

December 14, 2016

New Bedford Conservation Commissioners
133 Williams Street
Room 304
New Bedford, MA 02740

DEC 14 2016

SEP

Re: SE49-0745 New Bedford Regional Airport Commission
Redevelopment of Runway 14/32

Dear Commissioners:

As an abutter to the airport, I wish to bring forth my support for the redevelopment of runway 14/32. I believe that the Airport Commission, its Engineers and the Conservation Commission will bring a successful completion to the design, permitting and construction of the project.

I am writing at this time to offer a suggestion for a special permit condition to be added to this project and maybe all City projects that contain soil, asphalt, brick and concrete (ABC) material handling and disposal.

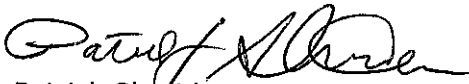
During the completion of the previous airport runway redevelopment, both soil and ABC were removed from the project site and disposed of at a number of offsite locations. The disposal sites were unknown to anyone outside of the project team at that time. The impact of the material disposal was initially of no concern but became a major impact to the surrounding airport residents and specifically the Shawmut Avenue residents.

The disposal of the materials at an unpermitted site that attempted to recycle the materials and the subsequent stockpiling of the processed materials within resource areas has resulted in a significant expenditure of time, effort and money to correct the issues. This effort is now over a year old and is still on-going with some recent success with the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to deny the Administrative Appeal of the Cease and Desist Order issued to Mr. Anthony DeCosta.

I would suggest that the Commission add a special condition requiring the selected site contractor for a project to submit to the Conservation Agent a release form for each site that is to be utilized for either disposal or recycling of project materials. The form should require that the site contractor acknowledge by signature that materials are being disposed/recycled at the site and that the site Owner sign the form acknowledging that they are receiving the material and that they are in compliance with all known City and State regulations in effect at that time.

The project applicant, their engineer and the City's Conservation Agent would not be required to review or certify the release form. But if an issue with the disposal or recycling of the materials becomes a problem, the City would have a signed document acknowledging ownership of the materials and the compliance with local and State regulations.

I would like to thank the Commission on their attention to the airport's application and the completion of a successful project.



Patrick Sheridan
1194 Old Plainville Road
New Bedford, Ma 02745
Cell: 508-951-5662