

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Town Hall

and/or common Town Hall

**2. Location**

street & number Maple Street (State highway 113) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Center Sandwich \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district No. 1

state New Hampshire code 33 county Carroll code 003

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Recreation

**4. Owner of Property**

name Town of Sandwich

street & number Maple Street (State highway 113)

city, town Center Sandwich \_\_\_ vicinity of state New Hampshire 03227

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds, New County Administration Building

street & number on grounds of County Farm and Home (State highway 171)

city, town Ossipee state New Hampshire 03864

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Sandwich Town Hall, a colonial revival building set on a granite block foundation is located in the village of Center Sandwich, Carroll County, New Hampshire. It is a two story, white clapboard structure 45 feet wide by 70 feet long. It has a gable roof with a square clock tower, with a domed top, about midway of the long axis.

The short or street facade is three bays wide; the bays are surmounted by a pediment with a circular window. Four pilasters set off three doors. The two end doors are single with four-light transom windows. The center double door is capped by its own smaller pediment and has a transom window above. There are single, six over six double hung windows above each single door. The double door has a single six over six window flanked by single light narrow windows.

The three bay long sides have three groups of two, six over six double hung windows. On the east side an iron fire escape leads from the second floor to the ground.

On the east and west sides, the first floor has three, six over six double hung windows, flanked by narrow one light windows. There is a panelled door in the center bay of the west side, with a transom, pilasters and the whole surmounted by a pediment. Both east and west sides have a panelled door with a transom light and simple moulding toward the rear of the building, and both sides have a window mid-way between the first and second stories, near the front of the building, that light the two stairs to the second floor.

The first floor interior consists of a vestibule from which two pairs of stairs lead to the second floor, the office of the selectmen, one large room and storage space. The second floor is one large room with a stage at the north end. The woodwork in the building is utilitarian.

The small two-story, 1936, W.P.A. addition on the back of the building is unobtrusive and in the same material as the rest of the building.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1913

**Builder/Architect**

Architect: J. Randolph Coolidge  
 Builder: Larkin Weed & Sons

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Sandwich Town Hall was built in 1913 to replace an earlier town hall that was destroyed by fire in 1913. The present town hall is on the site and on the foundation of the earlier town hall and is a good example of colonial revival architecture. It was designed by J. Randolph Coolidge, a Boston Architect, who was a summer resident of Sandwich. He gave the architectural work on the town hall to the town as a gift.

Ever since it was built, the Town Hall has been the focus of local government and has touched the life of practically every citizen. Various boards and committees hold their meetings there; public hearings are held in the Town Hall; it is where the selectmen hold their weekly meetings. For sixty-six (66) years, it has been the center of local government and of "home rule," so highly prized by the people of New Hampshire.

The continuity of place and function is important, especially in a place with such a small and scattered population (about 950 people in ten (10) square miles).

The second floor of the building has been used for community functions and for recreation since it was built. Before the advent of regional high schools, our local high school held graduation exercises in the Town Hall. Dances were given (and remembered with pleasure). Basketball was practiced. It is the only building in the town with a stage and it is and has been much used. A very active theatrical group uses the area. Among their other activities is an annual Gilbert & Sullivan musical which calls on the time and talent of a large number of people as all the sets and costumes are made locally.

The Town Hall is the only building that is used by everyone. The feeling of being part of a tradition is irreplaceable and without the Town Hall, the township would lack a center. Its focal position is visual as well as functional and it blends well with the surrounding neighborhood.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Local Oral History

Annual Excursions of the Sandwich Historical Society:

7: page 22 1926      13: page 7 & 45 1932      18: pages 8 & 9 1937  
10: page 27 1929      14: pages 17 & 19 1933      (All printed by Glanhard Printing Co., Boston)

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property about 1/8 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References USGS map, Mt. Chocorua Quadrant (NH) 15 minute series

A 

1	9	3	0	3	8	7	0	4	8	5	3	1	7	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification - Maple Street on the south, Sandwich Historical Society property on the west, lot belonging to the Quimby Trustees on the east, property of Richard Burns on the north.

Map U1, parcel 34 - Town of Sandwich Tax Records

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jane Beckman

organization Town Hall Renovation Committee date January 3, 1980

street & number Maple Street (state highway 113) telephone

city or town Center Sandwich state New Hampshire 03227

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Commissioner Department of Resources & Economic Development  
title NH State Historic Preservation Officer

date FEB 2 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 5/15/80

Attest:   
Chief of Registration

date 5/13/80

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Carroll County Registry of Deeds:

Deed to Town Hall land October 6, 1914 - Book 148, page 39

Deed to addition December 1, 1936 (from Moulton Marston)  
Book 206, page 177