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Two men enjoy conversation at a picnic table at Fort Taber Park, while in the distance wind turbine towers make their way out to sea from New Bedford harbor. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

Housing project stalled over lack of parking

Kathryn Gallerani

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The New Bedford Planning Board is holding off on approving a proposed housing project at a former nursing home on Pope Street until a formal parking agreement is in place.

Concerns about parking are slowing down the approval process for the project at 9 Pope St., that borders Clasky Common Park.

Planning Board Chairman Arthur Glassman said he supports the idea of repurposing the old building, but wants a detailed parking plan before moving forward with approval.

Applicant Ronald Oliveira of Acushnet is seeking site plan review approval with a change in use for the conversion of a nursing home into 31 studio apartments and a special permit for a parking reduction of 61 spaces down to a single space. The development would also have a common area with a lounge and kitchen area.

The lack of parking is expected to be offset by the use of the MBTA commuter rail by its new residents.

But the Planning Board expressed concern with the very limited parking spaces and asked the proponent to secure additional parking spaces in the



This former nursing home at 9 Pope St. may be converted into 31 studio apartments not far from the commuter rail. KATHRYN GALLERANI/THE STANDARD-TIMES

neighborhood.

The two and a half story, 24,700-square-foot site is in a residential district at the corner of Pope and State streets and has been vacant for several years. The property is owned by Bliss

Investors LLC, based in Dartmouth.

Attorney Brian Gomes, representing applicant Ronald Oliveria of Bliss Investors, LLC, said there is a chance

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Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School senior Kelsey Peters, center, poses with the blue wig she wore for her student ID photo. Peters and some classmates wore an assortment of wigs for the photos as a senior prank. PROVIDED BY KELSEY PETERS

Officials frustrated by senior wig prank

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Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School senior Kelsey Peters and some friends from her shop pulled off a senior prank that will last all school year, but it didn't come without it's challenges, according to Peters, an Acushnet resident.

"Everyone thought it was hysterical," said the metal fabrication shop senior, of an idea for a group of friends to wear outlandish wigs for their student ID photo session on Friday, Sept. 5.

However, according to Peters, when word got around of what was going on, a school resource officer was sent to deliver the message that the wig prank couldn't stand.

This led to a conversation with front office staff who said students needed to be easily identifiable on their student IDs for "emergency reasons," according to Peters.

"I was like, it's hair. Hair changes all the time," Peters said, noting students were initially told they couldn't appear wigged in any school photos, "not on the student IDs, not in the yearbook — which for me doesn't matter because I'm a senior, so my senior portrait is going to be there."

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