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Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
3 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Town Barnstable (West Barnstable)
 Name of Area (if any) Meetinghouse Way
 (W. Barnst. Vil) Historic District
 Present Use residential, institutional,
commercial
 General Date or Period 1717-1920
 General Condition poor to excellent
 Acreage c175A (see data sheets)
 Recorded by Wendy Frontiero/Candace Jenkins
 Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.
 Date 1986

see attached map

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M REFERENCE A 19/385 640 14618150
B 19/385 820 1461800
C 19/384 720 14617040
D 19/384 920 14616840
 GS QUADRANGLE Sandwich/Hyannis
 ALE 1:25,000

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WBB68- West Parish Meetinghouse (1717-1719). The Meetinghouse is the most conspicuous visual and architectural landmark in the district in addition to being the catalyst of village independence and growth. Built in a typical 18th century meetinghouse design, the building features a 2 and 1/2 story gabled block, sheathed in clapboards, with its gable end to the street. A central tower projects from the front facade, while a two story gabled entrance pavilion is centered on its long east side. Relatively small 12/12 window sash break the broad expanses of walls, enframed by simple architraves with prominent cornice caps. The Meetinghouse was remodelled in the Classical Revival style in 1852-1853, but was restored to its original condition between 1953 and 1956. The early 18th century frame remains intact.

WBB60- First Selectmen's Office (1889). This office stands at another end of the aesthetic spectrum. The essentially one room plan again features a simple rectangular structure, gable end to the street. In this case, however, the building is only 1 and 1/2 stories, and its use of textures and ornament celebrates a more exuberant age. Bands of plain and fancy-cut wood shingles and a decoratively sawn vergeboard (now deteriorated and fallen from the building) enliven the facades. The front features a three bay facade with a single center entry under a deep flat hood; originally, a narrow entablature with sawn brackets supported this lintel shelf. Prominent cornice moldings top original 2/1 windows.

WBB59- West Barnstable Elementary School (1903). This is a small, one story building with a T-shaped plan and clapboarded facades, inspired by the Colonial Revival style. Its broad hip roof bends and extends over the various wings and projections; the simple three room volume is elaborated only by a low dormer centered on the forward-most ell, and by a plain entry porch and vestibule tucked in to the northern corner of the T. Tall 6/6 windows occupy a large proportion of the facades, and a massive corbelled chimney strikes an unusual position perpendicular to the ridge line from which it projects. The general effect one of appealing, level-headed design.

B52- A.D. Makepeace Company Office Building (1905-1907). The most architecturally significant commercial/industrial buildings extant in the district include a vernacular turn-of-the-century office structure and a relatively high style train station. The Makepeace office building is a very modest 2 and 1/2 story structure, gable parallel to the street, sheathed with clapboards, and extended to the rear by a perpendicular two story ell. The four window bays across the second story of the front facade contain 6/6 sash surrounded by plain architraves. Their rhythm is completely unrelated to the livelier first floor: here, chamfered posts support a shallow hip roofed porch that spans the entire facade; beyond is an asymmetrical composition of typical double hung windows and a Queen Anne style door at the south end, with a second Queen Anne door flanked by 20 pane display windows at the building's north end.

WBB47- West Barnstable Railroad Depot (1910). This is a more pretentious design and equally rare example of its building type; furthermore, it provides an excellent example of the Arts & Crafts/Mission style in Barnstable. The rectangular structure is built of concrete with a slightly projecting base that rises approximately three feet. Punched windows with subtly raised concrete surrounds feature modern 1/1 sash. Overhead, a hip roof covered with Spanish tiles flares out over widely projecting eaves. The track side entrance features a single door with sidelights and transom, while the opposite entrance on the south facade contains double leaf doors with a diamond pane transom. Covered platforms originally

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Historical Significance (cont)

newly updated meetinghouse.

As small-scale farming began a gradual decline in the later 19th century, however, and maritime activities drew attention to the town's southern villages, the village of West Barnstable resourcefully rebounded with the development of local industrial manufacture. Hats, chairs, leather, pottery, and especially bricks (from 1878-1919) were among West Barnstable's leading products. Abel Makepeace, one of the prime movers of the brickyard, also revived local agriculture with his highly successful cultivation of multifarious crops, most notably, cranberries; Makepeace's original office building provides a rare symbol of the importance of this industry to the turn-of-the-century West Barnstable and town-wide economy. Also in the late 19th century, Finnish and Portuguese immigrants began to arrive in significance numbers, found work in the new industries.

Other signs of the district's continued vitality are found in the public places of the community. These include the New Otis Hall, 1897 (WBB53), built as a social and political gathering place by village residents (and occupied from the 1930s through the 1960s by the Finnish Congregational Church); the Public Library, 1905 (WBB57), begun and supported by local donors; the West Barnstable Elementary School, 1903 (WBB59), the district's third such structure; the First Selectmen's Office, 1889 (WBB60), which served Barnstable until a new town hall was built in the village of Hyannis in 1926; the Old Village Store, 1880 (WBB50), the most elaborate of the three late 19th century stores remaining in the district; and of course the West Barnstable Railroad Depot, 1910 (WBB47), the third such building on the site and one of the few remaining on the Cape.

Altogether, the West Barnstable Historic District presents a remarkably complete and continuous picture of village life in Barnstable.

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Village:

Barnstable MA, MRA
West Barnstable

District Name: Meetinghouse Way

Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status	
155/43	.48	2469 Meetinghouse Way	WBRR Depot	WBB47	1910	Arts & Crafts	C
155/49	.1	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant		n/a	n/a	NC
155/17	.3	2455 Meetinghouse Way	Old Village Store	WBB50	1880	Vernacular	C
155/38	.41	2439 Meetinghouse Way	A.D. Makepeace Office	WBB52	1905-07	Vernacular	C
155/20	.45	2429 Meetinghouse Way	Finnish Cong. Church	WBB53	1897	Arts & Crafts	C
155/18	.86	2415 Meetinghouse Way	Zebina H. Jenkins House (barn)	WBB55	1898-1904	Queen Anne	C
155/19	.58	2401 Meetinghouse Way	Whelden Mem. Library	WBB57	1905	Arts & Crafts	C
155/25	.57	2506 Meetinghouse Way	Bursley-Parker House (garage)	WBB44	c. 1860	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/26	.86	2482 Meetinghouse Way	John W.B. Parker House (barn)	WBB45	c. 1865	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/26	.86	2482 Meetinghouse Way	Seth Parker, Jr. Store & P.O.	WBB46	c. 1865-80	Vernacular	C
155/27	.81	2472 Meetinghouse Way	Shadrack Howland Store (barn)	WBB48	1876	Vernacular	C
155/28	.6	Meetinghouse Way	Bodfish-Howland House (garage)	WBB49	c. 1835-42	Federal	C

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155/29	3.83	2454 Meetinghouse Way	Makepeace Cranberry Industry Complex (1 house, 8 out-buildings)	WBB51	1882	Vernacular	C
155/44	.56	2454 Meetinghouse Way	1 house, 8 out-buildings	WBBSI	1882	Vernacular	C
155/30	14.96	2420 Meetinghouse Way	Capt. Josiah Crocker House (garage, shed)	WBB54	1854	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/31	2.19	2412 Meetinghouse Way	Nye House & Parsonage (barn, shed)	WBB56	c. 1820	Federal	C
155/45	1.62	2400 Meetinghouse Way	Rev. Enoch Pratt House & Pars.	WBB58	1808	Federal	C
155/46	5.53	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant		n/a	n/a	NC
155-32	33.72 26.57	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant		n/a	n/a	NC
154-2	partial 93.10	Meetinghouse Way	Town Conservation Land		n/a	n/a	NC
154-3	2.0	Meetinghouse Way	Crocker-Nye House (barn)	WBB65	1835-45	Federal	C
154-4	2.64	Meetinghouse Way/ Church	New House		n/a	n/a	NC
154-5	2.6	40 Church	New House		n/a	n/a	NC
154-7	6.22	72 Church	Stephen R. Crocker House (barn, shed)	WBB70	1833	Federal	C

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130-16	1.5	29 Church	Bridgham Crocker Homestead (barn, shed) WBB69	c. 1832-50	Greek Revival (2 sheds)	C
130-17	5.65	2049 Meetinghouse Way	W. Parish Meetinghouse (parish house)	B68 1717-19	Georgian	C
130-13	3.35	46 Cedar Street	Moody Crocker House	B66 c. 1789-1805	Federal	C
130-14	6.71 partial	2175B Meetinghouse Way	Paine-Black House (shed, greenhouse)	B64 c. 1780	Georgian	C
130-12	20.75	2175 Meetinghouse Way	Moses Crocker House (barn)	B63 c. 1790	Federal	C
154-8	.75	2175 Meetinghouse Way	Vacant	c. 1790	Federal	C
155-1	4.65	Meetinghouse Way	B			
155-47	2.32	2231-57 Meetinghouse Way	Tannery & Fish Hatchery Site	B62		C
155-2	6.33	2311 Meetinghouse Way	Town Poor Farm Site	B61		C
155-2	6.33	2311 Meetinghouse Way	First Selectman's Office	B60 1889	QA/Stick	C
155-40	4.08		W.B. Village School	B59 1903	A/C	C

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

West Barnstable Village--Meetinghouse Way
Historic District (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. JAN 27 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 3-13-87
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*see general comments
for MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Salvo
Discipline Architectural History
Date 3/13/87
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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| Condition
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent
<input type="checkbox"/> good
<input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> altered | Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- complete
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Patrick Andrus Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient).

see attached map

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Contributing/Non-contributing Status

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Vacant lots: 4NC
Monuments: 1C, 1NC
Sites: 3C

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (West Barnstable)	Form No: WBB
Property Name: West Barnstable Village Historic District Meetinghouse Way	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance (cont)

WBB68- West Parish Meetinghouse (1717-1719). The Meetinghouse is the most conspicuous visual and architectural landmark in the district in addition to being the catalyst of village independence and growth. Built in a typical 18th century meetinghouse design, the building features a 2 and 1/2 story gabled block, sheathed in clapboards, with its gable end to the street. A central tower projects from the front facade, while a two story gabled entrance pavilion is centered on its long east side. Relatively small 12/12 window sash break the broad expanses of walls, enframed by simple architraves with prominent cornice caps. The Meetinghouse was remodelled in the Classical Revival style in 1852-1853, but was restored to its original condition between 1953 and 1956. The early 18th century frame remains intact.

WBB60- First Selectmen's Office (1889). This office stands at another end of the aesthetic spectrum. The essentially one room plan again features a simple rectangular structure, gable end to the street. In this case, however, the building is only 1 and 1/2 stories, and its use of textures and ornament celebrates a more exuberant age. Bands of plain and fancy-cut wood shingles and a decoratively sawn vergeboard (now deteriorated and fallen from the building) enliven the facades. The front features a three bay facade with a single center entry under a deep flat hood; originally, a narrow entablature with sawn brackets supported this lintel shelf. Prominent cornice moldings top original 2/1 windows.

WBB59- West Barnstable Elementary School (1903). This is a small, one story building with a T-shaped plan and clapboarded facades, inspired by the Colonial Revival style. Its broad hip roof bends and extends over the various wings and projections; the simple three room volume is elaborated only by a low dormer centered on the forward-most ell, and by a plain entry porch and vestibule tucked in to the northern corner of the T. Tall 6/6 windows occupy a large proportion of the facades, and a massive corbelled chimney strikes an unusual position perpendicular to the ridge line from which it projects. The general effect is one of appealing, level-headed design.

WBB52- A.D. Makepeace Company Office Building (1905-1907). The most architecturally significant commercial/industrial buildings extant in the district include a vernacular turn-of-the-century office structure and a relatively high style train station. The Makepeace Office building is a very modest 2 and 1/2 story structure, gable parallel to the street, sheathed with clapboards, and extended to the rear by a perpendicular two story ell. The four window bays across the second story of the front facade contain 6/6 sash surrounded by plain architraves. Their rhythm is completely unrelated to the livelier first floor: here, chamfered posts support a shallow hip roofed porch that spans the entire facade; beyond is an asymmetrical composition of typical double hung windows and a Queen Anne style door at the south end, with a second Queen Anne door flanked by 20 pane display windows at the building's north end.

WBB47- West Barnstable Railroad Depot (1910). This is a more pretentious design and equally rare example of its building type; furthermore, it provides an excellent example of the Arts & Crafts/Mission style in Barnstable. The rectangular structure is built of concrete with a slightly projecting base that rises approximately three feet. Punched windows with subtly raised concrete surrounds feature modern 1/1 sash. Overhead, a hip roof covered with Spanish tiles flares out over widely projecting eaves. The track side entrance features a single door with sidelights and transom, while the opposite entrance on the south facade contains double leaf doors with a diamond pane transom. Covered platforms originally

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the depot's roof in 1970 and 1971.

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extended to either side, matching the depot's roof in form and material, and supported by sturdy bracketed posts.

Historical Significance (cont)

newly updated meetinghouse.

As small-scale farming began a gradual decline in the later 19th century, however, and maritime activities drew attention to the town's southern villages, the village of West Barnstable resourcefully rebounded with the development of local industrial manufacture. Hats, chairs, leather, pottery, and especially bricks (from 1878-1919) were among West Barnstable's leading products. Abel Makepeace, one of the prime movers of the brickyard, also revived local agriculture with his highly successful cultivation of multifarious crops, most notably, cranberries; Makepeace's original office building provides a rare symbol of the importance of this industry to the turn-of-the-century West Barnstable and town-wide economy. Also in the late 19th century, Finnish and Portuguese immigrants began to arrive in significance numbers, found work in the new industries.

Other signs of the district's continued vitality are found in the public places of the community. These include the New Otis Hall, 1897 (WBB53), built as a social and political gathering place by village residents (and occupied from the 1930s through the 1960s by the Finnish Congregational Church); the Public Library, 1905 (WBB57), begun and supported by local donors; the West Barnstable Elementary School, 1903 (WBB59), the district's third such structure; the First Selectmen's Office, 1889 (WBB60), which served Barnstable until a new town hall was built in the village of Hyannis in 1926; the Old Village Store, 1880 (WBB50), the most elaborate of the three late 19th century stores remaining in the district; and of course the West Barnstable Railroad Depot, 1910 (WBB47), the third such building on the site and one of the few remaining on the Cape.

Altogether, the West Barnstable Historic District presents a remarkably complete and continuous picture of village life in Barnstable.

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

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Village: Barnstable MA, MRA
West Barnstable

District Name: Meetinghouse Way

Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status
155/43 ✓	.48	2469 Meetinghouse Way	WBRR Depot WBB47	1910	Arts & Crafts	C
155/49	.1	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
155/17 ✓	.3	2455 Meetinghouse Way	Old Village Store WBB50	1880	Vernacular	C
155/38 ✓	.41	2439 Meetinghouse Way	A.D. Makepeace Office WBB52	1905-07	Vernacular	C
155/20 ✓	.45	2429 Meetinghouse Way	Finnish Cong. Church WBB53	1897	Arts & Crafts	C
155/18 ✓	.86	2415 Meetinghouse Way	Zebina H. Jenkins House (barn) C WBB55	1898-1904	Queen Anne	C
155/19 ✓	.58	2401 Meetinghouse Way	Whelden Mem. Library WBB57	1905	Arts & Crafts	C
155/19 ✓	.58	2401 Meetinghouse Way	Veterans Memorial World War I & II WBB907	1946	n/a	NC
155/25 ✓	.57	2506 Meetinghouse Way	Bursley-Parker House (garage) NC WBB44	c. 1860	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/26 ✓	.86	2482 Meetinghouse Way	John W.B. Parker House (barn) C WBB45	c. 1865	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/26	.86	2482 Meetinghouse Way	Seth Parker, Jr. Store & P.O. WBB46	c. 1865-80	Vernacular	C
155/27 ✓	.81	2472 Meetinghouse Way	Shadrack Howland Store (barn) C WBB48	1876	Vernacular	C
155/28 ✓	.6	Meetinghouse Way	Bodfish-Howland House (garage) NC WBB49	c. 1835-42	Federal	C

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West Barnstable

District Name: Meetinghouse Way

Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status
155/29	3.83	2454 Meetinghouse Way	Makepeace Cranberry Industry Complex 5 out-buildings) C	WBB51 1882	Vernacular	C
155/44	.56	2454 Meetinghouse Way	1 house, 1 out-buildings C	WBB51 1882	Vernacular	C
155/30	14.96	2420 Meetinghouse Way	Capt. Josiah Crocker House (garage, shed) NC NC	WBB54 1854	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
155/31	2.19	2412 Meetinghouse Way	Nye House & Parsonage (barn, shed) C NC	WBB56 c. 1820	Federal	C
155/45	1.62	2400 Meetinghouse Way	Rev. Enoch Pratt House & Pars. Garage NC	WBB58 1808	Federal	C
155/46	5.53	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
155-32	33.72 26.57	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
154-2	partial 93.10	Meetinghouse Way	Town Conservation Land	n/a	n/a	C
154-3	2.0	2140 Meetinghouse Way	Crocker-Nye House (barn) C	WBB65 1835-45	Federal	C
154-4	2.64	Meetinghouse Way/ Church	New House	n/a	n/a	NC
154-5	2.6	40 Church	New House	n/a	n/a	NC
154-7	6.22	72 Church	Stephen R. Crocker House (barn, shed) C NC	WBB70 1833	Federal	C

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District Name: Meetinghouse Way

Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status
130-16)	1.5	29 Church	Bridgham Crocker Homestead AK (barn, shed) NC	c. 1832-50	Greek Revival	C
130-17 adj. to)	5.65	2049 Meetinghouse Way	Veterans Monument WBB69 WBB908	1932	n/a	C
130-17)	5.65	2049 Meetinghouse Way	W. Parish Meetinghouse (parish house) NC	B68 1717-19	Georgian	C
130-13)	3.35	46 Cedar Street	Moody Crocker House (barn & shed) C NC	B66 c. 1789-1805	Federal	C
130-14) partial	6.71	2175B Meetinghouse Way	Paine-Black House (shed, greenhouse) NC NC	B64 c. 1780	Georgian	C
130-12)	20.75	2175 Meetinghouse Way	Moses Crocker House (barn) C	B63 c. 1790	Federal	C
154-8	.75	Meetinghouse Way	Vacant			NC
155-1	4.65	2231 Meetinghouse Way	new hse, shed, greenhouse new barn - all NC	N/A		NC
155-47	2.32	2231-57 Meetinghouse Way	Tannery & Fish Hatchery Site	B62		C
155-2)	6.33	2311 Meetinghouse Way	Town Poor Farm Site	B61		C
155-2)	6.33	2311 Meetinghouse Way	First Selectman's Office	B60 1889	QA/Stick	C
155-40)	4.08	2377 " "	W.B. Village School	B59 1903	A/C	C

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**United States Department of the Interior
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**National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Municipal Group Historic District

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12. Old King's Highway Historic District

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13. Pleasant--School Street Historic District

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15. Sandy Neck Cultural Resources District

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16. West Barnstable Village--Meetinghouse Way Historic District

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18. Adams--Crocker--Fish House

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19. Ames, Josiah A., House

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20. Ancient Burying Ground

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

West Barnstable Village-Meeting House Way Historic District

(Barnstable MRA)

Barnstable County

MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. 1/27/87

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/87

Date Due: 11/2/87

Action: ACCEPT 11-10-87

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Political, religious, institutional and economic center of Barnstable Village encompassing rich collection of architecturally and historically important buildings. Initial review comments have been addressed.

Recom./Criteria: Accept A+C

Reviewer: Swasey

Discipline: Architectural History

Date: 11/10/87

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) _____

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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West Barnstable Village H.D.

Meetinghouse Way

Moses Crocker House WBB63



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A.D. Makepeace Co. Office WKB52



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West Barnstable Village H.D.
Meetinghouse Way
Railroad Station WBB47



Barnstable, Mass. MRA WBB

West Barnstable Village H.D.
Meetinghouse Way
New Otis Hall WBB53



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W. Barnstable Village HD WBK
Meetinghouse Way
W. Parish Meetinghouse

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Village Store WBB50 Village



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Meetinghouse Way
Selectmans' Office

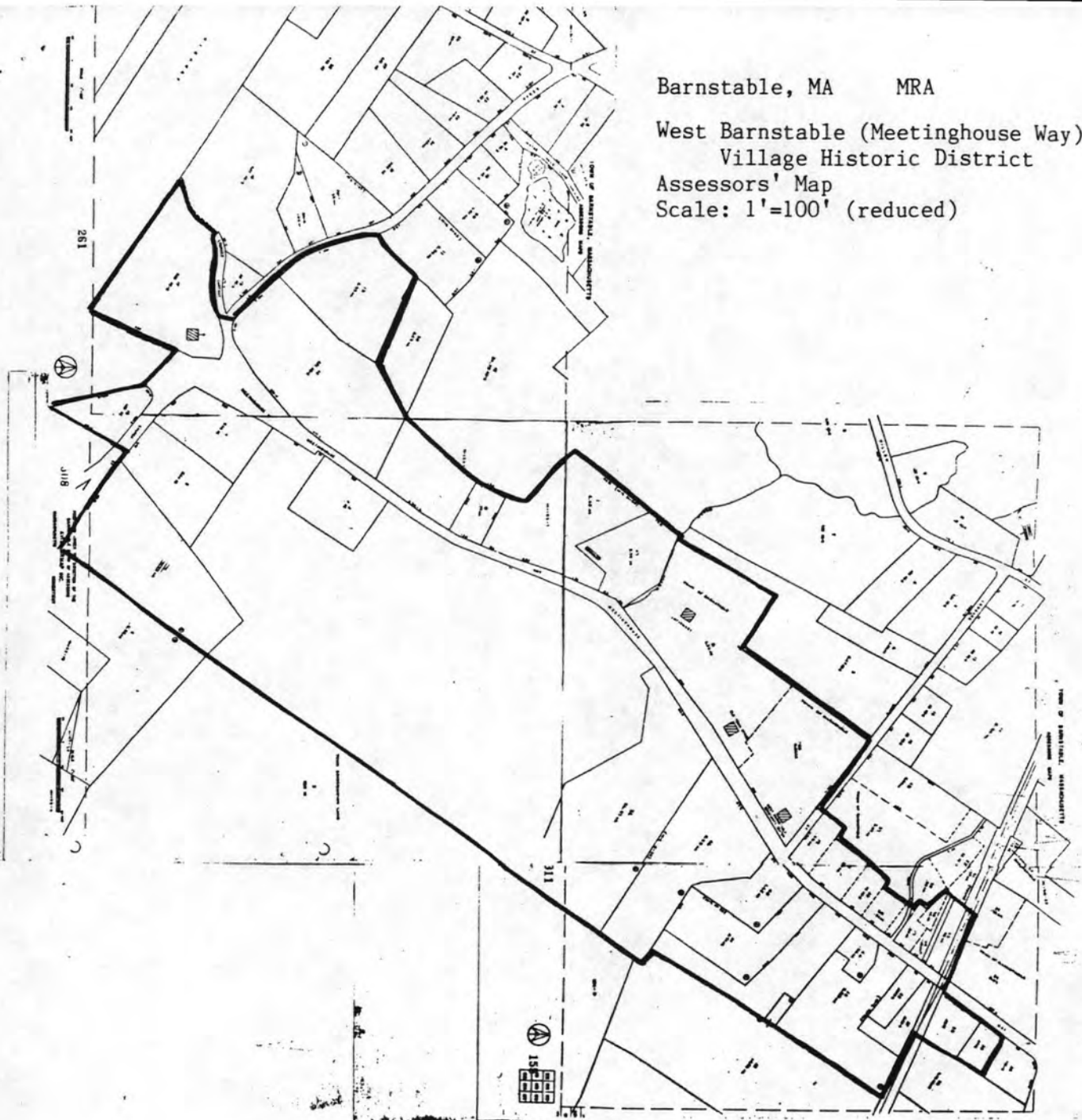
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Barnstable, MA MRA

West Barnstable (Meetinghouse Way)
Village Historic District

Assessors' Map

Scale: 1"=100' (reduced)



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
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