

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

June 23, 2022

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 Tuesday, June 14, 2022, held a PUBLIC HEARING on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW - NS MANOMET STREET (Map 105/Lot 207) circa 1940 coal bin structure; the structure is associated with the Manomet Mills, an early 20th century textile mill complex which became a National Register Historic District in 2012; the structure has been a long-term, vacant, blighted structure and has become a nuisance property, attracting trash, dumping and illegal activities; the City's Neighborhood Task Force has sought demolition to cure the violations associated with this property; the structure consists of a brick building, metal canopy and bunker-type concrete walls, all parts of the structure must be removed as they currently have an adverse effect on the nearby historic resources and will continue to be a blight to the neighborhood and attract nuisance activity, "in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure located at NS Manomet Street is not Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure." (Ref'd 05/12/2022) (Advertised in The Standard-Times on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.)

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant the DEMOLITION of NS MANOMET STREET (Map 105/Lot 207) circa 1940 coal bin structure. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS &

Masmi R.a. Carrey Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

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