



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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JON MITCHELL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE: February 25, 2019

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
95 Bedford Street (Map 41 Lot 59)
Circa 1898, wood-framed barn 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 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 located within the County Street National Register Historic District.
- The structure is in poor condition due to extensive deferred maintenance and poses a life and safety threat to the adjacent school property.
- Restoration or preservation efforts would be impractical due to the existing condition of the structures.
- The structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the barn structure at 95 Bedford Street is neither Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.

cc: Jane Ferris Richardson, Property Owner
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office
Councilor Scott J. Lima
New Bedford Historical Commission



Location relative to the adjacent school property looking northeast from subject property.



Location relative to the adjacent school property looking southwest from school property.



Detail of deterioration.