

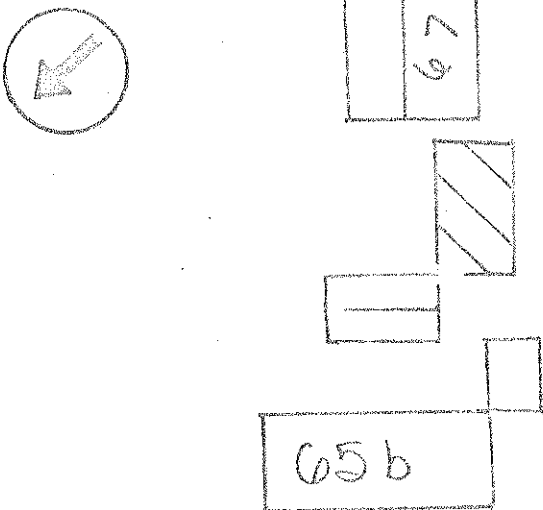
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL
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TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford	UTM: Z 19 /E 340150 /N 4795850
SURVEY NUMBER: 66		USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: Leo's Diner		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Diner
HISTORIC NAME: Leo's Diner		PRESENT USE: Diner
LOCATION: 114 South Main Street		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: William Clark		CONDITION: Exc. ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Ruins ☐
ADDRESS: 114 South Main, Rochester, NH 03867		INTEGRITY: Original Site ☒ Moved ☐ Date
MAP & PARCEL # : 51/306 125-5		Major Alterations & Date: none
DATE: C.1942		
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Diner -- Streamline		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ☐ State ☒ Local ☒

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 1 # Bays Approx. Dimensions 30X12 Window Sash
Roof Style: Gable ☐ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☒ round ☐
Appendages: Porches ☐ Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells ☒ Chimneys ☐
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds ☐ Garage ☐ Other ☐
Entry Location: Center ☐ Sidehall ☐ Other ☐
- FOUNDATION: Random Rubble ☐ Cut Granite ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete ☒ Concrete Block ☐
Other ☐
- WALL STRUCTURE:
Wood Frame: Post & Beam ☐ Balloon Frame ☐ Other ☐
Load Bearing Masonry: Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Other ☐
Metal: Iron ☐ Steel ☐ Other ☒ metal ☐
- 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 ☐ Gravel ☐ Other ☐
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front (west)

Negative File Number: R80/A5/24

Photographer: Roger Brevoort

Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Leo's Diner is a standard design Worcester Lunch Cart characterized by a rounded roof, "train car" styling, and enameled sheet metal sides featuring "Leo's Diner" painted on the front wall panels.

The interior features are all intact; including wold booths, stools and elegant marble counters.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Leo's Diner is one of Rochester's two surviving Diners, both unique examples of our fast disappearing mid-twentieth century automobile culture. It was built by the Worcester Lunch Cart Company, Worcester, Mass., and brought here in 1942 by the De Nault family, who still operate it today. Leo's is now one of the few intact diners in New Hampshire.

REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee

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:

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/25/80