



November 11, 2016

Planning Board  
City of New Bedford, MA

**RE: Traffic Impact and Analysis Statement  
1325 Acushnet Ave – New Bedford, MA**

Dear Board Members:

The applicant, Watson Funeral Services, LLC is purchasing the above property owned by Donald N. & David R. Dumont. The Dumont's have used the property as a funeral home for many years, and the applicant plans to continue that use. According to the applicant, the funeral home will be open weekdays from 9am to 5pm. They anticipate one funeral/wake service per week. The funeral home has seating for 150 people during a service. Other days, the applicant expects one customer a day and will have three employees working at any one time. There will be weekly casket deliveries and monthly chemical deliveries.

Appendix C – Table of Parking and Loading Requirements of the New Bedford Code of Ordinances requires 1 off-street parking space per every 5 seats for funeral homes. The property is therefore required to have 30 off-street parking spaces. The Special Permit Plan submitted with this application provides 12 parking spaces including 1 Van Accessible Handicap space. This leaves a deficiency of 18 spaces.

Acushnet Avenue has metered on-street parking on both sides of the street. There are approximately 50 metered on-street parking spaces within 500' of the locus property. There is also non-metered parking available on both Nye and Tallman Streets. An SRTA Bus Route runs along Acushnet Ave with several bus stops within 300' of the locus property. It is in our opinion that the availability of on-street parking and public transportation in close proximity to the property will mitigate the deficiency of off-street parking spaces.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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