



**Environmental Stewardship Department/
Conservation Commission**

**City of New Bedford
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

**Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Meeting of
August 13, 2019
Brooklawn Senior Center**

**Members Absent
Peter Blanchard**

**Staff Present
Agent Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent
Sandy Douglas, Admin. Coordinator**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER
ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Co-Chairman, Dennis Audette, Chairman, Craig Dixon, Commissioner Paul Pacheco

**1. Review and consider two Open Meeting Law complaints filed with the
Conservation Commission.**

Chairman Dixon stated that there have been two complaints filed, one by Louis Macedo of 14 Nina Street, New Bedford, MA and one by Dorvalino De Medeiros of 1242 East Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. Both complaints are identical and state that a determination was made on the waterpark project without holding a public hearing, and Chairman made a unilateral decision, that shocked the Board. He was quoted that he was pressured by the Mayor. City is partnered with Altitude H2O Waterpark and allowed park to open. This was learned by an article in the Standard Times on 7/19/19 written by Kiernan Dunlop. They would like to invalidate the actions taken and impose fines and penalties as appropriate.

Chairman Dixon advised this Commission has 14 days to review the complaints and allegations and take remedial action as appropriate and can either provide a response on their own or to move to allow the Solicitor's Office to file a response to the Complainants and the Attorney General.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to send to the Solicitor's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacheco. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Audette made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:34. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacheco. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Douglas, Administrative Coordinator