



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 23, 2017

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings at a Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2017, held a PUBLIC HEARING on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: 1494 East Rodney French Boulevard, (Map 12, Lot 77), circa 1890 wood framed structure; the structure retains historical significance due to its association with New Bedford's 20th century boat building industry and the widely recognized innovative boat design and manufacturing techniques attributed to Palmer Scott; the structure has been vacant for nearly a decade, has experienced a high level of deferred maintenance, and the level of rehabilitation required to meet current building code standards far exceeds the value of the property; and therefore, in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 1494 East Rodney French Boulevard is Historically Significant, but is not a Preferably Preserved Structure. (Ref'd 12/8/16; advertised in The Standard Times on January 31, 2017)

On motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Public Hearing was opened and held. On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To close the Public Hearing. This motion FAILED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 3, Nays 5, with Councillors Abreu, Coelho and Winterson in favor. On motion by Councillor Oliveira and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To table the Public Hearing to March 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On Monday, March 13, 2017, the Committee on Appointments & Briefings reopened the PUBLIC HEARING on the above stated COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, on motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Carney.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Martins, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant the Demolition of 1494 East Rodney French Boulevard (Map 12, Lot 77). This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Lopes not present for the vote.

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Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

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