

FORM B - BUILDING

ref no 80000658

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Milton  
 Address Blue Hill Avenue  
 Name Comfort Station  
 Present use office in one room, rest  
unused  
 Present owner Metropolitan District  
Commission (M.D.C.)

3. Description:  
 Date 1904  
 Source M.D.C. Annual Report, 1904  
 Style Swiss Chalet  
 Architect Stickney & Austin  
 Exterior wall fabric wood planks horizon  
tally laid (weather  
board)  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features \_\_\_\_\_

19 325160 4676080

Altered yes Date unknown  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by Sara B. Chase  
 Organization SPNEA  
 Date April, 1979

7. Original owner (if known) M.D.C.

Original use public rest rooms

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Like the other Blue Hills Reservation structures designed by Stickney & Austin, this small building is part of an important architectural ensemble in the Blue Hills. This comfort station exhibits an unusual charm, perhaps an architectural equivalent of the late Victorian need to conceal basic bodily functions behind euphemisms.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

SEP 25 1980

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet, Item number 8-9, Page 4-1

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 141 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Hills, MA, Norwood, MA

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24000

### UMT References

A	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,2,2</u>	<u>3,4,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,8</u>	<u>8,2,0</u>
	Zone	Easting		Northing		

B	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,3,0</u>	<u>8,8,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,9</u>	<u>2,2,0</u>
	Zone	Easting		Northing		

C	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,3,3</u>	<u>1,9,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,8</u>	<u>7,3,0</u>
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D	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,3,0</u>	<u>7,9,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,2</u>	<u>7,2,0</u>
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E	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,2,5</u>	<u>1,5,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,1</u>	<u>5,2,0</u>
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F	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,2,2</u>	<u>4,2,0</u>	<u>4,6</u>	<u>7,5</u>	<u>5,9,0</u>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Section 7, paragraph one.

### 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 Stephen A Cole and Sara B. Chase, Architectural Researcher, SPNEA

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date June 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA 02108

# 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 Patricia Westbrooke

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date 7/30/80

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

Patricia Westbrooke (for)  
Keeper of the National Register

date 9/25/80

Attest: Patricia Westbrooke

date 9/25/80

Chief of Registration

Property Reservations multiple Resource area  
(partial inventory)

State MA, Norfolk Working Number 8/13/80/2088

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 21  
Maps 3, 1

This area is significant as an early planned recreational area designed to meet the growing recreational needs of burgeoning urban Boston. The area includes only 20th cent. to 1930's recreational buildings, also included are examples of 19th century industrial remains and 18th, 19th, and early 20th century residences. Taken with the archeological components, this M.R.A. nomination traces the continuous human habitation and use of this land from prehistoric to modern times. This is a good multiple Resource nomination - they have included all the required elements for documentation. Defers to archeologist on the disputed site (Ponhapoag). Requested additional statement of signif. on Eliot Bridge is sufficient justification <sup>under</sup> criteria c.

**HISTORIAN**

accept  
Patrick Andrus  
9/25/80

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept 2 of 3 site - Return Ponhapoag as information currently known is insufficient to delimit extent of site and therefore boundaries. Recommend nomination when more is known. Recommend "accept" for the Quarry Site and Green Hill site - the former for its importance in understanding regional lithic procurement, manufacture, use and trading networks; the latter for its potential to contribute to knowledge of Middle Archaic within a state-wide context. State is aware of impending return of Ponhapoag - discussed with Steve Cole.

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Joy Byrd  
Accept + Return  
9-15-80

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

ELIOT MEMORIAL BRIDGE IS ELIGIBLE UNDER CRITERION C. A BETTER CASE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER CRITERION A. BUT I WILL ACCEPT.

ACCEPT  
Mac DUBAN (FOR)  
9/25/80

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered SEP 25 1980



Blue Hills and Neponset River  
Reservations multiple Resource area  
Norfolk Co. (MA)

4.

8/27

AUG 13 1980

SEP 25 1980

COMFORT STRIP

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000272