

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL
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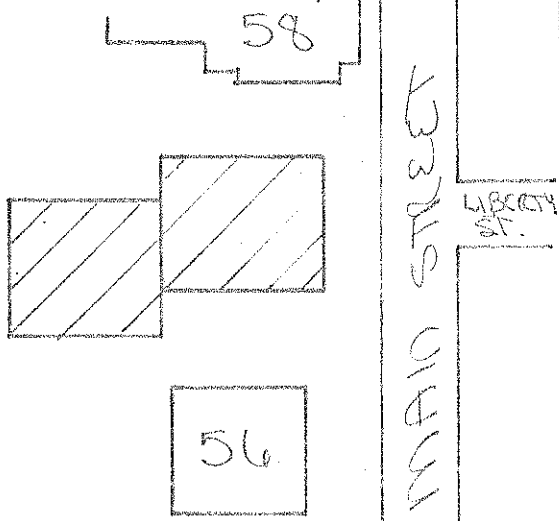
TOWN: Rochester COUNTY: Strafford
SURVEY NUMBER: 57
COMMON NAME: School Administration Building
HISTORIC NAME: The Rochester Tel. Co. Build.
LOCATION: 62 South Main Street
OWNER: City of Rochester
ADDRESS: Rochester, NH
MAP & PARCEL # : 51/233 120-336-1
DATE: C. 1922
SOURCE: Inspection
STYLE: Georgian Revival

UTM: Z19 /E 339845 /N 4796090
USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Office
PRESENT USE: Office
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Ruins ☐
INTEGRITY: Original Site ☒ Moved ☐
Date _____
Major Alterations & Date: A 2 story ell was added to the rear C. 1960.
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. # Stories 2 # Bays 5 X 6 Approx. Dimensions 30' X 50' Window Sash 6/1
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 ☐
2. FOUNDATION: Random Rubble ☐ Cut Granite ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐
Other ☒ Sandstone ☐
3. WALL STRUCTURE:
Wood Frame: Post & Beam ☐ Balloon Frame ☐ Other ☐
Load Bearing Masonry: Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Other ☐
Metal: Iron ☐ Steel ☐ Other ☐
4. WALL COVERING: Clapboard ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Shiplap ☐
Aluminum ☐ Novelty ☐ Stucco ☐ Stone ☐ Brick ☒ Sheet Metal ☐ Asphalt Shingles ☐
Vinyl ☐ Asphalt Sheeting ☐ Composite Board ☐ Other ☐
5. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Shingle ☐ Standing Seam Tin ☐ Slate ☐
Pressed Metal ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Gravel ☒ Other ☐
6. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Facade and north elevation looking east.
Negative File Number: R080/A5/9
Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The School Administration Building, an example of the Georgian Revival style is highlighted by sandstone ornamentation. The windows on the main block feature splayed keystones, and between the stories, rectangular panels outlined by raised brick have stone corner blocks.

The entrance, in the north bay of the facade is recessed within a sandstone surround, and topped by a heavy stone cornice supported on carved console brackets.

Other features of the 5 X 3 bay two story building include original 6/1 window sash, brick flat arches above each window, and brick sillcourses encircling the main block on both stories

The roofline features a brick parapet wall and projecting stone cornice.

Cast iron railings flanking the main entry have an interlocking fretwork pattern appropriate to the Georgian Revival style.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

The School Administration building is situated on South Main Street in an area of mixed commercial/residential uses. It is opposite the intersection of Liberty Street.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The School Administration Building was erected in 1922 as the Rochester Telephone Company Offices. Its brick and sandstone texture complements the surrounding earlier architecture within the district.

REFERENCES:

Personal notes of Gladys Redlon, Rochester Historian

MAP DATA:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land ☐ Woodland ☐ Scattered Bldgs ☐ Moderately Built Up ☐
Densely Built Up ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial ☒ Industrial ☐ Agricultural ☐
Roadside Strip Development ☐ Other ☐

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 50 X 100

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/19/80