

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY

Oxford Rumford Congress Street
County City/Town Street Address and Number

Name of Building/site: Municipal Building
Common and/or Historic

Approximate Date: 1916 Style: Colonial Revival

Type of Structure:

Residential Commercial Industrial Other Acreage: 1/2

Condition: Good Fair Poor UTM Ref: 19/377160/4933530

Verbal Boundary Descrip: Assessor's Map #4, Lots 1016-1019 and 1082-1085

Surveyor: Frank A. Beard Organization: Me. Hist. Pres. Comm. Date: 7/79

Owner: Town of Rumford; Municipal Building

Congress Street; Rumford, Maine 04276

Description: The Municipal Building is 2½ stories tall with full basement and clock tower. Construction is of brick with granite trim. Neo-classical elements include the denticulated facade portico in the modified Doric Order and the Palladian window with swags above.

Significance: The growth of the Town of Rumford in the early years of the second decade of this century was such that the town meeting outgrew its former location. At the 1915 town meeting an initial \$25,000.00 was appropriated for a new municipal building. Designed by Harry S. Coombs, the impressive Colonial Revival structure was completed the following year at a cost of \$95,000.00. Coombs, of Lewiston, was a leading architect in the state who designed the Veterans Hospital at Togus.

This structure like the others nominated in downtown Rumford reflects the aspirations of a community which viewed the future with abounding confidence.

