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## Morad won't seek re-election

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NEW BEDFORD – Twenty-year veteran New Bedford City Councilor Linda Morad has announced she will not be seeking re-election as councilor-at-large.

Morad will end her tenure in January 2026 when a new board is sworn in.

In a brief statement, Morad thanked “the residents of the city for putting their trust in me to represent and serve as their voice in their city government. It has truly

been an honor and a privilege that I have enjoyed immensely. I have been given many unique opportunities, met so many citizens in our city and have developed close relationships that I will always treasure.”

**‘God bless the city of New Bedford’**

She added, “I also want to thank my colleagues, past and present, for their service to our city. And to my friends and family – thank you for your love and support. You have been alongside me on this journey

for 20 years. I hold close in my heart all the memories, laughs and tears over the years. God bless all of you and God bless the city of New Bedford.”

The statement notes that Morad has been involved in every aspect of city government over her term, working closely with city department heads, affiliated government agencies, community organizations, businesses and residents throughout the city and the South Coast. She worked diligently as a member of the

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## Casting off



Peter Athaide prepares to head out for a morning of line fishing after putting his boat in the water at the boat ramp in Padanaram in Dartmouth. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

## Nantucket receives \$10.5M in settlement

Wind turbine blade broke last year during tourist season

Heather McCarron

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Nearly a year to the day since a turbine blade in the Vineyard Wind 1 project broke apart and scattered debris into the ocean, Nantucket — the most directly affected community — has secured a \$10.5 million settlement from GE Vernova, the blade manufacturer. The settlement was announced Friday, July 11.

When the blade broke apart July 13, 2024, thousands of pounds of material washed ashore on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod during peak tourist season.

In the aftermath, Nantucket businesses reported significant economic losses, while the town and others were saddled with extensive cleanup costs. Now, as part of the settlement, officials are planning to launch a community claims fund to help recoup both private and public losses.

An independent third-party administrator will handle compensation claims, officials said.

“It was really important in this negotiation that we take the burden off individuals and businesses of having to seek funds directly,” said Nantucket Select Board member Brooke Mohr said.

Officials don't yet have an exact estimate of full

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## Putin, unfazed by Trump, will continue to fight

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REUTERS

MOSCOW – President Vladimir Putin intends to keep fighting in Ukraine until the West engages on his terms for peace, unfazed by Donald Trump's threats of tougher sanctions, and his territorial demands may widen as Russian forces advance, three sources close to the Kremlin said.

Putin, who ordered Russian troops into Ukraine in February 2022 after eight years of fighting in the coun-

try's east between Russian-backed separatists and Ukrainian troops, believes Russia's economy and its military are strong enough to weather any additional Western measures, the sources said.

Trump on July 14 expressed frustration with Putin's refusal to agree a ceasefire and announced a wave of weapons supplies to Ukraine, including Patriot surface-to-air missile systems. He also threatened further sanctions on Russia unless a peace deal was reached within 50 days.

The three Russian sources, familiar with top-level Kremlin thinking, said Putin will not stop the war un-

der pressure from the West and believes Russia – which has survived the toughest sanctions imposed by the West – can endure further economic hardship, including threatened U.S. tariffs targeting buyers of Russian oil.

“Putin thinks no one has seriously engaged with him on the details of peace in Ukraine – including the Americans – so he will continue until he gets what he wants,” one of the sources told Reuters on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the situation.

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