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<b>Committee:</b> Landmarks Commission	<b>Meeting Date:</b> 5/6/2026
<b>Item Number:</b> ID#26-03232 and ID#26-03233	
<b>Subject:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review and possible action on a potential consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding a proposal to demolish the former Water Utility Pump Station building at 445 W. Newhall Ave. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places but it is not a Local Landmark.</b></li> </ul>	

**Details:** The Waukesha Water Utility owns a historic pump station at 445 W. Newhall Ave, which was built in 1948. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but is not a Local Landmark.

The building is a one story utilitarian structure. It has an L-Plan design with two distinct wings. The siding is primarily white painted concrete blocks, with art-deco style vertical columns at each of the corners. The building has several window openings in the front façade, which were covered before it was added to the National Register.

The Water Utility is exploring the possibility of demolishing the building, and has begun the required negotiation process with the State Historic Preservation Office. As part of that process, local historical societies and historic preservation commissions are notified. National Register status does not give the SHPO the authority to prevent demolition or make any alterations to development proposals.

Instead, in cases where the proposal will have an adverse impact on the historic resource, they can request that some action be taken to mitigate that impact. Demolition of the building constitutes an adverse impact, so some mitigation action will be requested. Mitigation typically includes thorough documentation of the building through photographs and other means, along with some effort to memorialize the related history.

The Landmarks Commission has the opportunity to participate in the negotiation over the mitigation. Since the building is not a Local Landmark, the proposed demolition will not require Landmarks Commission approval.



**Relevant Secretary of the Interior Standards:**

N/A

**Paint and Repair Grant info:** N/A

**Staff Recommendation:** If the Landmarks Commission chooses to participate, Commissioners may choose to nominate a member to participate in possible negotiation meetings with SHPO staff.