



City of New Bedford

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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: New Bedford Historical Commission

DATE: July 11, 2017

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
92 Kilburn Street (Map 79 Lot 1)
Portion of circa 1891 brick mill structure

In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the New Bedford Historical Commission [NBHC] 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.

The NBHC reviewed the application for demolition at its July 10, 2017 meeting, and hereby forwards its findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The property's association with New Bedford's early cotton textile industry provides historical significance to the property as a whole; however the portion of the mill seeking demolition no longer retains architectural significance due to its severe alterations.
- The portion of the mill seeking demolition is a small section of Mill #2, the remaining portion is abandoned and under the ownership of Revere Copper.
- The selective demolition of mill structures, particularly those which no longer retain significance, should be considered as a means to preserving and supporting those portions of a mill complex which can be positively adapted for new uses.

In light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 92 Kilburn Street is neither a historically significant nor a preferably preserved structure.

cc. Sitec, Property Owner Agent
B.S. Realty Limited Partnership, Property Owner
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office