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**Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Executive Session of  
December 6, 2022  
held at the Brooklawn Senior Center, 1997 Acushnet Avenue,  
New Bedford, MA**

**Commissioners Present**

**Dennis Audette, Chairman  
Sean Carney, Vice-Chairman  
Peter Blanchard  
Scott Grant Jr.  
Kimberly Rioux  
Rebeca Linhart**

**Staff Present**

**Chancery Perks, Conservation Agent  
Teresa Alves, Admin. Coordinator**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Audette read in a declaration to convene an Executive Session, Commissioner Carney then made a motion to enter into Executive Session, Seconded by Commissioner Grant, all Commissioners voted in favor. The New Bedford Conservation Commission entered Executive Session at 7:58pm and did not return to a public meeting other than to adjourn.

The Commission discussed with Attorney David Houtman, assigned legal advisor by the City's Solicitors Department, the intent of the commission to have this case dismissed. This is due to the fact that the City Wetlands Ordinance is not stricter than the State's Wetland Statutes, thus any claim or appeal should be taken up with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Attorney Houtman will contact the opposing party to ask for this case to be dismissed

Commissioner Carney made a motion to enter back into regular public session, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard at 8:13pm.

