

Mayor Mitchell Announces New City Auditor

The City of New Bedford has hired Emily Arpke as its new Auditor, Mayor Jon Mitchell announced today.

Arpke comes to New Bedford from the Brockton Redevelopment Authority, where she spent four years improving and managing financial operations; directing all budgeting, grant program development and oversight; and managing compliance as the Chief Operating Officer. She also added \$6.5 million in new grant funding and doubled the Redevelopment Authority's staff.

Arpke has a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida and a master's degree in Public Administration from Northeastern University.

"Ms. Arpke is a proven professional who will bring a high level of expertise and a dedication to public service to the Auditor's Office," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "We're excited to have her on board."

Mayor Mitchell nominated Arpke for the position in a letter to New Bedford City Council, which recently confirmed her appointment.

"Emily brings an abundance of energy and passion to the City Auditor role," said Robert Ekstrom, the former City Auditor who assisted in Arpke's recruitment. "She will question the status quo, seek out best courses of action, and work seamlessly with the Chief Financial Officer to support all facets of City government and the constituents it serves. In short, she is the innovative and interpretive watchdog any municipality aspires to have."

The Auditor's Office is responsible for the City's accounting

and financial reporting system, including preparation of its annual comprehensive financial report; recommending and implementing financial policies; and administration of the annual budgets adopted by the City Council. Additionally, the office authorizes payments to vendors and monitors Federal and State grant activity, ensuring each complies with applicable laws, ordinances, and policies.

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