

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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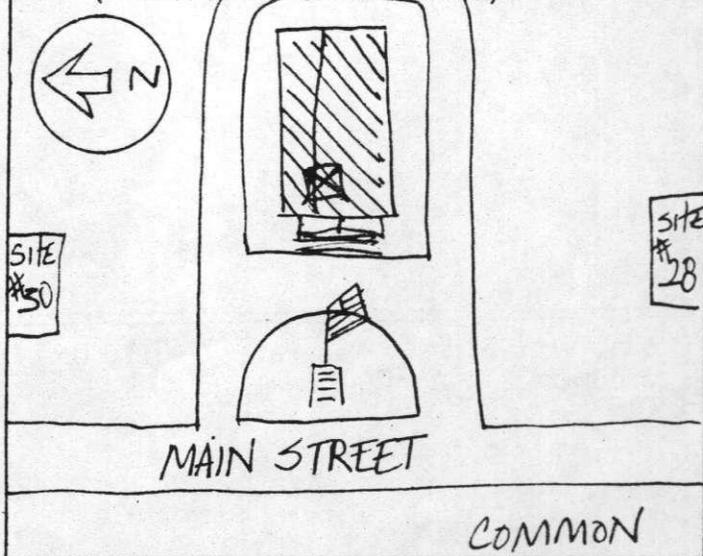
TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 29*	
COMMON NAME: Town Hall	
HISTORIC NAME: Town Hall	
LOCATION: E side of Main St., .25 miles N of inter. of Main & Bartlett	
OWNER: Town of Kingston	
ADDRESS: 163 Main Street Kingston, NH.	
MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/39	
DATE: c. 1929	
SOURCE: Cornerstone	
STYLE: Colonial Revival	

UTM: Z 19 /E 332400 /N 4755475
USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Town Hall
PRESENT USE: Town Hall
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Carrier? from Boston
CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: _____)
Major alterations & date: Unknown
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle Standing Seam Tin Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 # of Bays 3x7 Approx. Dimensions 50' x 70'
Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

Photographer: Herb Bubert
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Kingston Town Hall is a 2-story brick Colonial Revival style structure featuring a pediment on its front facade and a tower surmounted by an ornamental balustrade and lantern cupola.

The 2-story pavilion has a pediment supported by four 2-story engaged columns, the gable of which contains a round window. Above and behind the pediment a brick parapet encircles the entire building. The center entry is arched (with a keystone) and recessed with double-leaf doors. It has sidelights and a transom surmounted by a semi-circular radiating fan light. The nine-over-nine windows have decorative lintels. Three large twelve-over-twelve windows on the north and south facades are surmounted by semi-circular arched lights with keystones. At the basement level are several four-over-four windows.

The flat roof has a square tower decorated with quoins and surmounted by an ornamental balustrade and a lantern cupola. The cupola has semi-circular arched lights with keystones.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: To the east is one story brick shed with a ridge-type hip roof topped by a narrow chimney with a corbelled cap. The roofline has a denticulated and corbelled frieze. The entrance has a four panel door. All windows are six-over-six.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.2 acres bounded to the N-Grootenboer, S-Bake, E-Kelley, Depot Road, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES:**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):**

The Kingston Town Hall is a typical example of Colonial Revival Civic Architecture as exemplified by the contrast of white portico with the red brick.

Historic Associations: First town hall building was originally built by Methodist Society, Levi Bartlett local founder (1818), with Kingston Wesleyan Academy formally organized in 1819; building erected 1819. The school was used by surrounding towns and was essentially non-denominational. School closed c. 1900, and building with addition became Town Hall. Burned 1928. See picture page 79, Town History.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land__ Woodland__ Scattered Bldgs__ Moderately Built Up__
Densely Built Up__ Residential__ Commercial__ Industrial__ Agricultural__
Roadside Strip Development__ Other__

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