

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
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Roll 10:11A

Town Stoneham
 Address Woodland Road
Metropolitan District
 Historic Name Commission Pumping House
 Present Owner: Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), 20 Somerset St., Boston

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

Use: Present Metropolitan water supply
 Original Metropolitan water supply

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1906 main building (shown)
ca. 1923 addition

Source Town history

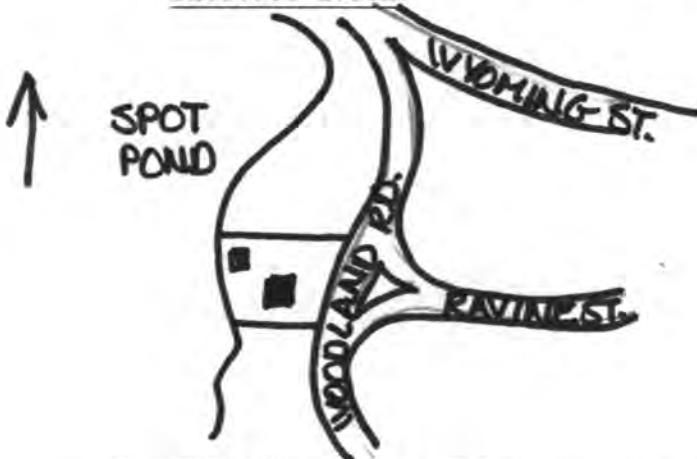
Style Renaissance Revival

Architect Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge

Exterior wall fabric Brick facing with cut stone quoins, arches, and engaged
 Outbuildings Gatehouse column

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979

No assessor's map available

Pumping House
 Major alterations (with dates) lost roof structure and frieze, including windows and stonework, in a fire in ca. 1978. The hipped roof, originally clad in tile, was replaced with the modified structure shown in the photograph.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage One acre or less

Setting Wooded setting within Middlesex Fells Reservation; adjacent to Spot

Pond.

UTM: Boston North Quad
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(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Metropolitan District Commission Pumping House is one of Stoneham's finest public buildings despite a recent fire which resulted in replacement of its original tile roof and upper half story with the present red hipped roof. Constructed in 1906, it is a rectangular plan structure with a 1923 side ell. It was designed by the prominent firm of Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge in the Renaissance Revival style. It is constructed of yellow brick with limestone trim consisting of quoins, large rusticated arched windows, and an arched center entry with a smooth ashlar surround, and flanking paired columns. The station faces east, over a curved drive onto Woodland Road with its back to Spot Pond. This nomination also includes a small, period gatehouse to the rear of the station.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Metropolitan District Commission Pumping House possesses integrity of location, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as a major component of the Metropolitan Water Works system and as a notable example, both for its architecture and engineering, of the work of Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, prominent Boston architects and successor firm to H. H. Richardson. The Metropolitan District Commission Pumping House meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Spot Pond became the Melrose, Malden, and Medford water supply in 1870. The creation of the reservoir depleted nearby mills at Haywardville of water power, and led to the demise of the Rubber Works there. Spot Pond became the focus of a portion of the Middlesex Fells Reservation and subsequently a distributing reservoir for the Greater Boston area. The M.D.C. Pumping Station is situated on the site of the Charles Copeland House, which had considerable outbuildings and property, and was one of the early mansions on the Spot Pond shore.

The design of the Pumping Station reflects the monumental Revival traditions of more urban Boston, rather than the scale (and budget) of local Stoneham buildings of the period. The Firestation, ca. 1916, is the closest local comparison (#45).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Photograph of original building, ca.1910, at S.P.N.E.A. photo archive; illustrated in Stoneham: A Shoe Town, p. 75.

Boundary Description: At present the boundaries are arbitrarily defined as running 25 feet on either side of the pump house (south) and gatehouse (north) from Woodland Road to Spot Pond (see sketch map). This amount of land preserves a sense of the pumping station's original rural setting without impacting the entire acreage currently owned by the MDC as part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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53. Oddfellows Building

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54. Old Burying Ground

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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55. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Paula Ann Dwyer 4/13/84

Attest

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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58. Stoneham Firestation

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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59. Stoneham Public Library

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

60. Tay, Jesse, House

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Delores Byers 4/13/84

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Metropolitan District Commission Pumping
House (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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



Metropolitan District Commission Pumping
Works

Sturhan MRA, Inc

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295