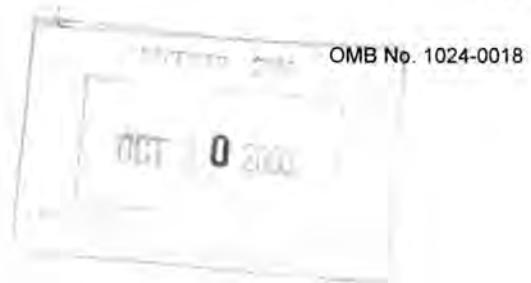


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Ann's Diner

other names/site number Pat's Diner (preferred); Norm's Place; Worcester Lunch Car Company Diner #824 (The Diners of Massachusetts MPS)

2. Location

street & number 11 Bridge Road (U. S. Route 1) n/a not for publication

city or town Salisbury n/a vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Essex code 009 zip code 01950

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.)

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director 10/27/03
Signature of certifying official/Title Gara H. Metz, Executive Director Date
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

12/10/03

Pat's Diner
Name of Property

Essex 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	
1	0	building
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Twentieth-Century Commercial Architecture:

The Diners of Massachusetts

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: New England Barrel Roof Diner

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls vertical boards

porcelain enamel

roof rubber membrane

other

Narrative Description

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

Pat's Diner
Name of Property

Essex 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.)

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

1950-1951

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Worcester Lunch Car Company

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository: _____

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The Diners of Massachusetts MPS
Pat's Diner
Salisbury (Essex Co.), MA

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7. Description

Pat's Diner (formerly known as Ann's Diner), 9 Bridge Road, Salisbury (1950) was custom-built by the Worcester Lunch Car Company as diner #824. Located on U. S. Route 1, the diner is situated immediately east of the town common at Salisbury Square, the town center. The diner is set back from the street with parking in the front (west side).

From the exterior, the diner retains the traditional barrel-roofed form for which the Worcester Lunch Car Company was best known. Pat's Diner is nine bays across and three bays deep on a concrete foundation, with a rubber membrane barrel roof. Original exterior cladding consisted of light blue porcelain enamel panels that read *ANN'S DINER*. New red porcelain enamel panels, bearing the name *PAT'S DINER* are currently in place. Window jambs retain the original pale yellow porcelain enamel cladding.

Originally, the factory-built diner apparently had two entries, one at the northern end (now occupied by heating and ventilating equipment on the exterior) and the other at the southern end. The southern entry retains the original steel door with sunburst motif. Both of the end entries have integral porches (*i.e.*, beneath the overhang of the barrel roof). There is a later, off-center, boxed bay entrance on the façade, containing a standard swinging door with multi-pane glazing. Window openings contain single-hung steel sash in wood surrounds.

Spanning the rear wall of the factory-built diner is a one-story, wood-frame, side-gable kitchen block. It has a concrete foundation, wood siding, and an asphalt shingle roof. This rear block, which also contains restrooms, is a typical feature of post-World War II diners, and its presence does not compromise the integrity of the prefabricated section. In contrast to the typical flat-roofed, concrete block construction of rear blocks on other post-World War II diners in Massachusetts, the gabled wood-frame construction seen at the rear of this diner is a design solution with a regional flavor.

Pat's Diner is highly unusual in Massachusetts for its plan. The southern two-thirds of the diner (the six right bays when viewed from the street) consists of the standard interior configuration with a counter and back bar, fourteen counter stools, and, lining the front (west) wall, four booths. At the northern end of the diner (the three left bays) is a dining room, separated from the counter area by wood and glass pocket doors. The dining room has six booths total along the front and back walls. There is a cashier's station at the off-center entry, across from the counter. Doorways to the kitchen and the restrooms are paired on the back wall of the prefabricated diner, between the northern end of the counter and the dining room.

The diner is remarkably well preserved on the interior. The prevalent color scheme is light blue and pale yellow. The barrel ceiling has a laminate finish with steel braces. Interior walls in the seating areas are finished in tile below the windows, with wood above the windows and in the diner's narrow ends. The patterned tile floor is two shades of blue. The marble counter has a tiled apron with steel accents, a tiled footrest, and steel stools painted black with black upholstered seats. Booths throughout the diner are constructed of wood and are vinyl upholstered in the back insets and seats. Tables in the booths are wood with laminate tops trimmed in steel. In the back bar area, the walls are tiled, the steel hood over the back bar has a sunburst motif, and there are enameled iceboxes with wooden cabinets above.

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Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American resources are recorded on the diner property, it is possible that sites are present. Three ancient sites are recorded in the general area (within one mile). Environmental characteristics of the property represent locational criteria (slope, soil drainage, distance to wetlands) that indicate the presence of Native sites. The diner is located on a well drained, level to moderately sloping glacial outwash plain in close proximity to wetlands. Estuarine wetlands associated with the Merrimack River and North Coastal drainage are located within 1,000 feet of the diner property to the southwest and northeast respectively. The presence of floral and faunal resources associated with both marine- and terrestrial-related ecosystems would have made this area an attractive location for Native American subsistence and settlement activities. Given the above information, the size of the parcel (3.5 acres) and the availability of open space, a high potential exists for locating ancient Native American resources on the diner property.

A low potential exists for locating significant historic archaeological resources on the nominated property. Historic period land use that predates the diner has not been identified for the property. Agricultural land use is expected for the area but has yet to be demonstrated. Any historic period resources that may have been located in the vicinity of the diner have been impacted by construction of the diner and its related utilities.

(end)

8. Statement of Significance

Pat's Diner (formerly known as Ann's Diner), Salisbury (1950) is highly significant in Massachusetts as a custom-built diner that combines the traditional barrel-roof diner floor plan with a separate dining room. Manufactured by the Worcester Lunch Car Company, the diner is an early example in Massachusetts of a post-World War II trend in the diner industry toward creating a restaurant ambience. While Pat's Diner is one of two factory-built diners surviving in Salisbury, the other diner was not moved to the town until 1970. In view of this diner's architectural significance not only for its plan but the preservation of its interior finishes, the temporary plywood cladding on the exterior, as a reversible alteration, does not compromise the diner's historic integrity to any great degree. Retaining integrity of location, design, setting, materials (mostly on the interior), workmanship, feeling, and association, Pat's Diner meets Criteria A and C of the National Register at the local and state levels.

The present diner, installed in the spring of 1950 just outside Salisbury Square, is the second diner in Salisbury historically associated with the diner business of James H. Evans and his wife, Ann Evans. In 1948, the Evanses opened the first Ann's Diner, a monitor-roof diner with black porcelain enamel panels that was formerly known as the Arlington Diner in Haverhill. The Evanses moved the diner to Salisbury in the fall of 1948 and opened for business on January 17, 1949. The first diner was so successful that, to meet increased demand, they soon upgraded to a custom Worcester lunch car with a separate dining room. The second diner, now the present diner on the site, opened for business in April 1950. Historic photographs showing the original and present diners are displayed in the dining room of the diner today.

James and Ann Evans operated Ann's Diner together until 1955, at which point Ann Evans took over as sole proprietor

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until 1960. Subsequent owners over the next twenty or more years included George Fowler Jr. (from 1960 to 1970), Freddie Leboeuf (from 1970 to 1976), and Norman Brocklebam (from 1976 to 1987), under whose ownership the operation was known as Norm's Place. A wooden wall sign for Norm's Place is displayed in the diner today. The diner was operated by Chris and Linda Poulin from 1987 to 1993, Luke Martel from 1993 to September 1995, and Marsha Mooers from October 1995 until about January 1997, when the diner was closed. In 1999, Pat Poulakos Archambault acquired the diner, which underwent some renovations in the summer of 1999 and reopened as Pat's Diner in August of that year.

Pat's Diner is very similar in its interior detailing to Wilson's Diner, 507 Main Street, Waltham (1949, NR 1999). Wilson's was diner #819 manufactured by the Worcester Lunch Car Company, one year before this diner. Like Wilson's, this diner is one of the later examples of a Worcester lunch car in Massachusetts, and suggests a desire on the part of the Evanses for the traditional diner form to house the business. However, the separate, and original, dining room at the Salisbury diner is highly unusual for Massachusetts diners and therefore makes this resource one of the most significant diners in the state.

With its original separate dining room, Pat's Diner is an early Massachusetts example of a post-World War II trend in the diner industry toward creating a restaurant ambience. After the war, diners began to promote themselves as places for a leisurely family meal. In the 1960s, this trend crystallized as the industry also sought to distinguish itself from the new fast food chains, which offered standardized quick meals at low prices.

Pat's Diner is one of two prefabricated diners in Salisbury. The other is the Fish Tale Diner (1940, Worcester Lunch Car Company), located east of Bridge Street at Ring's Island overlooking the Merrimack River. This diner, formerly part of the chain of Agawam Diners, was moved in 1947 from Ipswich to Rowley and moved again in 1970 to Salisbury.

Archaeological Significance

Since patterns of ancient Native American settlement in Salisbury are poorly understood, any surviving sites could be significant. While the Merrimack River drainage contains many communities with relatively high numbers of sites, site frequencies in Salisbury are conspicuously low. Underreporting is probably the single most important factor in the low number of ancient sites in the town. Native sites in the vicinity of the diner can help alleviate underreporting as a problem in our understanding of ancient settlement in this area. Native sites in the vicinity of the diner may contribute important information that identifies how Native Americans adapted their subsistence and settlement systems to the rich environment of the Merrimack River estuary. Important information may also exist that documents how adaptation changed through time as sea level rose and the area changed from an inland riverine environment to a coastal environment. Information may exist that identifies the importance of the Merrimack River as a transportation corridor for material goods and ideas between sites located at the confluence of the Merrimack River and the coast and more inland locations.

(end)

Essex County, Massachusetts
County and State

Acreage of Property 3.5 acres

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

3 Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing
— See continuation sheet

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

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

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

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date October, 2003

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

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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.

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

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

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

name Patricia P. Archambault

street & number 11 Bridge Road telephone 978-465-3060

city or town Salisbury state MA zip code 01952

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gutman, Richard J. S. *American Diner Then and Now*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1993.
Interview with diner historian Richard Gutman (see also below), November 23, 1998.
Menu for Pat's Diner (historical data) and interview with Pat Archambault, August 28, 1999.

(end)

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the accompanying detail of the Town of Salisbury assessors' map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel that has been historically associated with the diner.

(end)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ann's Diner
NAME:

MULTIPLE Diners of Massachusetts MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 10/30/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/19/03
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/05/03 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/14/03
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 03001264

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 12/18/03 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



Diners of Mass. MPS

Pat's Diner (formerly Ann's Diner)

9 Bridge Road

Salisbury, Essex County, Mass.

KK Broomer

Neg: MHC

September 2001

Photo 1 of 2



Diners of Mass. MPS

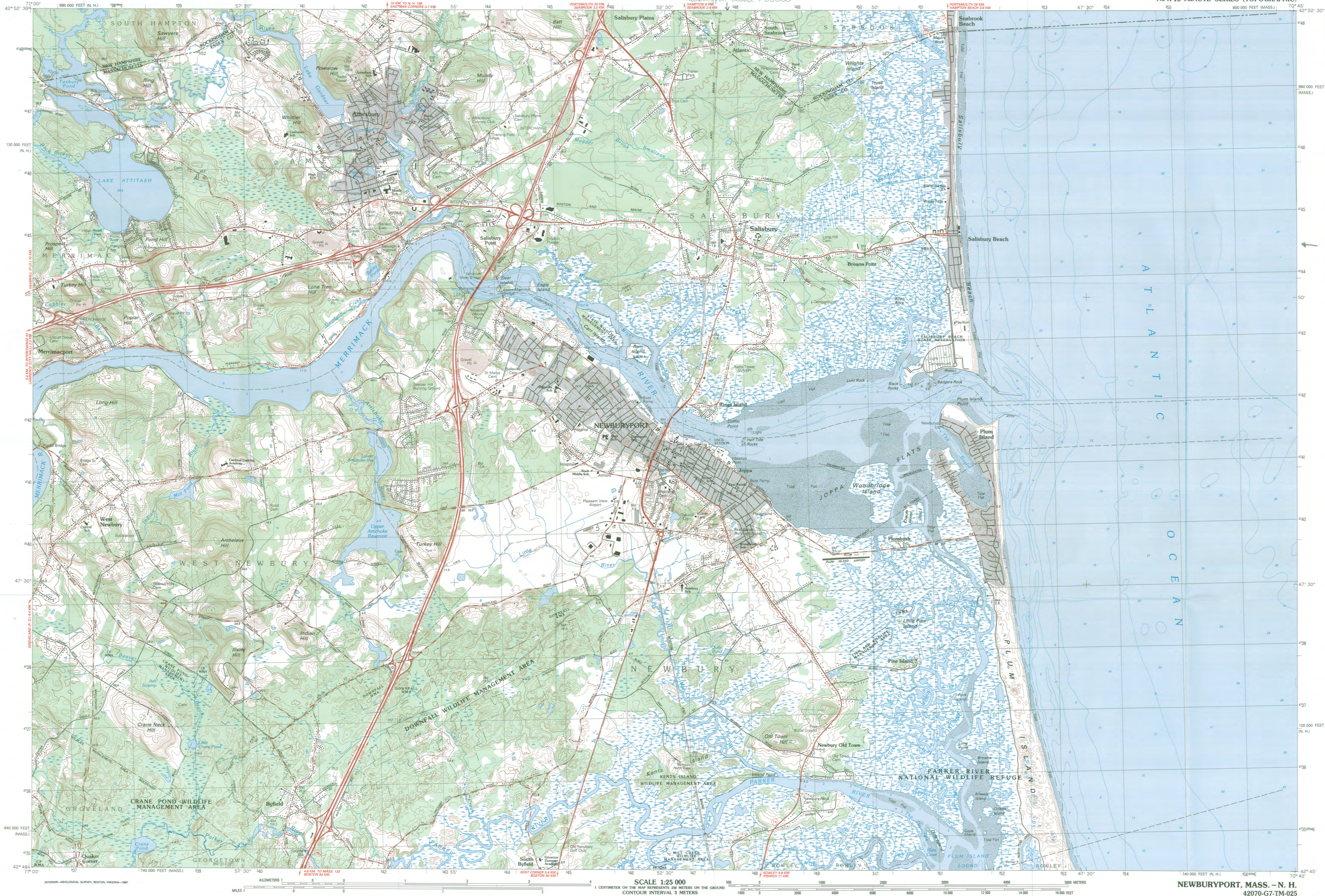
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Photo 2 of 2



Newburyport

MASSACHUSETTS-
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

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- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

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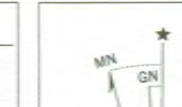
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Topographic Map Symbols

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Bridge: drawbridge	
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Building area: only selected landmark buildings shown	
House: barn; church; school; large structure	
Boundary:	
National, with monument	
State	
County, parish	
Civil township, precinct, district	
Incorporated city, village, town	
National or State reservation, small park	
Land grant with monument; found section corner	
U. S. public lands survey; range, township; section	
Range, township; section line: location approximate	
Fence or field line	
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Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	
Land subject to controlled inundation; woodland	
Drain; mangrove	
Orchard; vineyard	

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission



October 29, 2003

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Pat's Diner, 11 Bridge Street, Salisbury (Essex), MA
(The Diners of Massachusetts MPS)

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

cc: Kathleen Kelly Broomer, consultant
Carolyn Sargent, Salisbury Historical Commission
Patricia Archambault
Lisa Pearson, Planning Office
Ed Hunt, Board of Selectmen