



Betsy Lawrence

Hi, my name is Betsy Lawrence and I live in the village of Padanaram, currently. I grew up coming to South Dartmouth, mass and New Bedford as a kid, and in 2012 moved here full time. And I taught for a year at our sister school in New Bedford as an AmeriCorps teacher. And subsequent to that, I found my way into the real estate market and now sell primarily second homes to people coming to the area, period.

I've watched the city of New Bedford begin to thrive, and hopefully it'll continue to do so with all the ups and downs that life brings us. I've really been excited to see the growth in our area. I talk to people every day who want to move here. It was such a well-kept secret for a long time, and now the secret's out. Our harbors and our art scene and our beautiful topography is now just what everybody wants to see and live in. And we're so close to Boston and close to Providence, and it's been really fun to watch that growth.

I've watched the little village of Padanaram grow in the last 12 years to being an award-winning harbor and having restaurants and shopping that people drive from other states to come see. We have a thriving music scene in New Bedford and the surrounding area, which has been really nice to see. I don't feel like I have to drive to Boston anymore to see live music. You can go to Fall River or Plymouth, and most importantly, our symphony in New Bedford and all the things that the Zeiterion provides for us. Every guest that comes to visit, I take to the Whaling Museum, that's the first place that we start.

My dad used to drop us there when we were kids and come back four hours later and though it might've been childcare for my parents, it set seeds in us and we love New Bedford for that reason and museum is where we start.

Thanks for doing this project.