



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

July 18, 2019

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, July 8, 2019, held a public hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW of 2405 ACUSHNET AVENUE, (MAP 127E/LOT 179), a Circa 1860 wood-framed residence, advising that "the structure has historic significance due to its relationship with the Spooner and Hawes families, the region's agricultural past, and the development of the northern section of the City near the Head of the River as a historic farming settlement, due to recent demolitions, there exist fewer of these property types, in this area of the City; the applicant, through his agent, has stated that rehabilitation of the existing structure would have challenges and be more costly than demolition and the subsequent new construction; the applicant has not stated or demonstrated that the structure is in poor condition or structurally unsound and has stated that the demolition is primarily for financial purposes, in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 2405 Acushnet Avenue is a Historically Significant and a Preferably Preserved Structure." (Ref'd 6/13/19) (Advertised in The Standard-Times on Monday, June 24, 2019.)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To inform the City Council that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings held a public hearing on Monday, July 8, 2019 for a Building Demolition Review of 2405 Acushnet Avenue, Map 127E, Lot 179. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS &
BRIEFINGS

Councillor Debora Coelho, Chairperson

DC: dmb

REPORT

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