



City of New Bedford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE: March 22, 2018

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
1233 E Rodney French Boulevard (Map 8 Lot 182)
Circa 1920, one story, wood framed residence

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In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the Preservation Planner, designated to act on behalf of the New Bedford Historical Commission, 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.

Having reviewed the application for demolition I offer the following findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The structure is not located in a National Register Historic District.
- The structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure.
- The structure has been vacant for nearly a decade, has experienced a high level of deferred maintenance, is located in a flood hazard area; and therefore the level of rehabilitation required to meet current building code standards far exceeds the value of the property.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the structure at 1233 E Rodney French Boulevard is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.

cc: Jose and Cheryl Machado, Property Owners
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office
Councillor Joseph P. Lopes
New Bedford Historical Commission