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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE: May 5, 2021

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
16 Washburn Street (MAP 85, Lot 218)
Circa 1900, wood framed, three-family residence.

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 suffered from a fire in November 2020, resulting in the building being structurally compromised and beyond feasible rehabilitation.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the building at 16 Washburn Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Building.

cc: Maria Barroso, Owner
New Brother Builders, LLC, Applicant
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office
Councilor Hugh Dunn
New Bedford Historical Commission