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NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2015

LOCATION: Custom House Square

APPLICANT: City of New Bedford

OVERVIEW: Placement of freestanding decorations within Custom House Square for the holiday season.

PROPOSAL: Placement of the traditional red sleigh on the plaza portion of the park along with solar-lit vine balls in the grass areas.

STATEMENT OF APPLICABLE GUIDELINES: Can be reviewed as temporary art.

FOR BOARD MEMBER CONSIDERATION: The annual decorating of Custom House Square usually consists of the sleigh, holiday themed art sculptures and tree lights. These items are temporary in nature and do not adversely impact the District

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The Certificate of Appropriateness should be granted and going forth, a Certificate of Non-Applicability should be the approval mechanism for Custom House Square holiday decorations

