

Unitarian Church's 6th Annual Book Sale scheduled for two Saturdays in June



On Saturday, June 21 and June 28, from 9 am to 1 pm.

The Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven will host it's Sixth Annual Book Sale. Bring your family and spend a perfect summer morning getting some beach reading at our huge book sale. Don't forget June 28th is the Fairhaven Homecoming Day celebration, enjoy the festivities, food and crafts in Fairhaven Center in addition to the book sale. We are happy to receive donations of used books, CD's and DVD's up until the day before the sale begins, but please no magazines, encyclopedias or computer books- they just don't sell. Call the church for the best times to drop books off. Unitarian Memorial Church is at 102 Green St. Fairhaven MA.

If you are a dealer or avid collector you might be interested in the Early Bird Dealers Preview (\$5 admission fee) Friday June 20 from 6-7pm . For more information visit us on

www.uufairhaven.org or call (508) 992-7081.

New Bedford Guide's fundraiser posting policy

POLICY UPDATE: New Bedford Guide gets dozens of requests each month to promote fundraisers on some funding website. We get messages asking us to share links from sites like gofundme.com for various reasons.

While we'd love to promote every charity fundraiser, we really don't have time to verify these requests. If we are going to ask our readers and Facebook fans to go to a website and donate money, we must make sure the funding site is legit and that the money actually goes to the cause. The main issue is ANYONE can set up a funding project on a dozen different websites and we have no way of verifying the money actually goes to the cause. These websites take a percentage of the funds and don't vet the projects. The world is full of scammers and we don't feel comfortable sending people to donate to causes that are unverified. Our policy is to not share funding websites UNLESS it is easy for us to verify the cause.

Also, if we post one fundraiser we are expected to post all fundraisers and NBG would be come nothing but fundraising posts. We can't say yes to one and no to the other.

We will continue to share fundraising events held at local establishments. These are easier to verify as people actually show up to the event and can make their own judgement before

donating money. If you have any questions please e-mail info@newbedfordguide.com.

The South Coast Hot Jobs List

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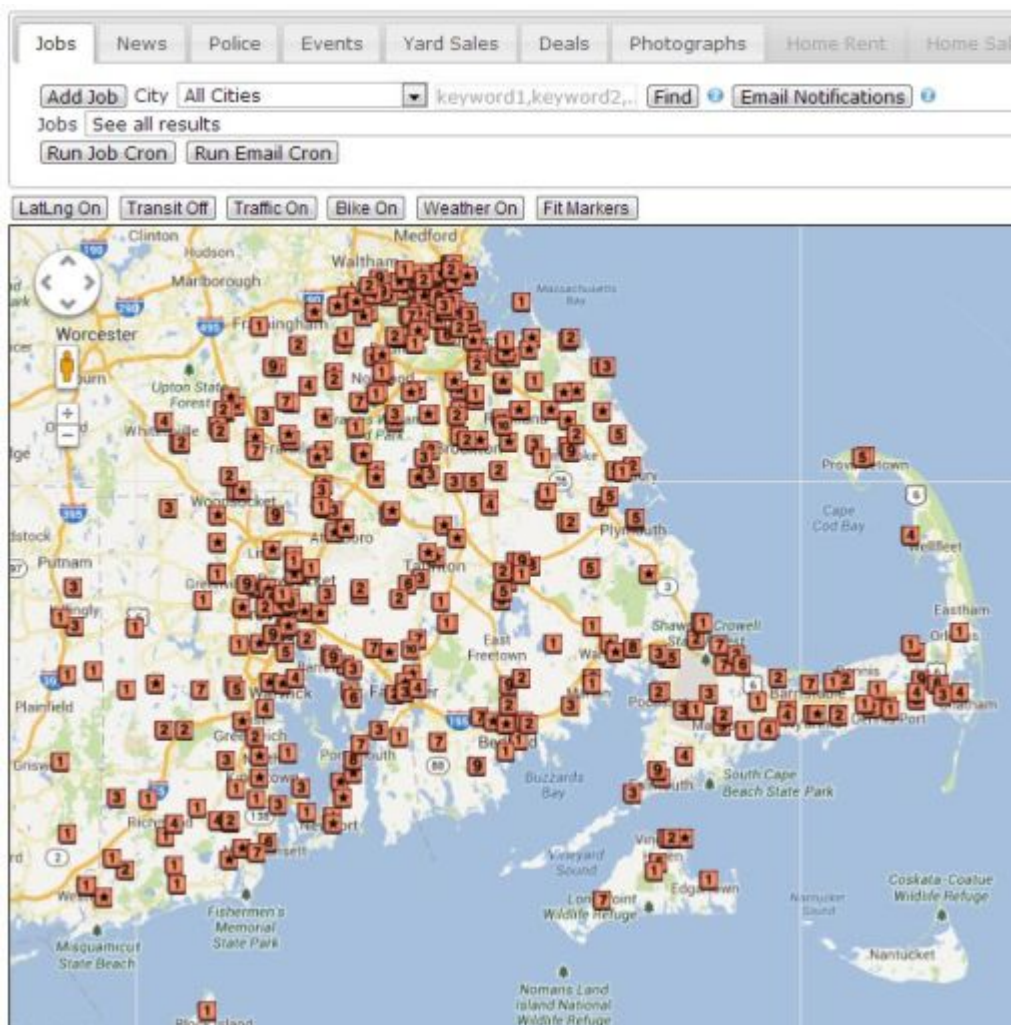


by
Michael
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The Greater New Bedford unemployment rate is much higher than the rest of Massachusetts, but believe it or not there really are a lot of jobs available for qualified applicants. Sometimes the barrier to a new job can be the lack of information on available job openings.

To solve this, each week New Bedford Guide will be working with the New Directions Southcoast (also known as the Greater New Bedford Career Center) and pulling jobs from our **jobs database** to inform job seekers about the hottest jobs in the area.

We will define “Hot Jobs” as those jobs that need to be filled by the employer immediately. For those looking to search some large job databases, checkout my **Best Job Search Resources for New Bedford Residents article**. Unless noted otherwise, those interested in these positions or want more information should go to the Greater New Bedford Career Center at 618 Acushnet Avenue.



Here are the Hot Jobs from the Greater New Bedford Career Center as of April 30th, 2014:

1. Short Order Cook #3998374

Ice cream shop in Fairhaven looking for a short order cook to flip some burgers and use a fryolator to cook up some crispy fries. The position starts at 3:00pm daily and includes weekends. This facility is a great family run business and customer service skills are necessary.

2. Field Service Fire Alarm Technician #3998463

Fire Alarm Technician's License "D" License. Fire Alarm Code Courses. Fire Alarm Code Courses

3. Residential Instructor #4021051

Attend to the daily needs of consumers on an individual basis

as well as foster increased independence and self-determination. Teach socialization skills and activities of daily living including household maintenance, shopping and preparation, money management skills, and utilization of community resources. Record and appropriately utilize necessary data, daily progress notes, staff log and complete all other ISP and program required documentation. Supervise and document self-administration of consumer medications as well as administer and document consumer medications prescribed by a physician in accordance with agency and program procedures.

4. RN Medical Manager #4021042

Active Day of Fairhaven is looking for a RN, Medical Manager to work Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We are an Adult Day Health Center. If interested, please call or stop by for an application. Experience in Word, Excel spread sheets. Must be a Registered Nurse

5. Receptionist #4015005

Position will start May 1 thru the end of October 2014. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Office, WORD and EXCEL. Exceptional customer service skills. Flexible schedule, but will include Saturdays and Sundays and nights such as 3:00pm to 10:00pm. Day schedule is 8:00am to 3:00pm. Partial uniform provided/Club Shirts.

6. Seasonal Rental Supervisor #4035501

The Dartmouth YMCA is looking for a motivated individual to supervise our seasonal rentals.

Candidates will arrange all rentals that are taking place at the Dartmouth YMCA. Candidates must be able to prepare, understand and properly fill out all rental forms and contracts. They must be able to clearly explain rental fees, policies and information on what is being considered for rent. Candidates must also be able to assist rents and ensure that all safety policies are being followed.

7. Building Supervisor #4035502

The Dartmouth YMCA is looking for a Building Supervisor. Must have knowledge of mechanical, electric & plumbing. Pool filter knowledge a plus. Some custodial skills required.

8. Seasonal Lifeguards #4035505

The Dartmouth YMCA, a division of YMCA Southcoast, is looking for seasonal certified lifeguards for the Summer 2013. Must be up to date on your certifications (CPR/AED, First Aid, and Lifeguarding.)

9. Seasonal Pool Director #4035514

The position is part-time seasonal-beginning June 2014. Pool open Mid June to Early September Seven Days a Week. The Pool Director/Head Lifeguard is responsible for the Dartmouth YMCA's seasonal aquatic department, overseeing the summer day camp aquatics program, swim team, swim lessons, adult programs, lifeguards, pool upkeep and maintenance and daily pool operations. As Pool Director/Head lifeguard, you will lead and develop the staff to provide a sustainable level of excellence and service while executing your duties in accordance to YMCA Southcoast policy.

10. Medical Claims Specialist/Receptionist #4035509

Applicant MUST have at least 1 year of medical claims experience. The position will also involve reception of our patients. The applicant should have above average computer and internet skills.

11. 60Mil PVC Roofer #4039171

Looking for an experienced roofer highly skilled working with 60mil PVC membrane for lining commercial swimming pools and decks. Must be experienced using Leister hand held heat guns to weld membrane together at seams, and be able to line over steps and other formed surfaces. Must have a valid driver's license and transportation to the job site. Most work is in the Boston area but some travel will be required.

Here are the Hot Jobs in the New Bedford area from the **NewBedfordGuide.com jobs database**, as of April 30th, 2014:

1. Roofer – Membrane Concepts

Full details and application process **here**.

2. Physical Therapist – The Grey Group (Fairhaven)

Full details and application process **here**.

3. Backhoe Operators Laborers & CDL

Full details and application process **here**.

4. Diesel Mechanic – Ryder

Full details and application process **here**.

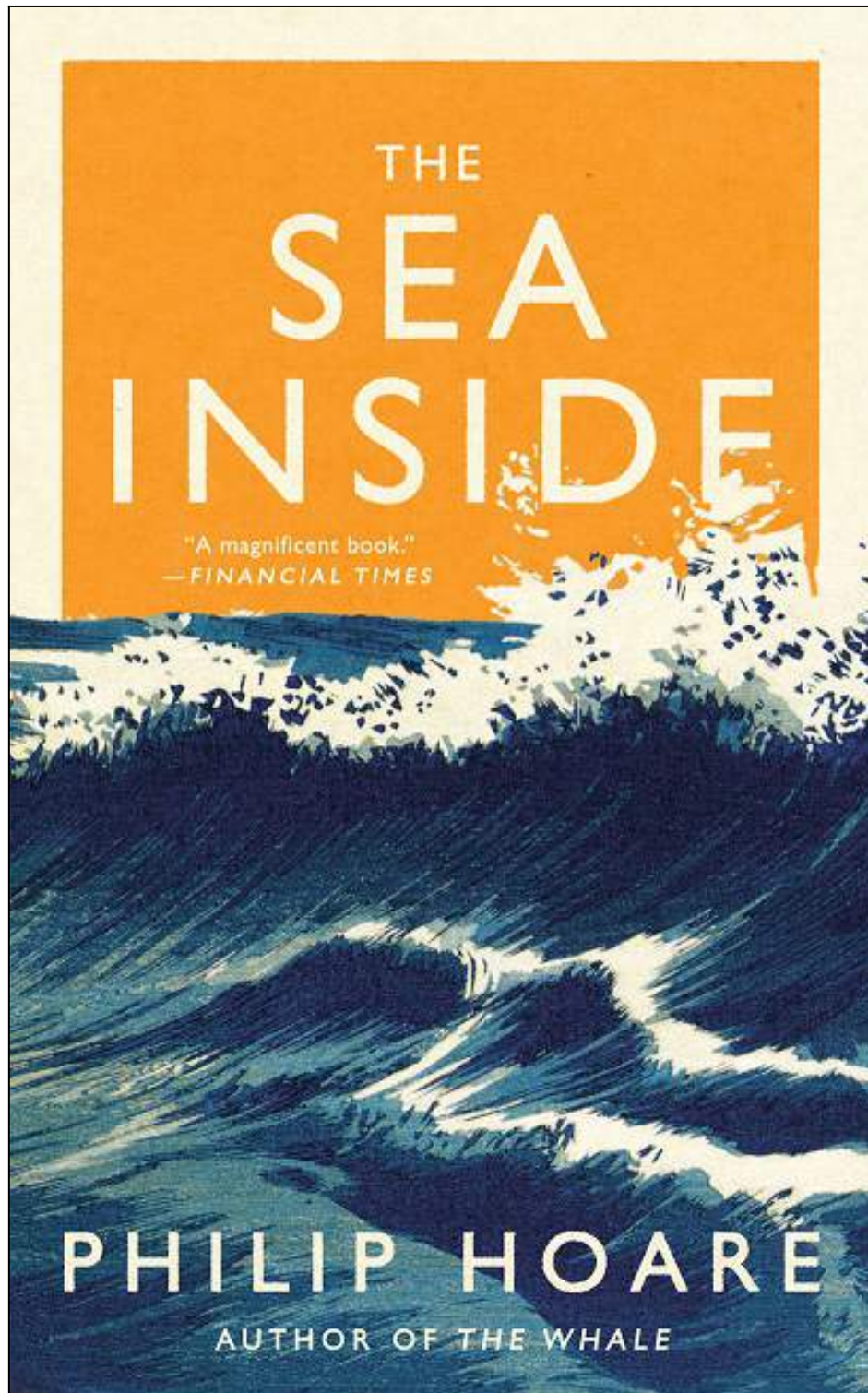
5. Fisheries Technician – Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Full details and application process **here**.

Be sure to also check out our Job Portal to find jobs by location on a map: **newbedfordguide.com/map-page#pm_jobs_tab**. Want to get e-mail notifications for new jobs? Checkout our **e-mail subscription service**.

**Author and cultural
historian, Philip Hoare, to**

present his latest book, **The Sea Inside**, at the N.B. Whaling Museum



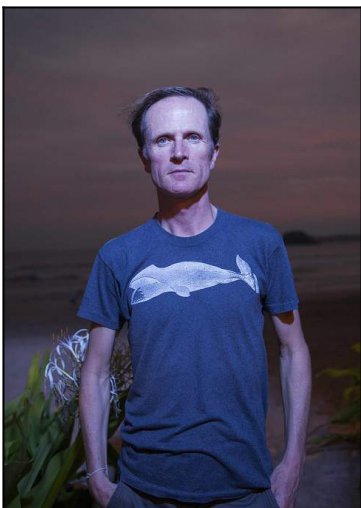
Event to include book signing and meet-and-greet with the author

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will welcome author and cultural historian, Philip Hoare, on Wednesday, May 14, for a presentation on his latest book, *The Sea Inside*. The event will include a pre-lecture reception with a book signing and meet-and-greet with the author following the presentation.

Hoare is the author of six works of non-fiction. His latest book, *The Sea Inside*, will be published in the U.S. by Melville House this spring.

The Sea Inside

A love letter to the sea: part memoir, part travelogue, and part natural history; *The Sea Inside* is Hoare's most personal book yet. He sets out on a year-long adventure to rediscover the sea, its islands, birds and beasts. The story begins at Hoare's home near the U.K.'s Solent Strait and journeys on, roughly in the pattern of whales' migration, to London, the Isle of Wight, the Azores, Sri Lanka, Tasmania, and New Zealand, in search of encounters with animals and people.



Author of "The Sea Inside," Philip Hoare (Andrew Sutton)

Rich with literary references and historical background, Hoare navigates between human and natural history, meeting scientists and tattooed warriors, and animals from whales to

bizarre creatures that may or may not be extinct. Hoare describes encounters with our favorite sea mammals: swimming alone with hundreds of dolphins, he feels sonar pulse tick through his body; living on a boat, he learns to recognize individual voices in a whale pod and describes the tender call of mother to child. Like the works of W.G. Sebald and J.A. Baker, Hoare's *The Sea Inside* takes the reader on an astounding journey of discovery.

Join Hoare on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. for a presentation of his new book. A pre-lecture reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a book signing and meet-and-greet taking place after the presentation. Admission is free for Museum Members and \$10 for Non-Members. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (508) 997-0046 ext. 100 or visit <http://www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/public-talk-with-philip-hoare>.

About Philip Hoare

Philip Hoare (born 1958, Southampton) is the author of six works of non-fiction: *Serious Pleasures: The Life of Stephen Tennant* (1990) and *Noel Coward: A Biography* (1995), *Wilde's Last Stand: Decadence, Conspiracy, and the First World War* (1997), *Spike Island: The Memory of a Military Hospital* (2000), and *England's Lost Eden: Adventures in a Victorian Utopia* (2005). *Leviathan or, The Whale* (2008), won the 2009 BBC Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction.

An experienced broadcaster, Hoare wrote and presented the BBC Arena film "The Hunt for Moby-Dick," and directed three films for BBC's *Whale Night*. He is Visiting Fellow at Southampton University, and Leverhulme Artist-in-residence at The Marine Institute, Plymouth University, which awarded him an honorary doctorate in 2011. He is also co-curator, with Angela Cockayne, of the Moby-Dick Big Read, www.mobydickbigread.com.

Normandin Middle School Choking Victim Doing Better

Remember the boy that was choked and injured at Normandin Middle School in New Bedford? His sister Anjelina passed on some details:



"My name is Anjelina Irizarry, I'm Eduardo Irizarry's older sister (the victim who was choked at Normandin Middle School). This is a photo of Eddie now. He is getting better, speaking more clearly, and is keeping his spirits up. He has received a lot of well letters from students at Parker Middle School in Taunton and students from Taunton High School. My mother and I are very happy that there are students, teachers and administrators out there who care for my brother. This shows that victims of bullying are not alone and there are a lot of people out there that care about this topic. If you would please share this to your page to show victims of

bullying are not alone and the bullies will be punished if the victims speak up and fight."

Dancing With Doctors Fundraiser to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



AHA! Presents: "First Person, Inside Story" □

On Saturday, May 3rd, 2014, local doctors and their professional dance partners will square-off for a chance to win the coveted mirror ball trophy at the first annual "Dancing with the Doctors" fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"Dancing with the Doctors" is produced by Studio One RI Dance Complex, in partnership with its presenting sponsor, Cat Country 98.1.

The event will be held in The Grand Ballroom at the Crowne

Plaza in Warwick, RI. Guests will enjoy a fabulous dinner, premium raffles, and – of course – spectacular dancing entertainment. Limited VIP tickets are available for purchase at www.dwtdocs.com.

Cat Country's Morning Show Co-Host, Amanda Leonardo, will be the mistress of ceremonies, alongside the master of ceremonies and professional dancer, Rob Glover.

100% of the net proceeds from the event will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the world's largest voluntary (nonprofit) health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.

To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information, please visit DWTDocs.com, email info@DWTDocs.com or call 401-441-2843. □

**Rubbing shoulders with
bestselling authors part of
“First Person, Inside Story,”
presented by AHA!**



AHA! Presents: "First Person, Inside Story" □

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Have you ever wondered how an author wrote her book? Why she wrote it?

Come listen to three award-winning and bestselling authors discuss what they wrote, why they wrote it, and how they chose their respective subjects at "First Person, Inside Story," presented by AHA!

SouthCoast bookworms are invited for an intimate evening of coffee, sweets and books at Tia Maria's European Café in downtown New Bedford on Tues., May 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The event will be sponsored hosted and moderated by Massachusetts Book Award winner and Westport resident Dawn Tripp, author of the Boston Globe Local Bestseller "Game of Secrets." Baker Books will have copies of all books available for purchase and signing at the event.

"I'm head-over-heels about the three authors we have this time. They're all tremendous talents whose latest books have taken the literary world by storm," said Lee Heald, director of AHA!

Award-winning author Elizabeth Graver's "The End of the Point" was named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2013 by the New York Times Book Review, a favorite Book of 2013 by Publisher's Weekly, and was long-listed for the National Book Awards for Fiction among other honors.

Jan Stuart of The Boston Globe called it, "a work of uncommon gracefulness." Lauren Daley of The Standard-Times called it "a paean to the rocky shores and gray Atlantic coastline we all so love, a love song to SouthCoast in general and Buzzard's Bay in particular."

It's the story of Ashaunt Point—a tiny finger of land jutting

into Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts—which has provided sanctuary and anchored life for generations of the Porter family. But in 1942, the U.S. Army arrives on the Point, bringing havoc and change. As the decades pass, the Porters can only attempt to seek refuge from the chaos at Ashaunt.

Amy Brill's "The Movement of Stars" was praised by *Vanity Fair*, *People*, *USA Today*, *Book Reporter* and *Oprah.com*, which called Brill's debut novel "gorgeous... The book sings with insights about love, work and how we create our own families."

It's 1845 and Hannah Price, 24, has lived all her life according to the principles of the Nantucket Quaker community in which she was raised, where simplicity and restraint are valued above all. But up on the rooftop each night, Hannah pursues a very different goal: astronomy.

When she meets Isaac, a young Azorean whaler, she's drawn to his intellectual curiosity and agrees to take him on as a student. But when their shared interest in the stars develops into something deeper, Hannah's standing in the community begins to unravel...

Canadian poet Maria Mutch, now of Rhode Island, has an outstanding debut novel with "Know the Night" (2014.) Mutch deftly twins her memoir of spending night awake with her Autistic son with the story of arctic explorer Admiral Richard Byrd's story of struggling alone in continual night at the South Pole.

Just released in March, it's already been named one of the Best Reads of 2014 by *Maclean's Magazine* and Most Anticipated Spring 2014 Nonfiction Preview, by 49th Shelf.

BookList called it a "poetic, elegant, and intense account." Lynn Kern Koegel, Ph.D., author of "Overcoming Autism," called it a "fascinating thought-provoking book... should be required reading for anyone who works with a child with disabilities and recommended reading for everyone else."

There are a limited number of tickets available. Call (508) 996-8253 ext. 205 for tickets, or buy them from the night's sponsors: Baker Books, 2 McCabe Street, Dartmouth or at subtext on Union Street in New Bedford.

All proceeds will benefit AHA!, a free celebration of Arts, History and Architecture held the second Thursday of each month in downtown New Bedford. Tickets are \$35. Cash or check only please. For more information, visit www.ahanewbedford.org. or call 508 996-8253, x205 to reserve, or buy them in person at Baker Books, 2 McCabe St., Dartmouth.

Help Wanted: Assistant Manager New Bedford Airport

TITLE: ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER

LEVEL: M-9 \$54,708 – \$66,732

DEPARTMENT: NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL AIRPORT

FUNCTION: Performs highly responsible functions of a professional, administrative and technical nature. Work involves planning, organizing and directing the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the New Bedford Regional Airport; all other related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of the Airport Manager. Exhibits the ability to provide professional and fair judgment, and takes the initiative to interpret guidelines and carry out assignments independently; work at this level requires a working knowledge of all departmental operations; work involves both standard and non-

standard practices and techniques. Incumbent refers more difficult problems to the Airport Manager for clarification or interpretation of policy.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Responsible for the direct supervision of maintenance and operations staff on a daily basis. Position will oversee all airport staff in the absence of the Airport Manager. Incumbent will directly assist all outside agencies and oversee matters of compliance with regard to all safety, security and environmental regulations. Provides input to the New Bedford Regional Airport Commission with regard to the hiring, firing, discipline and evaluation of personnel.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The essential functions or duties listed below are intended as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment relating to the daily operation of the airport.

The Assistant Manager shall be appointed by the Commission and shall act in place of the Airport Manager at such times and under such conditions as the Airport Commission may direct.

Supervises the overall operational and administrative functions of the Airport including personnel, scheduling, maintenance and repair of airport buildings, runways, taxiways, vehicles and ground maintenance. The position will also work with other City departments and provide assistance as necessary.

Responsible for personnel management, orientation, training, scheduling and performance evaluations of all maintenance, operations and administrative staff. In addition, the position will manage all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC) airport improvement projects as well as other airport construction projects with an emphasis on safety and security implementation.

Responsible for all vehicle and equipment repairs, purchases and maintenance. Development and execution of preventative maintenance program, airport vegetation management program, etc.

Although currently not certificated, incumbent will be responsible for maintaining the Airport in a manner fit to uphold the regulations contained within FAR Part 139 including an active ACM (Airport Certification Manual), AEP (Airport Emergency Plan), snow removal, lighting, signage, NOTAMs, etc., and the implementation of all future FAA regulations and advisory circulars.

Responsible for developing and executing a thorough ASP (Airport Security Plan) and coordinating with the required law enforcement and emergency response agencies as needed. Acts as the Alternate Airport Security Coordinator. Coordinates the 10-year background check, fingerprint and security camera programs.

In support and cooperation with the Airport Manager, the Assistant Manager will ensure that the airport is operating in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, by-laws, regulations and directives. To this end, the Assistant Airport Manager will communicate, coordinate and cooperate with Federal, State and local officials and liaison between such authorities, the Airport Manager and the Commission.

Participates with Airport Manager in determining short- or long-range planning efforts. Submits annual goals and objectives to the Airport Manager and Commission.

Assistant Airport Manager maybe required to participate in tenant lease negotiations or issues as required and in conjunction with the Commission Leasing Committee.

In conjunction with the Airport Manager, prepares the Airport budget to include Federal Aviation Airport/Capital improvement Plans and Service Priority Packages.

Provides or arranges for training and instruction of airport workforce; evaluates the performance of subordinates; assists in settling union grievances; issues oral and written reprimands; recommends step increases; provides input into the selection of new employees; ensures that employees are following proper safety procedures.

The Assistant Manager is authorized to determine the safety of the airfield and surface conditions, and will be permitted to order the closing of runway(s) and/or the airport, in the absence of, or in conjunction with, the Airport Manager. The Assistant Airport Manager will coordinate with appropriate representatives from the Airport's ATCT, the FAA, the MAC and other agencies as necessary.

Plans and oversees the Airport's purchasing program; prepares bid documents for airport materials, services and specialized equipment; evaluates bids and makes recommendations to the Airport Manager. Handles inquiries and complaints from customers and tenants on airport-related matters. Administers the aircraft-fueling policy and develops an auditing program to track actual fuel received and total dispensed.

Performs similar or related work as required or as the situation dictates.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management or related field and five years of experience in airport operations, more than three of which were in a management/supervisory capacity; or any equivalent combination of education and experience that provides the required knowledge, skill and ability.

Special Requirements: Must be able to pass a security check as a result of working in highly sensitive areas. Must possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license or have the ability to obtain one. First Aid and CPR certification is preferred. Must

be able to obtain MAC Airport Manager license and additional certifications as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITY AND SKILLS:

Knowledge: Working knowledge of all Federal, State, and local regulations governing airport operations and maintenance. Knowledge relating to Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting requirements, airport operations, snow removal operations, and aviation radio communications & procedures. Working knowledge of operations and all airport maintenance equipment. Familiarity with leases and contract documents.

Ability: Proven ability to supervise, manage and plan for an airport comprised of sizeable number of employees who provide services, maintain and repair a wide range of airport municipal buildings, grounds, runways and taxiways, airspace, environmental protection/management issues, etc. Ability to instruct on the field and in a formal classroom setting. Ability to prepare reports. Ability to supervise and coordinate airfield operations, which requires a considerable team effort. Working knowledge and ability to operate all airport maintenance equipment. Ability to exercise good judgment in adverse situation. Strong ability to deal effectively with the public, as well as Federal, State and local officials.

Skills: Proficiency in the use of computers including word processing, spreadsheets and database. Strong communication skills. Skills in coordinating and motivating personnel within a team environment.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: The New Bedford Regional Airport is a primary, non-hub, commercial service airport that serves regional airline and general aviation aircraft. The airport supports three FBOs (Fixed Based Operators), BSU Aviation, an FAA approved 14 CFR Part 141 flight training provider, an FAA contract ATCT, and a significant general aviation population

with approximately one hundred and twenty-one based aircraft.

Most work is performed in a typical office setting with frequent tours of the airport, occasional exposure to variable outdoor weather conditions and hazards. Exposure to extreme noise while working on or near the field. Particularly in emergency situations, must work outdoors as needed, regardless of the weather. Attends Airport and City meetings as required; many are commonly scheduled after normal business hours.

Operate computer and standard office equipment such as a telephone, calculator, copier and fax machine. In emergency situations may be required to operate basic aircraft rescue equipment, for example fire extinguishers, hand tools, etc.

Errors on the job could result in unsafe conditions and reduce the required level of public safety at the airport. These errors could foster excessive labor costs and result in damage to buildings, equipment and personnel, all of which could produce legal repercussions. Therefore, the working environment demands the highest degree of safety.

In emergency situations, must be able to think quickly in order to effectively react, mitigate and prevent further hazards as they arise. Has access to department-related confidential information including personnel records, bid-documents, security plans and lease agreements.

Has frequent contact with representatives of Federal, State and local agencies.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Occasional physical effort demanded in performing duties under varying and occasionally severe weather conditions and irregular hours. Vision at or correctable to normal ranges. Frequent bending, standing and lifting. Position requires the ability to operate a keyboard and standard office equipment at efficient speed.

SELECTION GUIDELINES: Formal City of New Bedford application

must be completed. Resumes accepted as additional information. Rating of education and experience, oral interview, reference check and job-related tests may be required.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Harbor Development Commission 2014 Summer Employment Program

The Harbor Development Commission is currently accepting applications for the 2014 Summer Employment Program. Applications are available at the Harbor Development Commission, 52 Fisherman's Wharf or Pope's Island Marina, 102 Pope's Island, New Bedford, MA.

Seasonal Bus Driver	\$11.00 / hr	*
Seasonal Cashier	\$8.45 / hr	*
Seasonal Dock Master Assistant	\$10.00 / hr	*
Trash Shed Attendant	\$9.00 / hr	*
Seasonal Licensed Launch Operator		*
Seasonal Security Officer	\$10.50 / hr	

* all positions opened until filled, unless otherwise noted

Patricia Gomes Named New Bedford Poet Laureate



Patricia Gomes

Mayor Jon Mitchell appointed Patricia Gomes as the City of New Bedford's new Poet Laureate. The Mayor announced the appointment earlier today during an event at the Renaissance Community School for the Arts hosted by the Greater New Bedford Writers' Block, in celebration of National Poetry Month.

"I am honored and excited to appoint Patricia Gomes as New Bedford's new Poet Laureate," said Mayor Mitchell. "Patricia is a New Bedford native and an award-winning poet and author. She is already engaging the community with her poetry and is eager to help celebrate our city's beauty and diversity. I am confident that Patricia will represent New Bedford well during her term as Poet Laureate."

Patricia Gomes said, "As a life-long resident of this loving city, I will do my very best to make its citizenry proud and promote the literary arts and in all forms. I look forward to a productive term as New Bedford's Poet Laureate."

The New Bedford Poet Laureate position is a three-year appointment to commence on May 1, 2014. The Poet Laureate's duties will include raising public awareness of poetry throughout the community, engaging New Bedford Public Schools

to enhance the teaching of poetry in the classroom, and creating poems for specific occasions as requested by the Mayor.

It has been several years since New Bedford has had an active Poet Laureate. The last two poets to receive the honor were John Landry, named in 2007 and Everett Hoagland, who served from 1994 to 1998.

This was first time the City invited poets to apply for the position under the auspices of the New Bedford Cultural Council. A five-member sub-committee of the body oversaw the application and selection process, and ultimately made a final recommendation to the Mayor.

About Patricia Gomes, New Bedford Poet Laureate

