

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO. 73/316-1
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Brookline MRA

Address 237 Cypress Street

Historic Name Town Stable

Use: Present Town garage

Original Town Stable/Barn

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1874; 1898

Source Town Reports

Style Gothic Revival; Georgian Revival

Architect Charles Kirby; Peabody&Stearns

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings sheds

Major alterations (with dates) additions-1898-to existing stable; sheds; 1955-interior alterations; 1963-renovation; 1937-new building

Moved no Date NA

Approx. acreage 1 1/2 acres

Setting At corner of Cypress and Kendall Streets, fronting small commercial area and abutting densely populated residential area.

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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 C. Benka and G. Hardwicke

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date Jan, 1985

Boston South Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/324970/4689960
Map #: 14

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

The town stable complex is one of the older publicly owned and operated buildings in the town. Its oldest portion was built in 1874 in a variation of the Gothic Revival style. Evidence can be seen in the vertical boarding of the upper story and the treatment of the dormer on the west facade. The massive brick chimney and decorative cupola/ventilator should also be noticed. Originally the north, south, and west facades were symmetrical. On the lower stories of the south and west facades, 2/2 windows with brick arched windowheads, drip moldings, and granite sills flank a central doorway. On the upper stories, 2/2 windows are placed on either side

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

In 1873 the Superintendent of Streets requested an appropriation to construct a barn and shed large enough for twenty horses and "storage for one year's worth of hay." At both the May 1 and July 24 Town Meetings of that year, the Selectmen were authorized to buy land on Cypress Street from the heirs of Moses B. Williams on which to build the new facilities. The parcel of land totalled 94,000 sq.ft; \$22,326.99 was authorized for its purchase. Charles Kirby of Boston was hired as the architect of the structure; Horace James (at the time a Selectman) and Burton W. Neal were selected as the contractors.

Twenty five years later Peabody and Stearns were selected to remodel and add on to the original stable and to construct additional sheds along Cypress Street. Plans called for building the addition on the westerly side of the the old stable, but due to opposition from owners of adjoining property, it was decided to build on the easterly side.

The old stable was altered into the carriage room, carriage wash, superintendent's office, a harness room, and a lunch and coat room for employees. The former hayloft was converted into storage space for carriages, pungs, and harnesses not in use. The basement contained the manure pit. Within the new stable was a coal bin, water boiler and storage space in the basement; 28 single stalls and two box stalls on the first floor; and storage for grain, hay, and straw in the loft. Newly constructed sheds were used for equipment storage. According to the 1898 Town Report, the side walls

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

- 1874 Town Report, p.4, 42
- 1898 alteration permit and plans
- 1898 Town Report-, p.129-130

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Form No:

BROOKLINE

73/316-1

Property Name: Town Barn-237 Cypress S

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

7. Architectural significance

of the loft entrance. The west facade had pairs of small windows on the upper floor with double doors beneath. Windows were added on to all three facades in 1898, along with paneled doors topped by glass transoms. The east facade was absorbed by the newly constructed (1898) addition.

Peabody and Stearns designed a larger (98 feet by 43 feet) brick structure with a gambrel roof on the north facade and mansard roof on the south in 1898. Georgian Revival-type detailing included semi-circular windows; dentil moldings, a central pedimented gable with returns, flat window caps with flared ends and a center keystone, and symmetrical facades. The replacement paneled doors on the older portion of the stable also reflected the influence of the Revival style.

Some modifications have taken place, with windows being replaced by a door, small windows converted into vents, and large, multi-pane windows constructed on the upper stories. Most noticeable has been the removal of the original doors at the basement level and the enlargement of opening to accomodate motor vehicles. On the south facade of the 1874 building asphalt shingles have replaced vertical boarding while the east facade basement level windows have been bordered up. The slate roof, brick window arches, granite sills, elaborate ventilator as well as carriage hoists and hay beams remain.

Other buildings in the complex include two sets of sheds, one of wood dating from 1874 and the other of brick built in 1898. The former is two stories high with gable roof, clapboard siding on the second floor, windows tucked under the eaves, and diagonally placed boarding on the first floor. The former "blacksmith" shop is a two story building with an asphalt roof (hip), large chimney and 12/6 windows. There is a popular account that this building was the old Sewall School (1880), but there is no written documentation to substantiate this theory. The exterior of this structure is sided with sawtooth and fish scale shingles.

Finally there is a small one story building with a brick front and flat roof. It was built in 1937 and was designed by Strickland and Strickland of Boston.

8. Historical significance

above the second floor of the older building were taken down and relaid, while three trusses were put in to carry the roof which was originally of very light construction. The report also noted that the stall floor drained into the sewer in Cypress Street; the carriage and harness rooms drained into the brook which ran through the yard.

The 1870s marked a period of growth for the Town. Public services were expanded with a public water supply system completed by 1875 and land purchased for public recreational use in 1871 (Cypress Street playground). Numerous public buildings were also constructed during this decade: the first Lawrence

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School (1874); the first fire station at the intersection of High and Washington Streets (1871); the fourth Town Hall (1873); and the conversion of the "old" Town Hall into a police station (1874). The desire to consolidate scattered facilities in one place with the construction of a Town Stable reflected an emerging sense of municipal responsibility on the part of Brookline's Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting.

237 Cypress Street, the original Town stable, meets NR criteria A and C, representing the Town's emerging sense of municipal responsibility which begins to rapidly develop after the Civil War, and retaining much of the original architectural details of the Kirby building as well as the later additions by Peabody and Stearns.

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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 Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Saint Paul's Church, Chapel,
and Parish House

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National Register Keeper

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72. Saint Paul's Rectory

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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73. Sargent's Pond

Entered in the
National Register ^{for} Keeper

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74. Second Unitarian Church

Entered in the
National Register ^{for} Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

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75. Spurr, Eliphalet, House

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76. Standish, James H., House

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77. Strathmore Road Historic
District

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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78. Toussaint, Winand, House

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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79. Town Stable

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80. Tuckerman, William F.,
House

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest



NO
TRESPASSING
EXCEPT BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY

Town Stable

237 Cypress St
Brookline (Ma) MA



Town stable

237 Cypress st

Brookline (MA) NRA



Town Stables + old wood building
(old Sewall school?)

Cypress st.

April, 1983

Brookline (Ma) MRA



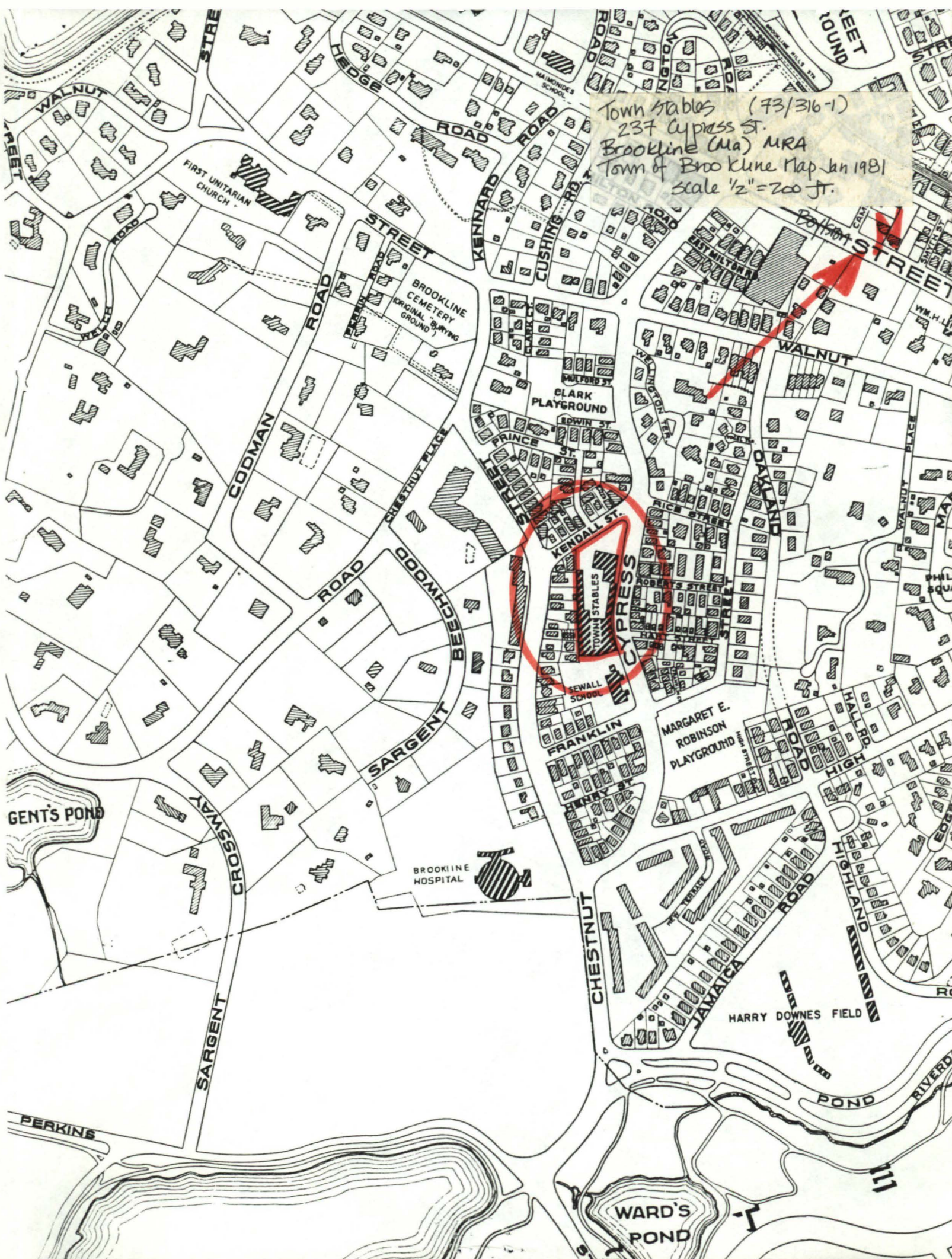
Town stables

237 cypress st.

April, 1983

Brookline (Ma) MRA

Town stables (73/316-1)
237 Cypress St.
Brookline (Ma) MRA
Town of Brookline Map Jan 1981
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.



FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

BROOKLINE CEMETERY
ORIGINAL BURYING GROUND

CLARK PLAYGROUND

MARGARET E. ROBINSON PLAYGROUND

BROOKLINE HOSPITAL

HARRY DOWNES FIELD

WARD'S POND

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2013

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Town Stable
NAME:

MULTIPLE Brookline MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 85003320

NOMINATOR: STATE

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 2-25-13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

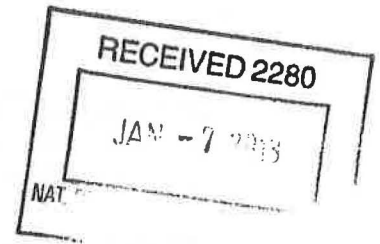
RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER E Beall DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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

December 26, 2012

Mr. J. Paul Loether
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Address changes for properties listed on the NRHP

As we digitize our inventory of historic resources, we are discovering discrepancies in property addresses due to renumbering, changing the address to a side street that abuts the parcel, or assigning a precise addresses where none had existed. In some cases, property owners have notified us of an incorrect address. We are, therefore, writing to request technical corrections in the National Register records for the following:

Bedford (Middlesex County)

Page, Christopher House, First Period Buildings of E. Mass NRTRA/IND—new address is 2 Meyers Lane (formerly 50 Old Billerica Road)

Brewster (Barnstable County)

Old Higgins Farm Windmill, NRIND 6/10/1975—new address is 51 Drummer Boy Road (formerly, off Lower Road)

Brookline (Norfolk County)

Brookline Town Stable, Brookline MRA 10/17/1985—new address is 235 Cypress Street (formerly 237)

Orrock, Rev. John House, Brookline MRA/IND 10/17/1985—new address is 64 Winchester Street (formerly 68)

Haverhill (Essex County)

John Greenleaf Whittier Homestead, NRIND 7/30/1975—correct address is 305 Whittier Road (had been incorrectly reported as 105 Whittier Road)

Oak Bluffs (Dukes County)

Dr. Harrison A. Tucker Cottage, NRIND 10/22/1990—new address is 61 Ocean Avenue (formerly 61 Circuit Avenue)

Wellesley (Norfolk County)

Eaton Moulton Mill, NRIND 5/13/76—new address is 35 Walnut Street (formerly 37)

Westborough (Worcester County)

Fisher, Nathan A. House, NRIND 3/25/1980, NRDIS/MPS 7/25/1994—new address is 34 West Main Street (formerly Turnpike Road) 80001679

Maples Cottage, NRIND 3/25/1980, NRDIS/MPS 7/25/1994—new address is 155 Oak Street (formerly Oak Street) 80001681

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Town Stable (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85

Action: ACCEPT 10-17-85

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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

Rowan School (Brookline, MA)
Norfolk County
MA 01970

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: _____



TOWN of BROOKLINE

Massachusetts

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

July 8, 1985

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Executive Secretary

Ms. Valerie A. Talmage
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Talmage:

I am writing on behalf of the Brookline Board of Selectmen in connection with your meeting on Wednesday, July 10 at which the Brookline Multiple Resource Area will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The Selectmen have been and continue to be strongly supportive of the Brookline Historical Commission's efforts to promote preservation of historical properties in the town. The Board supports the current Multiple Resources Area nomination to the National Register of Historic Places submitted to the state by the Historical Commission. This nomination should, in general, assist the town's efforts to preserve, and restore where possible, the historic and architectural heritage of the town.

However, the Selectmen are seriously concerned with the proposed inclusion of the town garage on Cypress Street, commonly referred to as the Town Barn. The present facilities of the town's Highway and Sanitation Division of DPW are not merely outmoded and inefficient, but constitute a serious hazard to the Division and its employees, the neighborhood, and the town as a whole. Included in the town's capital improvements program for many years, there now appears to be general recognition of the seriousness of the problem and a will in the community to resolve it.

In the Board's view, the nomination of the Town Barn may create obstacles for this critical project and appears to prejudice the potential alternatives. While the Selectmen would support, as part of the required feasibility study, consideration of a

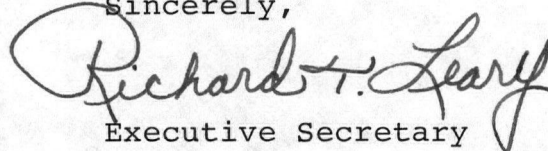
*Not a legal objection.
Municipalities may
not object.*

full range of alternatives, including adaptive re-use, the Board requests that this property be deleted from the current Multiple Resources Area application. Depending on the outcome of the feasibility study it may be possible, at a later date, to submit the property for nomination. The overriding public interest is the provision of a safe and efficient facility because of the critical nature of the public services rendered from this public works garage.

It is our understanding that the adjacent property, the Sewall School, will be recommended for deletion by the Historical Commission. This property is included in the preliminary plans for an improved DPW facility.

We would be pleased to provide a tour of the public works garage and the surrounding area if that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard T. Leary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Executive Secretary



TOWN of BROOKLINE
Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WILLIAM T. GRIFFITHS
COMMISSIONER

July 8, 1985

ENGINEERING - TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY - SANITATION
WATER
PARKS - FORESTRY - CEMETERY
CONSERVATION
DIVISIONS

This certifies that the so called "Town Barn" located at 237 Cypress Street, Brookline, Massachusetts is the property of the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts.

By: William T. Griffiths
William T. Griffiths, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

*Subscribed and sworn to before me
on July 8, 1985.*

*Frances Halpern
My Commission expires 9/9/88*