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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO:

New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE:

July 15, 2020

RE:

BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW 516 Maxfield Street (Map 56, Lot 27)

Circa 1906, one and one-half story wood-framed residential building.

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.

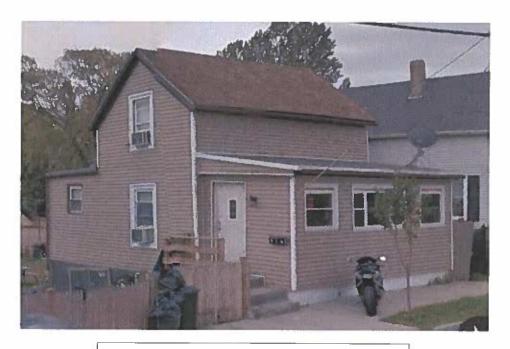
Having reviewed the application for demolition I offer the following findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The structure is not located within a National Register Historic District.
- The structure is associated with an area of the City known as "Tuxedo Park", a development of small houses constructed cheaply from second-hand lumber in which textile machinery was imported from England.
- The building has been critically altered and no longer retains architectural significance.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the building at 516 Maxfield Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.

cc:

George Hodge, Property Owner Jefferson Romano, Contractor **Department of Inspectional Services New Bedford Historical Commission**



516 Maxfield Street - Current Condition



This is a view of a section once known as Tuxedo Park, which included an area on the south elds of Mandeld Street, extending from Liberty to Hunter Streets. Tuxedo Park got its start a little more than a half century ago, when the late Andrew E. Hathaway began a development that included some of the amaliest houses in the city, most of them built from second hand lumber in which cotton machinery was imported from England. The name Tuxedo Park was one given in derision. The whole section has long since undergone a remarkable change.

516 Maxfield Street - Undated Historic Image