

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: N.H.	
COUNTY: Belknap	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.33.0001	DATE 1/25/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Belknap-Salloway Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Meredith Cotton and Woolen Mfg. Co. Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mill St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Laconia

STATE New Hampshire	CODE 33	COUNTY: Belknap	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) currently being considered for regional cultural center

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Laconia Redevelopment Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
665 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Laconia

STATE: New Hampshire	CODE 33
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Belknap County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Laconia

CITY OR TOWN:
Laconia

STATE New Hampshire	CODE 33
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

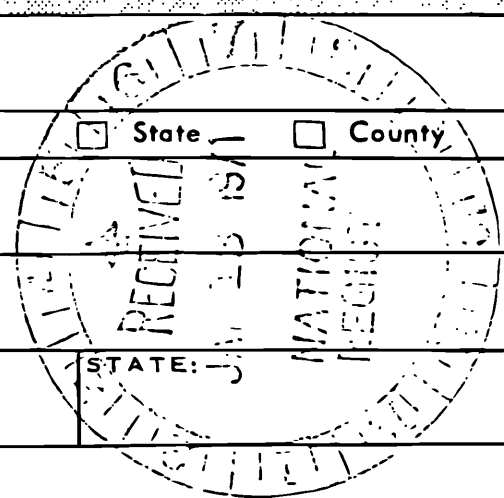
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

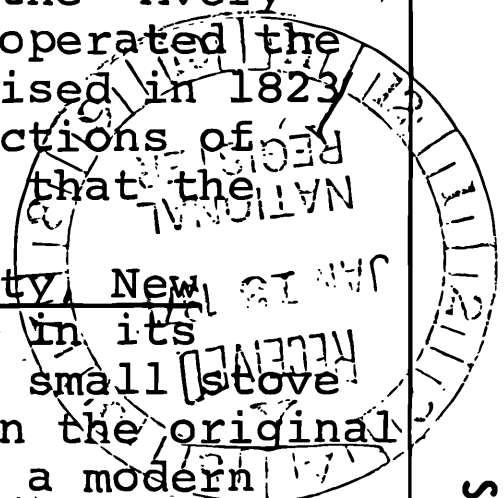
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Meredith Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing Company was founded in 1811 and constructed a wooden mill which burned in 1823. When the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Louis McLane, conducted a survey of American Manufacturing in 1831, the return from Meredith, N.H. included the "Avery Factory Company," so-called for the agent who operated the mill, and stated that a brick mill has been raised in 1823 after the loss of the first mill. The recollections of N.H. Baldwin, published locally in 1884, state that the building was in full operation by 1828.

An engraved view on a Map of Balknap County, New Hampshire published in 1859 shows the building in its original condition. At each end of the roof a small chimney can be seen in the illustration, as can the original bell cupola. The present cupola appears to be a modern reproduction of the earlier form, but contains the original mill bell and framework. The bell, itself, is said to have been recast by an apprentice of Paul Revere, from the metal of the bell used in the earlier mill. The stair tower has been altered by the addition of a door to its facade at each story sometime before 1875, when its present appearance can be seen on an insurance survey drawing now owned by the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum, N. Andover, Mass.

A brick and wooden building which houses a power plant of three turbines, replaced the earlier power systems about 1900. While these buildings obscure a portion of the rear of the mill building itself, they represent the continued alteration which was necessary to maintain this example of industrial architecture as a viable factory building into this century. The later power system is still extant and operable, and the interior of the main structure is almost completely original. An elevator has been inserted between floors at one end of the mill, but the original floor framing is extant elsewhere throughout. The building exhibits joisted floor construction in all its open ceiling, rather than the slow-burn construction common to almost all later mills. This framing method and the roof frame of the attic story, which is equally original, are typical of the first phase of mill architecture throughout New England.

The location of the so-called Belknap-Sulloway mill, named for later owners of the building, was original a small village of Meredith Bridge in Meredith, N. H. Its location along the Winnepesaukee River bank acted as the center around which modern Laconia was built. Located directly opposite the Busiel mill, a mid-nineteenth century example of the developments of industrial architecture, the Belknap Sulloway mill was much obscured by later buildings. The Urban Renewal project of which both mills are a part has cleared the less significant wooden buildings which surrounded these buildings, opening them to view once more. Today they occupy their original sites along the river and form a focal point for the modern redevelopment of Laconia.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

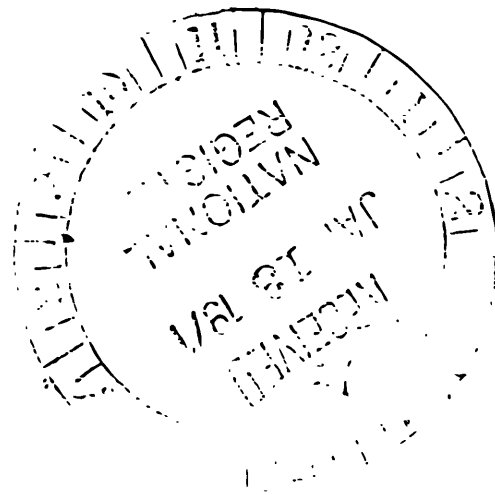
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The so-called Belknap-Salloway Mill ranks among the foremost examples of small brick textile mills in New England. A survey of textile manufacturing architecture being carried out by Old Sturbridge Village indicates it to be the earliest surviving brick mill in the region by virtue of a date of 1823. [Louis McLane, U. S. Secretary of Treasury, Report, 1832, Documents Relative to American Manufactures (Washington, 1832)]. As a typical example of a once common form of industrial architecture, the mill contains original elements rarely found in structures of that period. The framing of floors and roof is integral to its original build, and the added turbines illustrate the changes in the use of water power systems.

Unlike the larger complex of textile mills of Manchester and Nashua, N. H., the Belknap-Salloway mill was built on a small scale more typical of rural manufacturing of the 1820's, especially of the so-called Rhode Island manufacturing system. In form it reflects the developments of textile mill architecture in southern New England. Unlike the earliest surviving mill in Harrisville, N. H. (1832) which conforms to an out-dated building form, the Belknap-Salloway mill was a forward looking architectural specimen.

The location of this and the Busiel Mill on the banks of the Winnepesaukee River was originally the nucleus of a small manufacturing village. As part of the modern urban renewal project, the mills are again a central focal point of downtown Laconia.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

[Louis McLane] U. S. Secretary of Treasury, Report, 1832, Documents Relative to American Manufactures (Washington, 1832)
Map of Belknap County, New Hampshire (drawn & compiled by E. M. Woodford; published by Smith & Peavey, Philadelphia, 1859).
 N. H. Baldwin, "Narratives of Laconia" The Laconia (N. H.) Democrat June 6, 1884--Sept 19, 1884.
Life, Vol. 69, No. 10, Sept. 4, 1970, p. 59

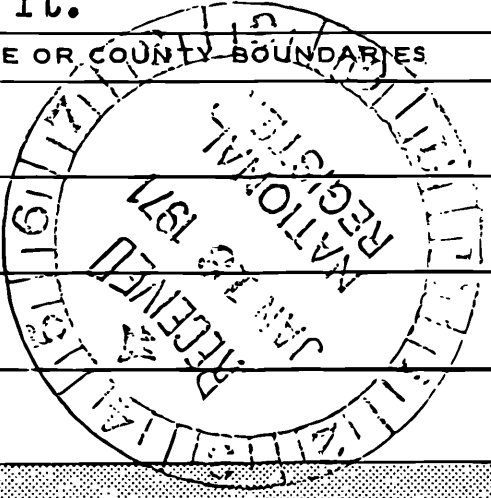
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **37,773 sq. ft.**

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 AND TITLE:
Richard M. Candee, Researcher in Architecture

ORGANIZATION: **Old Sturbridge Village** DATE: **Sept. 1, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Sturbridge** STATE: **Mass. 01566** CODE: **25**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

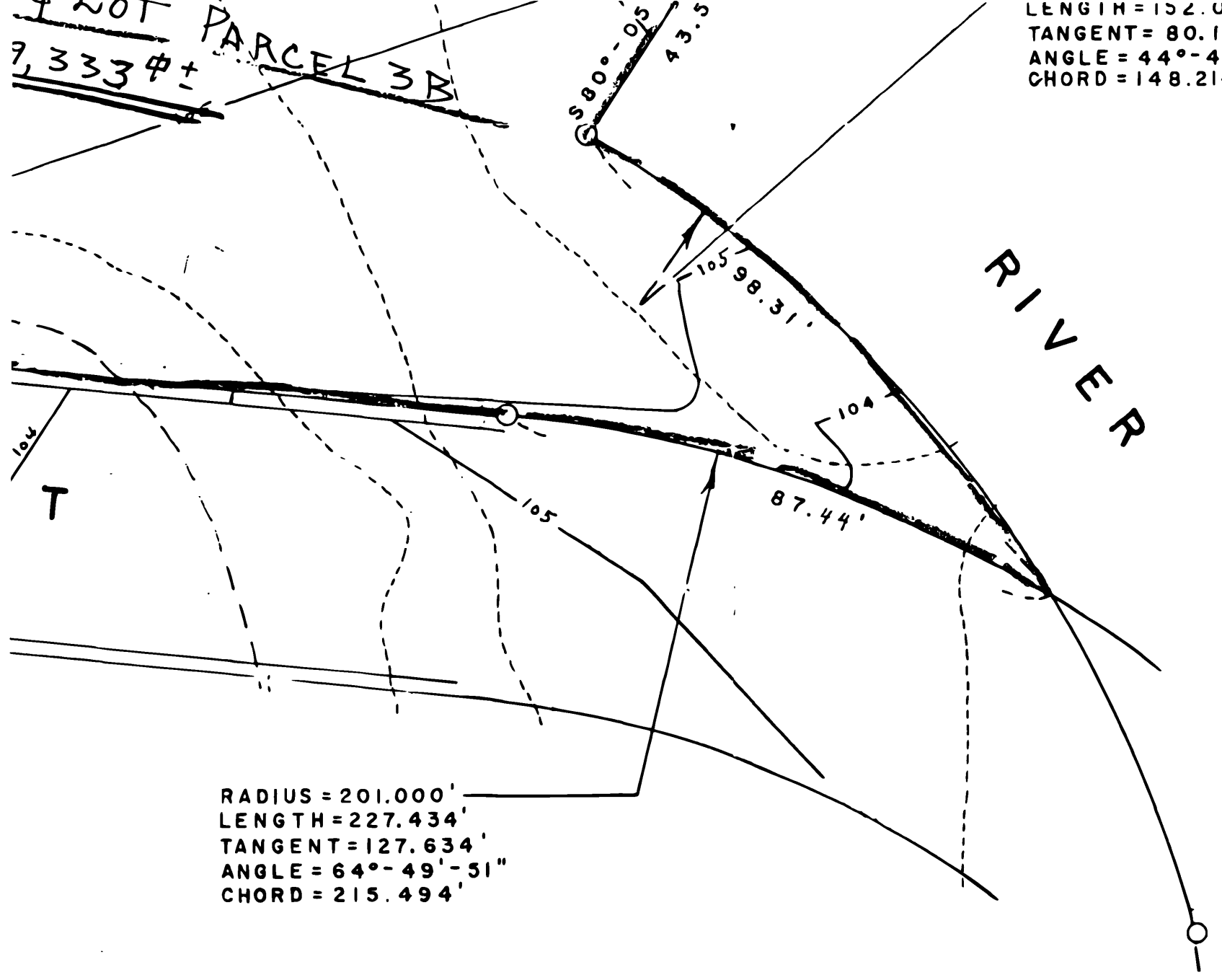
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u></p> <p>Title: <u>Commissioner, Dept. of Resources and Economic Development</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10-14-70</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>Ernest A. Connelly</i></u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation JAN 25 1971</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>William J. Tompkins</i></u> Keeper of The National Register JAN 19 1971</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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I NOT PARCEL 3B
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LENGTH = 152.033'
TANGENT = 80.118'
ANGLE = 44°-40'-18"
CHORD = 148.214'



RADIUS = 201.000'
LENGTH = 227.434'
TANGENT = 127.634'
ANGLE = 64°-49'-51"
CHORD = 215.494'

DISPOSITION PARCEL NO. 3

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER PROJECT N.H. R-12

LACONIA HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CITY OF LACONIA, BELKNAP COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

----- EXISTING CONTOURS
———— PROPOSED CONTOURS



COMPLETION DATE
JULY 10, 1968

REVISION DATES

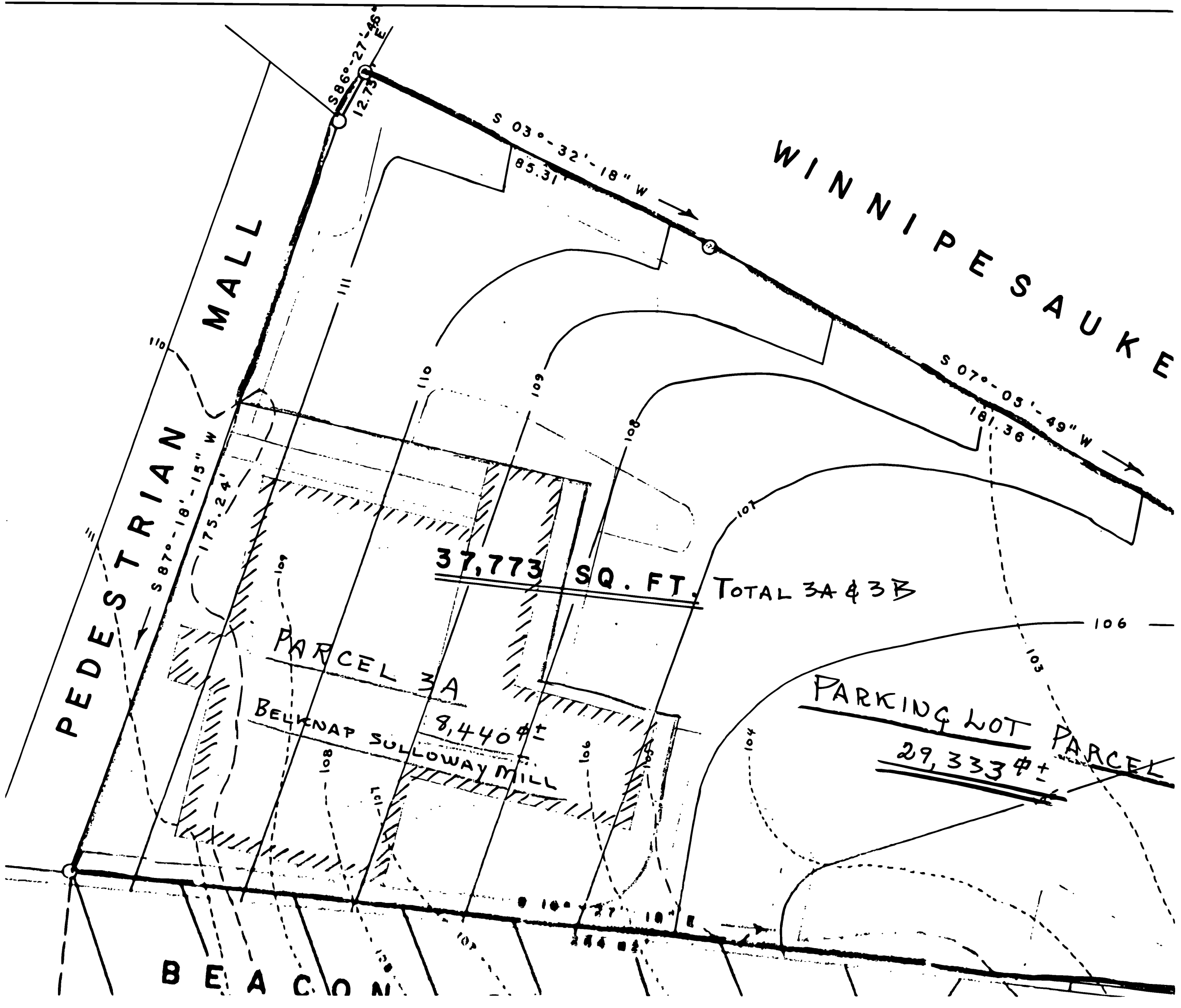
DRAWN BY: Marion I. Spaulding, Planning Designer

*Checked 3/20/69 MZB, ABJ
Rough grading Plan 12/68
Disposition Plan 3/10/69*

SOURCE: DISPOSITION PLAN - 3/1/68
ALONZO B. REED, INC.



LACONIA HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



PEDESTRIAN MALL

WINNIPESAUKE

BEACON

37,773 SQ. FT. TOTAL 3A & 3B

PARCEL 3A

8,440 sq. ft.

BELKNAP SULLOWAY MILL

PARKING LOT PARCEL
29,333 sq. ft.

S 03°-32'-18" W
85.31'

S 07°-05'-49" W
181.36'

S 87°-18'-15" W
175.24'

S 86°-27'-46" E
12.73'

S 10°-27'-18" E
244.84'

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