

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC FIRE STATION #4

AND/OR COMMON

(same)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 79 South Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

VICINITY OF

12th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Bristol

CODE

005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Fire Department
City of New Bedford

STREET & NUMBER

133 William Street

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bristol County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

25 North Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

STATE
Massachusetts**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

September 20, 1974

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

40 Beacon Street, Boston

STATE
Massachusetts

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

The firehouse is an exterior masonry building, rectilinear in plan, with seventeen hundred square feet of ground floor area in the main structure. The addition on the west side in its present state contains approximately twenty-five hundred square feet. The only major change to the original plan was this additional area added to the stable wing. The stable wing appears to have been a one story structure with a truss roof of some six hundred square feet. This one story wing was expanded to two stories with a false front, windows and roof corbeling to match the main fire house. This expansion increased the ground floor area to twenty-five hundred square feet. This work was completed prior to 1890. The only other change made after this time seems to have been the widening, in the early nineteen hundreds, of the main fire doors to accomodate the change from horse drawn pumpers to motor driven fire vehicles.

Though built in 1867, Fire Station #4 of the New Bedford Fire Department was constructed in the more traditional Federal Colonial style (or Adam's style) with influences of the revival of the classics prevelant in the 1800's. The most apparent of these aspects is the Romanesque detailing of the hose tower. This includes the horizontal ribs and the intensional lighting of the upper structure by the use of slender false arches. Comparing this with the very heavy lintals and posts framing the main fire vehicle doorways boldly eccentuates the latter's importance in the scheme. The major architectural features are the brick corbeling at the roof cornice and the hip roof angled toward the street intersection. By stepping back from the building corner, it is possible to see that this latter feature in combination with the building's overall plan makes a proper transition around the street intersection.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

- (a) Period - nineteenth century
(b) Areas of Significance - (see above)
(c) Fire Station #4, built in 1867 and located on the northwest corner of South Sixth Street and Bedford Street, is the oldest operational fire station in New Bedford and, so far as is known, in Massachusetts. Station firefighters possess the old log books that begin in 1867 and continue through 1913. These official daily logs contain not only detailed descriptions of every fire, but also the purchase receipts for various fire-fighting equipment and notes from monthly meetings. In 1913, New Bedford switched from a volunteer fire department to paid firefighters at which time the second floor dormitories were expanded into the old hayloft section in the rear of the building. A.M. Howland, station foreman in 1867 and later Mayor of New Bedford, was one of the more famous of the local personalities associated with Station #4.

Within the next few years an addition designed by Frank Avrillio to the west side of Fire Station #4 was constructed to house the Fire Department's repair shop. After the turn of the century this repair shop became a storehouse for city property. The numerous and varied types of hand pumpers and fire engines stationed in Fire Station #4 over the years, together with the building itself, reflect the growth of the New Bedford Fire Department in particular and urban fire departments in general.

The addition is currently being rehabilitated to house a Firemen's Museum which will include old firefighting equipment, log books, and photographs. Meanwhile the crews at Fire Station #4 continue to respond to alarms just as they did over 100 years ago.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Michelsen, B. Frank. Story of the New Bedford Fire Department
Ellis, Leonard. History of the Fire Department of the City of N.B.
Sayer, William L. New Bedford, Mass.
Bristol County Registry of Deeds
Bristol County Atlases; 1871, 1895
New Bedford City Maps; 1881, 1911

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .126 acres *UTM OK HL*

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9
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3	3	9	4	6	0
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4	6	1	0	0	7	0
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South by Bedford Street, west by a private lot, north by
a private lot and east by South Sixth Street

Also known as 79 South Sixth Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lawrence Roy, Chairman

ORGANIZATION

Committee to Restore Fire Station #4

DATE

May 19, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

79 South Sixth Street

TELEPHONE

999-5235

CITY OR TOWN

New Bedford

STATE

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth R. Amador

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5/20/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7/24/75

DATE

JUL 24 1975

Property

Fire Station #4

State

Mass.

Working Number

Determination
of eligibility
request
City/Block Grant
CONTROL

TECHNICAL

Photos _____

Maps _____

HISTORIAN

Eligible

W. R. Luce

5/29/75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I doubt or am at best uncertain about
dates. But it is an early firehouse and perhaps the only one I can
remember that predates Romanesque influence (I doubt
the tower is Romanesque or as early). I agree with Byers
to significance due to historical continuity.

Eligible

L. Brown

5-30-75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

Local historical significance

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Eligible

Cole

6/3/75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit _____

Property Fire Station #4

State Mass.

Working Number 7.15.75.1345

Bristol

TECHNICAL Sketch

Photos 2

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK - 7.17.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
7-18-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
H. J. J. J.
7/17/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
W. R. Luce
7/22/75

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
H. J. J. J.
7-22-75

KEEPER

W. R. Luce

JUL 24 1975

National Register Write-up 9-2-75

Federal Register Entry 9-2-75

Send-back

Re-submit

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HISTORIC

Same

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Bristol

STATE

Mass.

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Joe Cruz Studio

DATE OF PHOTO

May 14, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

New Bedford City Planning Department

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO 1

View from opposite corner (SE of South Sixth Street and Bedford Street) looking NW towards Fire Station #4. View is of South and East sides of the building.

#2082

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

#2082



#102

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HISTORIC

FIRE STATION #4

AND/OR COMMON SAME

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN NEW BEDFORD

____ VICINITY OF BRISTOL

COUNTY

MASSACHUSETTS STATE

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS

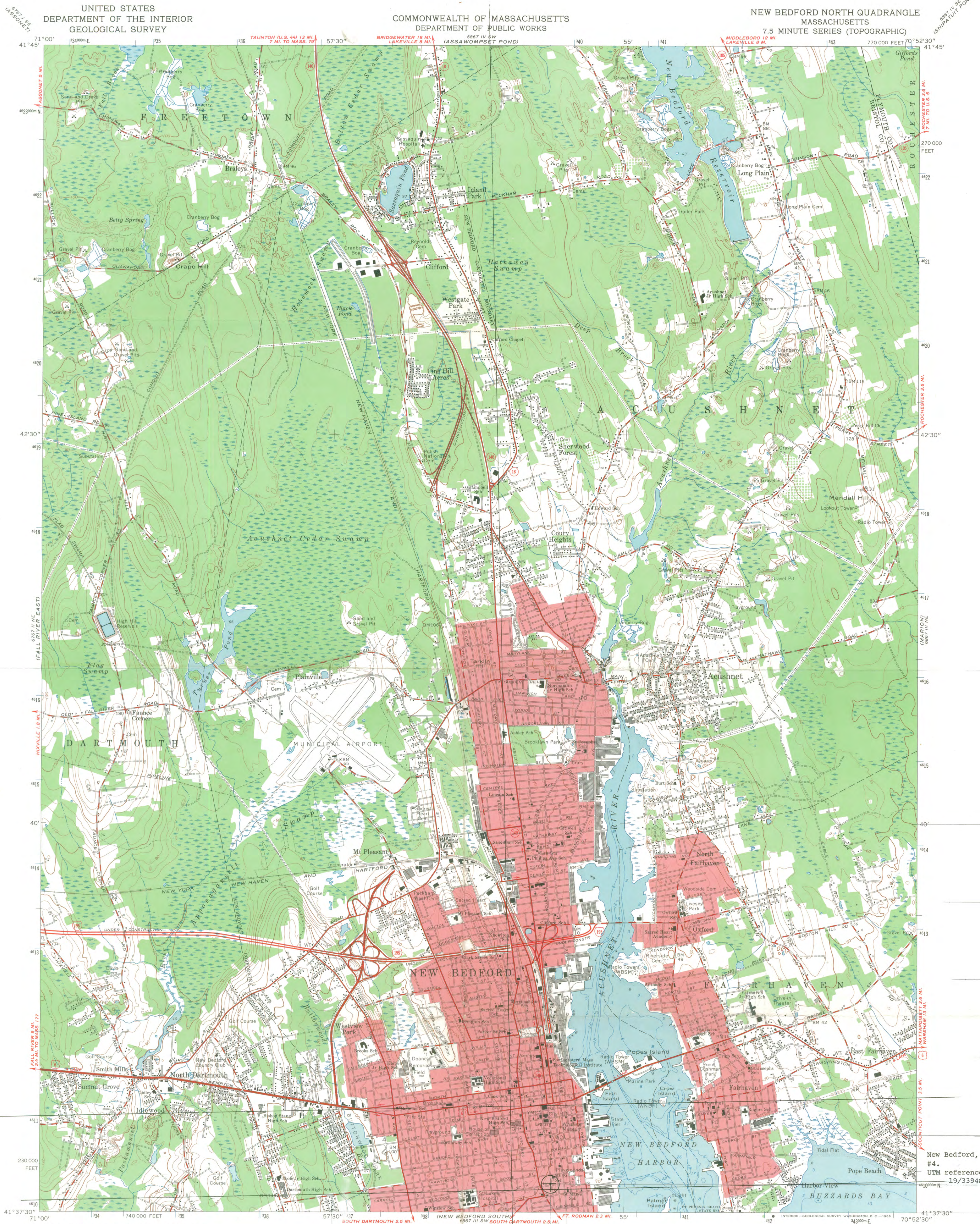
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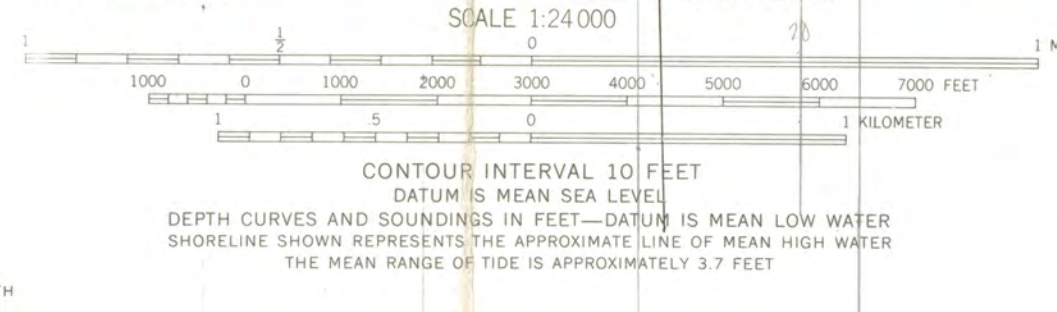
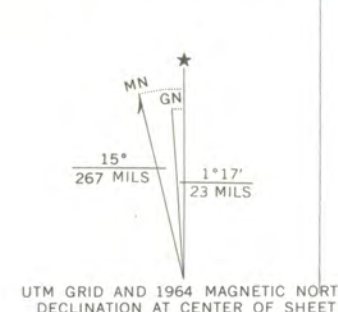
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

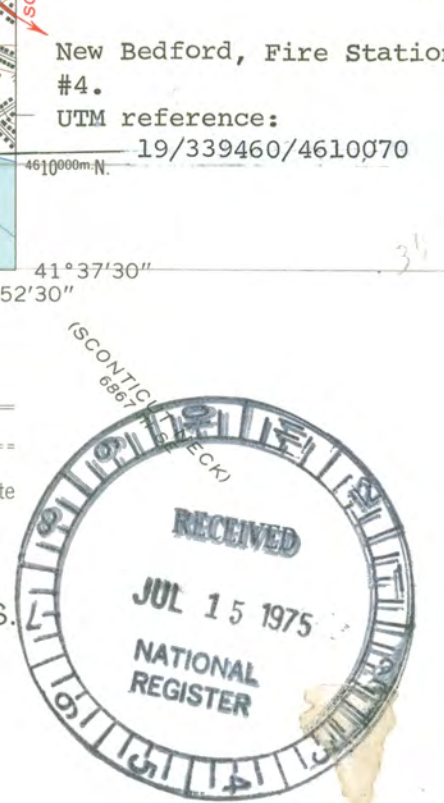


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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1936. Revised 1964
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 252 (1964)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19,
shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information furnished by
Massachusetts Department of Public Works



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

NEW BEDFORD NORTH, MASS.
N4137.5—W7052.5/7.5
1964
AMS 6867 III NW—SERIES V814



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COUNTY

Bristol

STATE

Mass.

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SOURCE New Bedford City Planning Department

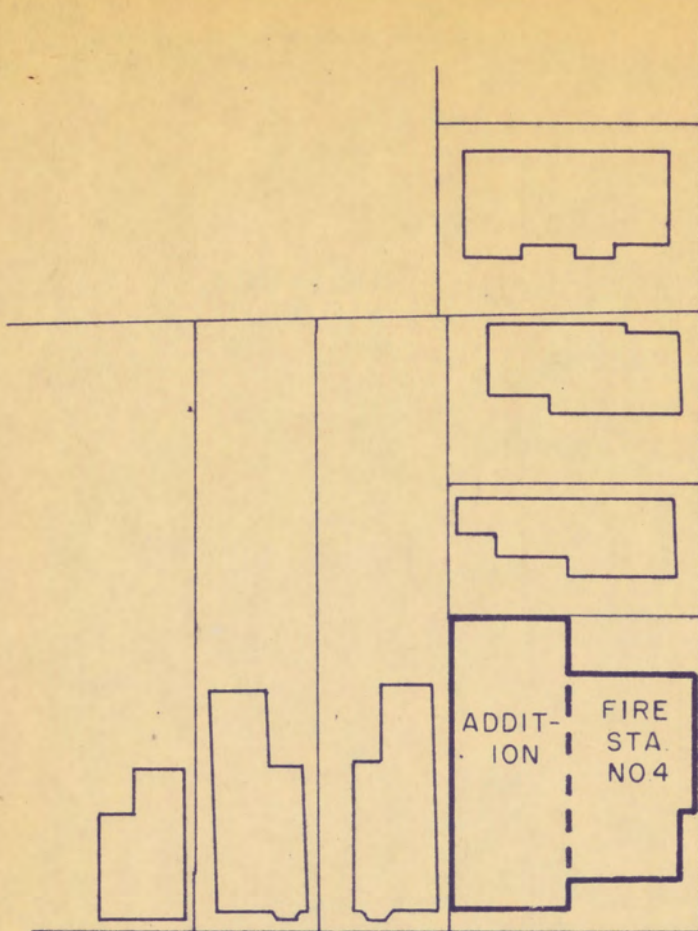
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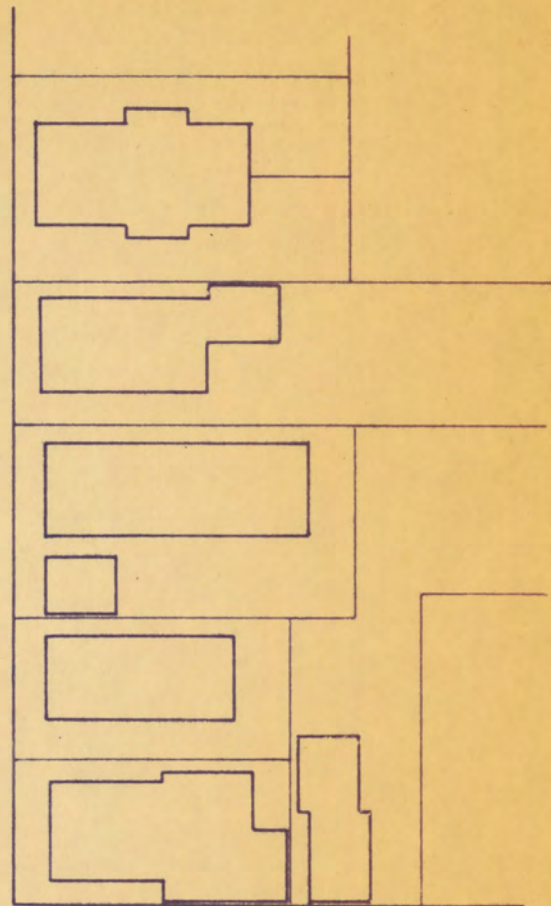
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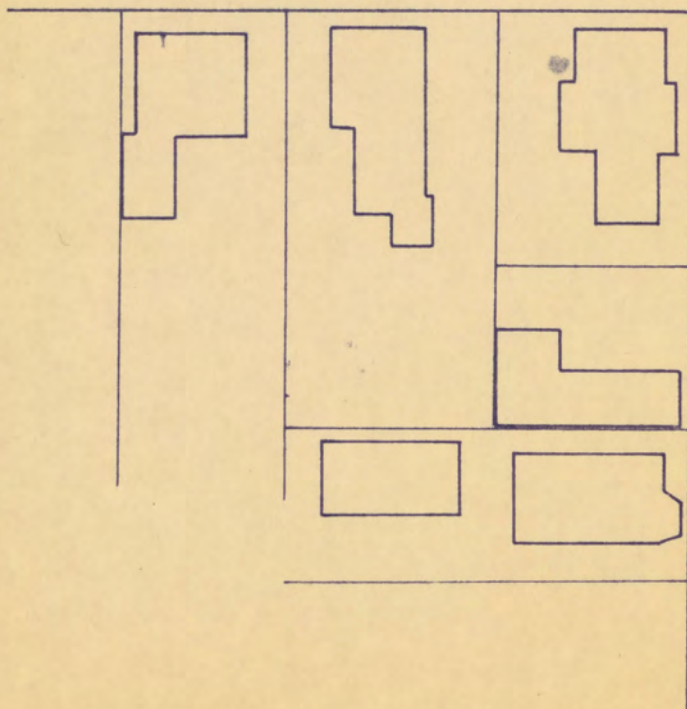


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BEDFORD

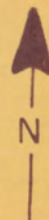
ST.



S. SIXTH

Latitude Longitude

70° 55' 38" 41° 37' 41"
(defines center point of property)





CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

999-2931



JOHN A. MARKEY
MAYOR

May 19, 1975

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Request for a Determination of Eligibility for Inclusion
in the National Register - Fire Station #4, New Bedford
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing the following materials to accompany the
request of the City of New Bedford that an eligibility ruling
be made regarding the inclusion of Fire Station #4 (New
Bedford, Massachusetts) on the National Register:

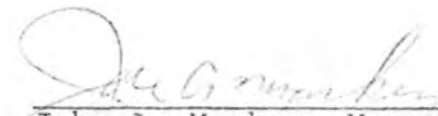
Attachment A - National Register of Historic Places
Inventory - Nomination Form

Attachment B - Opinion of the State Historic Preser-
vation Officer

The City of New Bedford has allocated monies from its
Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate the deter-
iorated sections of this building. A statement regarding
eligibility of the Fire Station for National Register inclu-
sion is necessary before the City can undertake the lengthy
environmental assessment process to obtain release of these
Community Development funds.

Your expeditious action on this request would be most
appreciated.

Yours very truly,


John A. Markey, Mayor

JAM/cac

Director, Office of Archeology and
Historic Preservation
National Park Service
May 19, 1975

Attachment B

STATEMENT OF THE OPINION OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

I understand that the City of New Bedford is requesting the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer concerning the eligibility of Fire Station #4 (New Bedford, Massachusetts) for inclusion in the National Register and that my opinion may be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior with a formal request for a determination of eligibility on this property. This statement confirms my consultation as part of the determination of eligibility procedures.

In my opinion, the property is eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

Justification and comments:

I have viewed the property, reviewed the state survey form concerning this property submitted to my office by the City, and reviewed the National Register Inventory form. By my signature on the National Register form, I have confirmed my opinion that Fire Station #4 (New Bedford, Massachusetts) is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Signed: Elizabeth R. Amadon
Elizabeth R. Amadon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ERA/cac



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JUN 17 1975

Honorable John A. Markey
Mayor of New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02701

Dear Mayor Markey:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 1975, requesting a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register on Fire Station #4, New Bedford, Massachusetts, pursuant to Section 800.4(a)(2) of the procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Executive Order 11593.

After evaluation of the documentation which we have on Fire Station #4 and in consultation with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, we have determined that Fire Station #4 is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under (A) of the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.

As you understand, a request for our professional judgment pursuant to the Advisory Council's procedures in this regard, developed in consultation, inter alia, with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, constitutes a part of the Federal planning process. We urge that this information be integrated into the National Environmental Policy Act analysis to permit the city of New Bedford to reach the most effective program decisions. This determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register does not serve in any manner as a veto to uses of such property, with or without Federal participation or assistance. Any decision on the property in question and the responsibility for program planning concerning such properties lies with the city of New Bedford after the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has had an opportunity to comment.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in the implementation of Executive Order 11593.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) A. R. Mortenson

Director, Office of Archaeology
and Historic Preservation

66-
C.S.M.
Hunt
66-
Att
6/13
W.L.
6/17
4/17

cc: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amaden
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
40 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108 w/cy inc

Mr. David O. Meeker, Jr. FAIA
Assistant Secretary for Community
Planning and Development
Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Washington, D.C. 20410 w/cy inc

bcc: DG - Advisory Council w/cy inc
SOL - Pete Raynor w/cy inc
Regional Director, North Atlantic Region, Attn: Environmental Specialist
Director's Reading File w/cy inc
DI
PH
PR - E.O. 11593 File w/cy inc
MQ w/cy inc
FNP: JThorman:dph:6/4/75

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

40 Beacon Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Secretary of the Commonwealth

727-8470

July 11, 1975

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Fire Station #4, New Bedford

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The information on the above property was submitted to you on May 19, 1975 by Mayor John A. Markey of New Bedford, requesting a determination of eligibility for listing on the National Register. This certification occurred on June 17, 1975.

Since then, on July 8, 1975, the Massachusetts State Review Board has voted the property eligible. Would you please expedite the conventional National Register listing based on the information already in your office. Are there further steps to take? If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Reed Amador".

Elizabeth Reed Amador
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
State Historic Preservation Officer

ERA:cb



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 24 1975

Name

Location

Fire Station #4

New Bedford
Bristol County

Park Square Historic District

Pittsfield
Berkshire County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
40 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

PR

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7/25/75

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/10/77
Reviewer INITIALS: gpo
NR DOE July 24, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ¹⁰ Fire Station ~~4~~ No. 4

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: ✓ S. 6th St.

STREET & NUMBER 79 South Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

✓ New Bedford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12th

STATE

✓ Massachusetts

COUNTY Bristol code 005.

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR Substantially intact-1 EXTERIOR Substantially intact-2 ENVIRONS Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 - unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact - 0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED
- Unexcavated

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- Reconstructed
- Excavated

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- fire station

now- fire station

SIGNIFICANCE:

✓ ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE - 4

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

- entertainment

- health

- recreation

- settlement

24 - socio/cultural

25 - urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

operation
"oldest" YES NO
firehouse in Mass.

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ROMANESQUE REVIVAL ELEMENTS
(not in heading)

architect/m. builder: FRANK AVRILLO

landscape/garden designer: wing

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal (1) A.M. HOWLAND - STATION FORMAN (1867)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1867

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

1913

Volun. force → paid fire fighting force

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.126

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

BRICK, 2 STORIES, MODIFIED RECTANGLE,
HIPPED ROOF WITH CENTRAL HOSE TOWER WITH
BRICK CUPOLA, interior chimney,

TWIN DOUBLE-DOOR VEHICLE^{war} ENTRANCES, DENTICULATED CORNICE, SIDE
STABLE WING WITH GLAZED DOUBLE-DOOR ACCESS, STONE WINDOW
SILLS AND LINTELS; ~~STABLE~~ WING ADDED ^{pre} PRIOR TO 1890; VEHICLE^{war}
ENTRANCES WIDENED, C. 1900. ROMANESQUE REVIVAL ELEMENTS.

BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST OPERATIONAL FIRE STATION IN NEW

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

BEDFORD AND, MASSACHUSETTS.

possible - MA