

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic DUBLIN TOWN HALL

and/or common DUBLIN TOWN HALL

**2. Location**

street & number Route 101 <sup>NH 101</sup> \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Dublin \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Second

state New Hampshire code 33 county Cheshire code 005

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Town of Dublin

street & number Dublin Town Offices

city, town Dublin \_\_\_ vicinity of state New Hampshire 03444

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cheshire County Registry of Deeds  
Cheshire County Courthouse

street & number Central Square

city, town Keene state New Hampshire 03431

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title American Architect & Building News has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date Nov. 26, 1881 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Dublin Town Hall is a 2½ story frame structure (39' x 58') with clapboard siding presently painted white. The current appearance reflects a remodeling undertaken in 1916 with the purpose of making the building harmonize with the white Greek Revival-style Community Church across the main street. The most prominent feature of this remodeling is a monumental Palladian window at the second story level on the gable (front) end of the building. This gable end projects slightly above the main entrance and is supported by four simple Doric columns, complete with simple entablature. On both sides of the building (east and west), there are projecting semi-octagonal bays on the second story with conical roofs emerging from the otherwise plain gable (main) roof.

These semi-octagonal bays, with their grouping of small windows, are the chief remaining clues to the Town Hall's original appearance. As constructed in 1883, the Town Hall was an example of the Shingle Style. The building's many surfaces (somewhat simplified in 1916) were articulated by framing members which were painted a darker color than the clapboards and fish-scale shingling thus outlines. The most prominent feature of the Town Hall was a narrow, ecclesiastical-in-feeling, four-sided tower or spire, which was terminated by an ornamental pinnacle (probably of wrought iron). Small acroteria (probably of iron or terra cotta) lined the main ridge of the roof. The center section of the main facade, beneath the tower, was unusual in its concave shape, the bottom part of this curved form projecting to form a porch for the main entrance.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1883, 1916      **Builder/Architect** G.B. Gilchrist (builder); Rotch & Tilden (architects, 1883), John Lawrence Mauran (1916)

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Town Hall is the most prominent institutional building in Dublin and as such is an important visual element of the town center. Constructed in 1883, its original design exemplified the Shingle Style. In 1916, however, the town hall was redesigned in a restrained version of the popular Colonial Revival idiom to reflect changing architectural tastes.

Although originally designed in the Shingle Style in 1883, today Dublin Town Hall is significant as an example of the Colonial Revival Style, having been redesigned on that idiom in 1916. As such it reflects the influence of the nationally popular Colonial Revival in early 20th Century Dublin.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

American Architect and Building News, James R. Osgood & Co., Noy, 26, 1881.  
 Dublin Town Reports, 1882-1886, Dublin Town Hall (handwritten).  
 Leonard, Levi W. & Seward, Josiah L. The History of Dublin, NH, Cambridge: The University Press, 1920.  
 The Peterborough Transcript.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property app. 2/10 acre **ITEM NOT VERIFIED**  
 Quadrangle name Monadnock **ACREEAGE NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 15'

### UMT References

A	1 8	7 3 9 9 0 0	4 7 5 4 3 0 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

A rectangular plot, with northeast corner at intersection of Route 101 and Church Street. Northern boundary runs west along Route 101 for 67 feet. Eastern boundary runs south along Church Street for 101 feet.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jack Perron and Lucy Shonk

organization Town Hall Preservation Committee date May 30, 1978

street & number Box 151 telephone (603) 827-3034

city or town Harrisville state New Hampshire 03450

## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]  
 Commissioner, NH Dept. Resources & Economic Development  
 title NH State Historic Preservation Officer date May 23, 1979

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William H. Bravaam date 6.25.80  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: Patrick Andrews date 6/17/80  
 Chief of Registration