

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hydrant No. 3 House

other names/site number Metcalf Pump House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number Washington Street not for publication

city or town Holliston vicinity

state MA code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01746

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

1/4/2000
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ removed from the
National Register
☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Patricia Andrews

Date of Action

3/6/2000

Metcalf Pump House (preferred)
Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/firehouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation fieldstone, brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Metcalf Pump House (preferred)

Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Politics/Government

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1871-1949

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Samuel A. Sanger

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

Metcalf Pump House (preferred)
Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19 298100 4672810
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathleen Kelly Broomer, Preservation Consultant, with Betsy Friedberg, NR Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date January 2000

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Holliston, Massachusetts

street & number 703 Washington Street telephone 508-429-0608

city or town Holliston state MA zip code 01746

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Holliston (Middlesex Co.), Massachusetts

7. Description

Metcalf Pump House, Washington Street, Holliston (ca. 1871, MHC #304) is a wood-frame fire station (engine house) constructed ca. 1871. Washington Street (Route 16) is a heavily traveled regional artery, and the pump house is situated close to the busy intersection with Summer Street (Route 126). The grade of the small property declines sharply from the street, and there is a small gravel driveway at the street edge of the property. The surrounding neighborhood is comprised of various uses, including residential, light industrial, office, and retail buildings. Properties immediately adjacent to the Metcalf Pump House are residential in use.

Encompassing 576 square feet, the Metcalf Pump House is a one-story, gable-front building with rectangular massing, two bays across and two bays deep. A square hose-drying tower with a concave mansard roof rises from the right rear (north) corner. The building rests on piles of fieldstone, though the north corner, directly beneath the hose tower, is supported by a four-foot-square foundation of mortared brick. Metcalf Pump House reportedly was built on the stone piles, rather than on a continuous foundation, so water dripping from the interior of the building could drain through the cracks between the floorboards. The building is sided with six-inch-wide horizontal boards and has an asphalt shingle roof. The fascia and soffit are trimmed with crown molding.

Centered on the façade is a large double barn door for admitting the hand pump (fire engine). This door is constructed of one-by-six-foot beaded boards set in a diagonal chevron pattern and nailed to two-by-four-foot frames. There is a single "gooseneck" light fixture with a metal shade over this doorway. To the right is another entry for foot traffic, containing a five-paneled standard door. There are no other entrances. Each side elevation has two windows and there is a single window opening on the rear elevation. Windows, which currently are boarded over, contain 1/1 wood sash. A historic postcard view indicates these windows may be replacements for original 6/6 sash. Trim on the doors and windows consists of plain six-inch boards.

The building's Italianate-style ornament is concentrated on the hose tower, which is in deteriorated condition. Cornice brackets survive on the tower. The single tower window on the façade has a round-arched window opening that is partly boarded over.

The building interior consists of a single room, the walls and ceiling of which are covered with horizontal, random-width beaded pine board sheathing. Six-inch boards predominate. The floorboards are planks of random width. Interior door and window trim consists of plain pine boards. There is no evidence to suggest that the interior has ever been painted. Four eight-inch-square posts support the hose tower, which is open to the interior of the building. The tower framing is post and beam. Other interior features include four hanging porcelain light fixtures with enameled metal shades.

Left of the double-door entrance to the building is a brass plaque affixed to a small boulder, which reads "Donated to the Holliston Historical Commission by Jacob and Celia Richmond of Longmeadow, MA 1995." Following the town's re-acquisition of the property in 1995, the pump house (except the hose tower) was stained red, and the windows were boarded over for security purposes. The building remains vacant.

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Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are recorded on the property, sites may be present. Environmental characteristics of the property represent several locational criteria (slope, soil drainage, distance to wetlands) that are favorable for many types of prehistoric sites. Although the property declines sharply from the street, soils in the area are generally well drained and Chicken Brook, a tributary stream of the Charles River, lies less than 1000 feet east and south of the property. Six prehistoric sites are also recorded in the general area including several along Chicken Brook south of Washington Street. In general, however, the potential for locating significant archaeological resources, either prehistoric or historic, on the nominated property is low. Historic impacts from construction of the pump house on the relatively small lot (4792 square feet) have probably had a adverse effect on any prehistoric resources that may have been present. Potential historic archaeological resources on the property might include archaeological features associated with construction of the pump house, evidence of utilities and artifacts associated with activities conducted at the house. Most of these resources are of limited research value and marginal importance.

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8. Significance

Metcalf Pump House, Washington Street, Holliston (ca. 1871, MHC #304) is the oldest extant fire house in Holliston and one of only a small number of 19th-century public buildings surviving in the town. Built by local carpenter Samuel A. Sanger, the engine house is typical of 19th-century firehouse design in Holliston. Metcalf Pump House, now vacant, was associated historically with Hydrant No. 3, a 19th-century fire engine that remains in town ownership. Retaining integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, Metcalf Pump House meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places and is significant at the local level.

Holliston is located in the extreme southern end of Middlesex County, on the eastern edge of the Central Upland region of southern New England. The town is situated on a highland area drained by tributary streams that flow southward into the Charles River. Land grants were made in the vicinity as early as 1659, and the area was included in the town of Sherborn, incorporated in 1674. The second division of common lands of Sherborn in 1682 included all the land later known as Holliston, which was incorporated in 1724. The early economy was based on grain production and cattle grazing, and settlement followed the pattern of dispersed farmsteads that characterized the region as a whole in the 18th century. There were five tanneries in the town by ca. 1771, a byproduct of extensive local cattle raising, and shoe manufacturing was introduced in 1793. [Thomas Hollis Historic District National Register nomination]

In the second quarter of the 19th century, Holliston began a shift from a predominantly agrarian economy to one of agriculture and large-scale manufacturing. Boot, shoe, and straw hat production emerged as major sources of employment and economic development. Between the 1830s and the early 1880s, the town's industrial base

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expanded beyond the cottage industries (boots and shoes, straw braid and bonnets) of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Among the other factories present in Holliston during this period were a forge and auger factory, a manufacturer of copper pumps, a manufacturer of woolens, and a waxed paper manufacturer. Improved railroad connections facilitated expansion of the town's industries. In 1847-1848, the Boston & Worcester Railroad (later the Boston & Albany) opened its South Framingham-Milford branch line, establishing stations at East Holliston, Holliston Center, and Metcalf (in the western part of town). Most of the town's ensuing industrial development was located along the path of the railroad. The arrival of the railroad and the growth of local industry generated rapid population growth and a concomitant building boom. The town's population more than doubled between 1800 and 1840 (1,782 persons), and nearly doubled again by 1860 (3,339 persons). [*MHC Reconnaissance Survey Report*]

Establishment of municipal fire protection efforts in Holliston was one result of growth in the town's population and industrial base. In 1832, the town purchased its first fire apparatus, a "bucket tub" or bucket fire engine. Water was poured into the engine from buckets and then directed at the fire. An engine company of twelve was established to man this engine, which was retired at an unknown date, likely by 1846. In 1846, two fire engines were acquired. Excelsior No. 1 was located at Jar Brook in East Holliston, a small industrial center with a railroad station. Neptune No. 2 was located on Washington Street at Chicken Brook in the western half of town (east of the extant Metcalf Pump House).

The companies organized to run the engines were independent private societies initially. [Hulber] Engine Company No. 1, of forty-three men, was based at the engine house constructed in the 1850s in East Holliston. During the 1870s, Steamer Company No. 2 occupied this engine house, which was located on Central Street near Curve Street. The building was destroyed by fire in 1902. [Pinkham and Chamberlain; *Images of America*; 1884 directory] Engine Company No. 2, of thirty-seven men, manned the engine located in the western half of town, at Chicken Brook. The engine is believed to have been housed in a barn originally. The heavily populated town center remained unprotected until May 1858, when Engine Company No. 2 was relocated from the western end of town to a new engine house at the town center. [Pinkham and Chamberlain]

The town established Engine Company No. 3 in 1859, to replace Company No. 2 in the west end. The new company was equipped with the town's original 1832 "bucket tub," apparently brought out of retirement. The inadequacy of the old bucket tub became evident the same year, when Appleton Bragg's Hotel in Braggville burned in a spectacular fire. Braggville, a village in the western part of Holliston on Washington Street near the Milford town line, included three large boot and shoe factories in addition to the hotel. [*Transcript article*] An article on the Town Meeting warrant for March 1860 called for the town's purchase of a more modern Hunneman engine, to be located near Metcalf Station. For reasons now lost to time, the motion was passed over. [Pinkham and Chamberlain]

The events of the Civil War delayed the town's acquisition of a new engine for the Metcalf section of town until 1867. At that time, the town of Holliston purchased the modern Hunneman Company hand tub, designating the

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apparatus Hydrant No. 3. Local tradition holds that the town acquired the engine from a group of Harvard University students, who had used the apparatus to participate in local fire musters. The students reportedly pushed the engine into Boston Harbor following a poor showing in one contest. They subsequently retrieved the engine and sold it to the town of Holliston. [Hulber] Initially Hydrant No. 3 was housed in barns in the western end of town. In about 1871, the town authorized construction of a new engine house, the present Metcalf Pump House, near Metcalf station. [Pinkham and Chamberlain] A company of thirty men was assigned to the engine. [Hulber] By 1880, the size of the company had been reduced to ten men. [1884 directory]

During the year ending February 1, 1872, the town paid Samuel A. Sanger the amount of \$903.90 to build the present engine house. Other payments made by the Fire Department that year, according to the town's *Annual Report*, included one to C. C. Abbott for land for an engine house (\$300), and another to Francis Cutler *et al.* for foundation and grading work (\$397). During 1872-1873, the town authorized payment of an additional \$25 for "finishing number 3." [Pinkham and Chamberlain]

Samuel A. Sanger (born 1825), a carpenter, was a Holliston resident. He was the oldest son of Samuel H. Sanger, a farmer, and Eliza Sanger. His two brothers, Ambrose Sanger and William H. Sanger, also were carpenters. [Massachusetts census] In addition to building the Metcalf Pump House, Samuel Sanger did other carpentry work for the town of Holliston. In 1871-1872, the town paid Sanger for repairs on the East Holliston engine house, then occupied by Engine Company No. 1, as well as repairs to the town's schoolhouses. Sanger also received payment in 1871 to repair bridges in town. [1871-1872 *Annual Report*]

There was a disastrous fire in the town center commercial district in 1875, which consumed twenty-two buildings [Rees] and led to further expansion of Holliston's fire-fighting capabilities. Following the fire, the town acquired a hook and ladder truck as well as a second steam engine. (The town's first steam engine, a Silsby, had been acquired in 1870 and arrived in 1871). By the 1880s, the town of Holliston had four fire-fighting companies. At the town center were Steamer Company No. 1 and Hook and Ladder Company, housed on Central Street near Washington Street. Steamer Company No. 2 was based at East Holliston, on Washington Street near Curve Street. Hydrant Company No. 3 was at the present Metcalf Pump House. [1884 directory]

The town of Holliston phased out its use of the Metcalf Pump House by the turn of the 20th century. The building reportedly was mothballed in 1899. [Images of America; Pinkham and Chamberlain] In his *Annual Report* for the year ending February 1, 1901, the Fire Department chief noted that repairs had been made to the engine house, but the department roster did not show a company assigned to the engine stored there. The other engine houses staffed by the town at that time were occupied by Steamer Company No. 1 and Hook & Ladder Company, both at the town center (building demolished), and Steamer Company No. 2 at East Holliston (building destroyed by fire 1902). After about 1907, the Metcalf Pump House (Hydrant No. 3) is mentioned only sporadically in the annual reports of the Fire Department.

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Metcalf Pump House is the only 19th-century firehouse remaining in Holliston. The wood-frame building is typical of other engine houses built in Holliston during the third quarter of the 19th century. Each of the one-story buildings had an important character-defining feature, the tall square tower at the rear, for hanging, draining, and drying leather hoses, which rotted if not properly cared for. It is hard to tell where or when the idea of hanging hose vertically originated, though towers were being constructed on new fire stations by the 1850s. [Zurier, p. 65] In addition to serving a functional purpose, the tower quickly became a vehicle for architectural expression. The towered East Holliston engine house (burned 1902) was a front-gabled building that also featured a false front at the façade. The Central Street engine house at the town center (demolished) had bracketed eaves and a tower with a concave mansard roof, similar to the tower at the Metcalf Pump House. [Historic photographs in *Images of America*] Today, the Fire Department operates out of the Central Fire Station, Central Street (1930, MHC #161); Gates/East Holliston Station, Washington Street (1945); and McCormick Station, South Street (1954). The Fire Department also uses the so-called Foundry Building on Central Street for additional office space and storage.

A majority of Holliston's surviving historic municipal buildings date to the first half of the 20th century. Metcalf Pump House is one of only two 19th-century municipal buildings identified in the town to date. The other is Town Hall, 703 Washington Street (1855, MHC #28, Edwin Payson, architect and builder). Town Hall, the Metcalf Pump House, and the old Central Street engine house (demolished, see above) all demonstrate the popularity of the Italianate style of architecture in Holliston's municipal buildings constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century.

In 1950, members of the Fire Department restored the Hydrant No. 3 fire engine. The apparatus remains in town ownership and currently is in storage. [Pinkham and Chamberlain] Metcalf Pump House was sold in 1954 to a local resident, who used the building for storage. The former engine house was allowed to deteriorate until 1995, when Springfield attorney Jacob Richmond, an heir of the original purchaser, donated the building and land to the town of Holliston. The pump house, which remains vacant, has been maintained with volunteer labor. The building is now under the jurisdiction of the town's Board of Selectmen. One reuse proposal involves creation of a museum devoted to the history of the Holliston Fire Department.

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**Metcalf Pump House
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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the accompanying detail of the town of Holliston's assessors' map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel that has been associated historically with the pump house.

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Photographs

Photographer: Kathleen Kelly Broomer, July 1999

Negatives on file with: Holliston Historical Commission

1. View looking north (note hose tower at rear of roof)
2. Rear elevation, view east, with hose tower
3. View south showing brick foundation beneath hose tower and stone pilings elsewhere on foundation.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hydrant No. 3 House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/21/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/02/00
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/18/00 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/07/00
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 00000113

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Historically and architecturally significant
19th century firehouse*

RECOM./CRITERIA accept A&C

REVIEWER Patricia Andrews

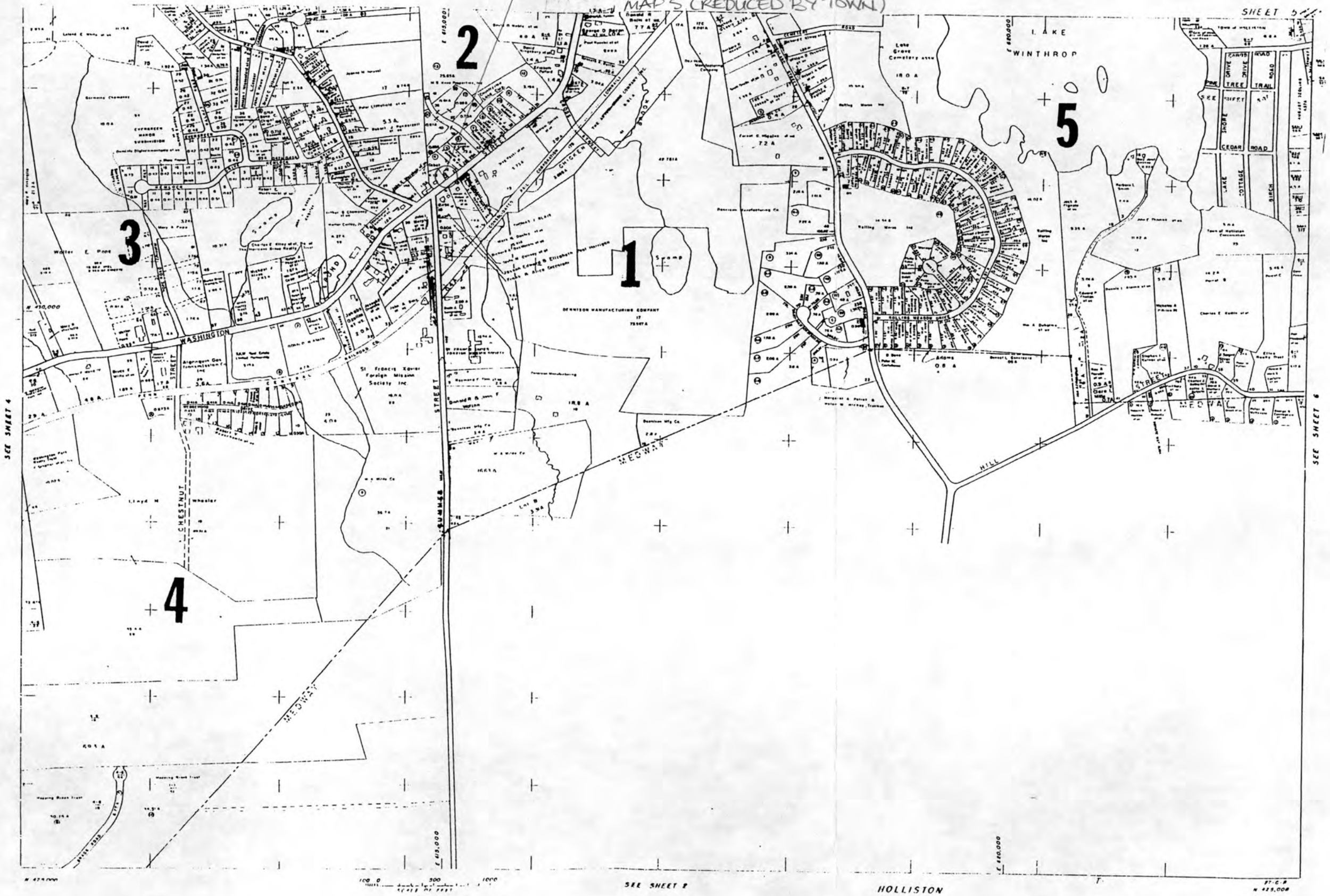
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TELEPHONE _____

DATE 3/6/00

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

METCALF PUMP HOUSE
WASHINGTON STREET, HOLLISTON
TOWN OF HOLLISTON ASSESSORS' MAP
MAP 5 (REDUCED BY TOWN)



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Metcalf Pump House
Washington Street
Holliston, MA

Photo: July 1999 (K.K. Broome)

Neg: Holliston Historical Commission

View N (note hose tower at rear of roof)

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Metcalf Pump House
Washington Street
Holliston, MA

Photo: July 1999 (K.K. Broomer)

Neg: Holliston Historical Commission

Rear elevation, view E, with hose tower

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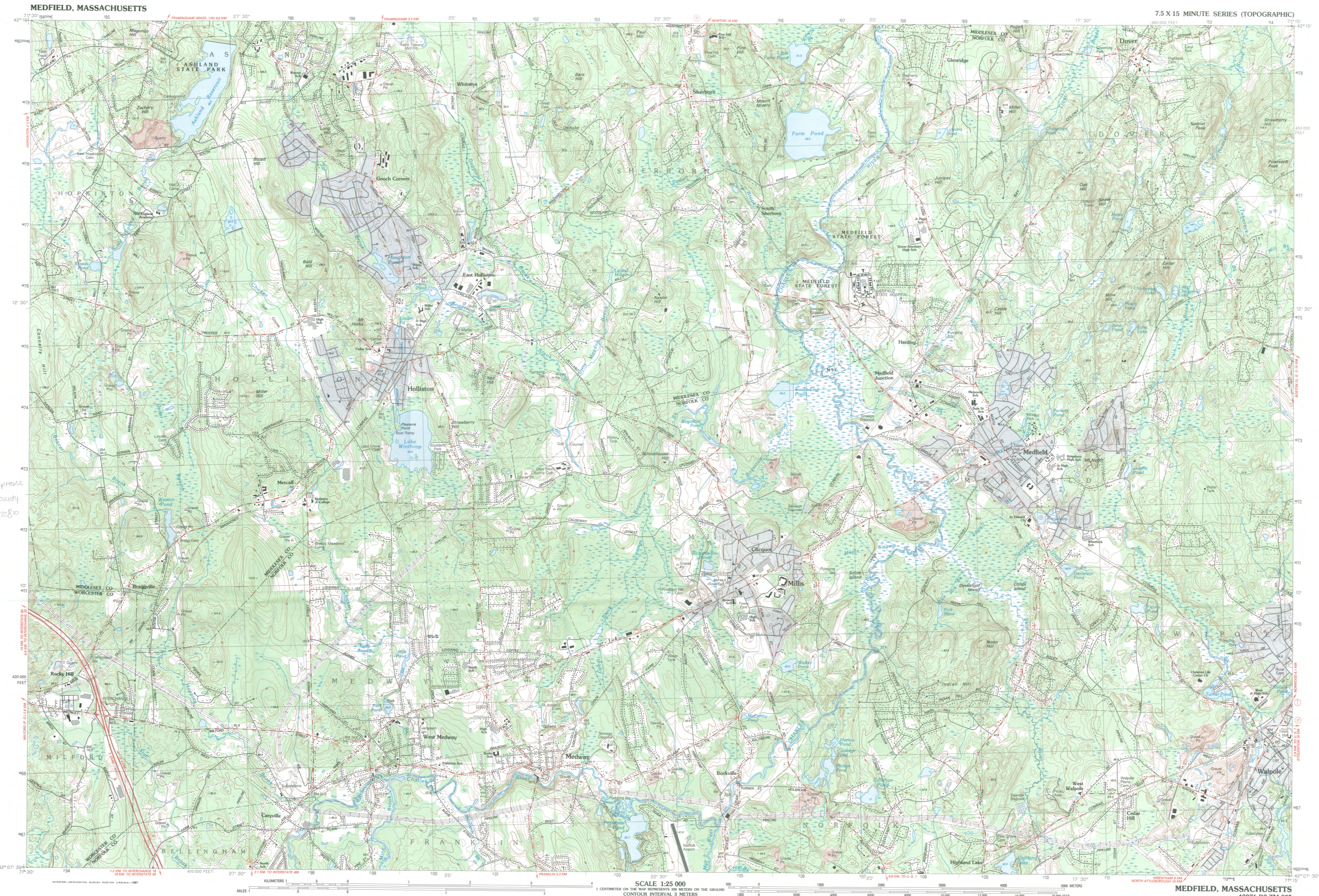
Metcalf Pump House
Washington Street
Holliston, MA

Photo: July 1999 (K.K. Broomer)

Neg: Holliston Historical Commission

View S showing brick foundation beneath hose tower
and stone pilings elsewhere on foundation

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Medfield Pump House
Holliston Middlesex County
Mass.

Medfield

MASSACHUSETTS

1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1987

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies
Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1981. Field checked 1981 and 1982. Map edited 1987
Supersedes Holliston 1969 and Medfield 1970
1:25,000-scale maps
Projection and 1000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 19
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, maintained zone 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 41 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
CONTOUR ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM	ADJOINING MAPS		
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Topographic Map Symbols

Symbol	Description
Primary highway, hard surface	Double line with center dashed line
Secondary highway, hard surface	Double line with center dashed line, thinner
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	Single line with center dashed line
Unimproved road, trail	Single line with cross-ticks
Route marker: Interstate, U. S., State	Shield with number
Railroad: standard gauge, narrow gauge	Line with cross-ticks, different patterns
Footbridge, overpass, underpass	Line with bridge symbol
Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	Shaded area with building symbols
House, barn, church, school, large structure	Specific building symbols
Boundary	Dashed line with different patterns
National, with monument	Line with star symbol
State	Line with star symbol, different
County, parish	Line with star symbol, different
Civil township, precinct, district	Line with star symbol, different
Incorporated city, village, town	Line with star symbol, different
National or State reservation: small park	Line with star symbol, different
Land grant with monument: round section corner	Circle with cross
U. S. public lands survey: range, township, section	Grid lines with numbers
Range, township, section line: location approximate	Dashed line with numbers
Fence or field line	Line with cross-ticks, different
Power transmission line, located tower	Line with tower symbol
Dam, dam with lock	Line with dam symbol
Cemetery: grave	Circle with cross
Campground: picnic area, U. S. location monument	Circle with star
Windmill, water well, spring	Circle with cross, different
Mine shaft, prospect, adit or ore	Circle with cross, different
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	Circle with cross, different
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	Lines with different patterns and elevations
Distorted surface: strip mine, lava, sand	Shaded area with different patterns
Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate	Lines with different patterns, blue
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	Blue lines with different patterns
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	Blue lines with different patterns
Submerged marsh, marsh, swamp	Blue lines with different patterns
Land subject to controlled inundation: woodlands	Blue lines with different patterns
Scrub, mangrove	Blue lines with different patterns
Orchard; vineyard	Blue lines with different patterns

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request

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April 6, 1999

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Dear Ms. Friedberg:

I am pleased to report to you that the Holliston Board of Selectmen voted on March 22, 1999 to endorse the request of the Holliston Historical Commission that the Metcalf Pump House be recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Holliston Historical Commission was successful in obtaining the building and surrounding land as a donation to the Town and they have utilized the efforts of volunteers to maintain the building. We are pleased that they have taken the initiative to seek the listing on the National Register.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or if you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Le Beau
Town Administrator

PDL/pc

xc: Holliston Historical Commission

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 11, 2000

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Metcalf Pump House, Washington Street, Holliston (Middlesex Co.), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owner of the property was notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and was afforded the opportunity to comment.

A letter of support from the Holliston Board of Selectmen has been received, and is included with the nomination.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Jacqueline Sullivan, Holliston Historical Commission
Mary Greendale, Holliston Board of Selectmen
Tina Pierdinock, Holliston Planning Department
Kathleen Kelly Broomer, Preservation Consultant