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### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New Bedford City Council

**FROM:** Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

**DATE:** June 3, 2022

**RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW**  
**40 Edison Street (MAP 107, Lot 109)**  
**Circa 1910, two story masonry boiler room and pump house.**

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 is the Boiler Room and Pump House of the Nield Manufacturing Company.
- The structure has experienced deferred maintenance, resulting in the structure being structurally compromised and beyond feasible rehabilitation.
- This demolition request **DOES NOT** include the adjacent smoke stack.

**In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the Boiler Room and Pump House at 40 Edison Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Building.**

**cc:** Storage Cap Bravo New Bedford JV Limited Partnership, Owner  
Costello Dismantling Co, Applicant  
Department of Inspectional Services  
Councilor Maria Giesta  
New Bedford Historical Commission