

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

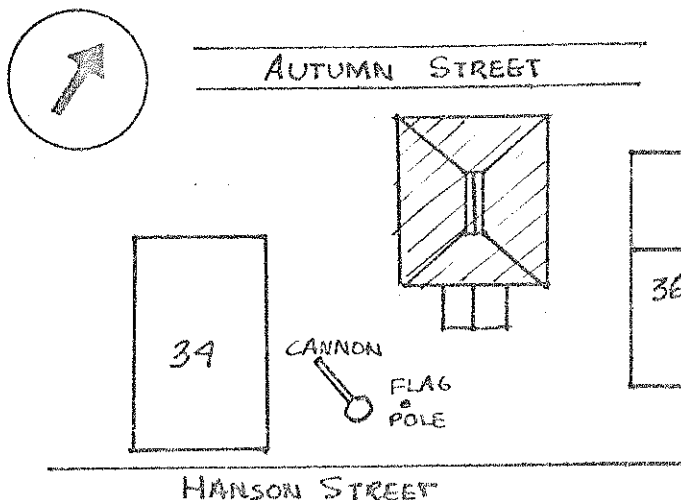
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| TOWN: Rochester | COUNTY: Strafford | UTM: Z 19 /E 339850 /N 4786425 |
| SURVEY NUMBER: 35 | | USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series |
| COMMON NAME: The V.F.W. Hall | | FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Hall |
| HISTORIC NAME: The American Legion Hall | | PRESENT USE: Hall |
| LOCATION: 55-57 Hanson Street | | ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown |
| OWNER: (American Legion) | | CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u>X</u> Poor <u>Ruins</u> |
| ADDRESS: City of Rochester PO Box 225 Rochester, NH 03867 | | INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved <u> </u> (When: <u> </u>) |
| MAP & PARCEL #: 51/208 <u>120-398</u> | | Major alterations & date: <u>Totally rebuilt in</u> <u>1938, yielding present appearance</u> |
| DATE: c. 1938 | | LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Nat'l State Local <u>X</u> |
| SOURCE: Inspection | | |
| STYLE: Colonial Revival/Bungalowoid | | |

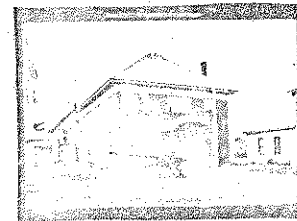
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other 6/1 Sash
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 X Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Apshalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tim Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 # of Bays 3X4 Approx. Dimensions 30' X 40'
Roof Style: Gable Hip X Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other X Monitor
Appendages: Porches X Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Three Quarter
Northeast

Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The VFW hall, rebuilt from an earlier brick structure is an interesting blend of Colonial Revival motifs and a suggestion of the Bungalow design, both styles being common through the early portion of the twentieth century. The essence of the Bungalow style derives from the relatively square, flat proportions that give it a horizontal appearance, and the sharp roof overhang.

Its Colonial Revival motifs include the hip roof, the gabled entry portico and the side-lights flanking the paired doors of the entry. The three part window in the center bay of the second story, the stone lintels of the first story windows, and the 6/1 window sash throughout are all Colonial Revival elements.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

The building is set back from the streetscape.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 61 X 112

REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee
Personal notes of Gladys Redlon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

This building has interesting local historical associations. It was rebuilt from a portion of the City Stables by the American Legion in April of 1938 for use as a local meeting facility. It later became the VFW headquarters. Architecturally it displays a unique combination of the early twentieth century Colonial Revival and Bungalow styles.

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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