



City of New Bedford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: New Bedford Historical Commission

DATE: December 6, 2016

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
1494E Rodney French Blvd (Map 12 Lot 77)
Circa 1890 wood framed structure

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In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the New Bedford Historical Commission [NBHC] has examined the structure located at the above-captioned site in order to determine its historical significance and whether it is in the public interest to preserve such structure.

The NBHC reviewed the application for demolition at its December 5, 2016 meeting, and hereby forwards its findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- 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.

In light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 1494 E Rodney French Blvd is Historically Significant, but is not a Preferably Preserved structure.

cc. Kristie's Wrecking, Property Owner Agent
Gregory Kulpinski, Property Owner
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office