, New Bedford, MA, to the VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD; Mr. Gagnon is replacing Anthony Resendes, who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2023. (Ref'd 02/23/2023.) (03/21/2023 – tabled) (04/18/2023 – Applicant not present; Remain on the table)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lima, 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, to the VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD. This Motion passed on a roll call vote – Yeas 9, Nays 2. (Councillors Burgo and Markey OPPOSED.)

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

Naomi R. A. Carney
Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

February 16, 2023

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

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2023 FEB 16 PM 2:15
CITY CLERK

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 Anthony Resendes, who has resigned. This term will expire in December 2023.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds
Attachment

cc/ James R. Gagnon
Chris Gomes



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): 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 RIFERS
AV) 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 LECTURE 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 ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (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