



*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, The New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 24 N Front Street (Map 79 Lots 2 & 4) Buildings 15, northern part of 14, and eastern part of 10; a historic resources survey, funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission found the property at 24 N Front Street, known as the former Revere Copper site, to be eligible as a National Register District; the property is significant as the largest copper manufacturing facility in New Bedford during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and as a relatively unaltered example of a large-scale, mid-nineteenth- to mid-twentieth century manufacturing complex; the property is significant because of its association with the Paul Revere Copper Company (founded in 1801 in Canton, MA) and Paul Revere's great-grandson Edward H. R. Revere (1867–1957), who became general manager in 1920 and lent his surname to the present company name in 1929; the selective demolition of these buildings within the site will allow for its productive use and provide parking to support the future rehabilitated Ice House and other activities throughout the site; "in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that Buildings 15, northern part of 14 and eastern part of 10, located at 24 N Front Street are Historically Significant but are not Preferably Preserved Historic Buildings." (Ref'd 05/12/2022) (Advertised in The Standard-Times on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.)

On motion by Councillor Lima and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant the DEMOLITION of 24 N Front Street (Map 79 Lots 2 & 4) Buildings 15, northern part of 14, and eastern part of 10, formally known as the Revere Copper site. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

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