HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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Item #123

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Town No	Site No
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QUAD	Hartford North
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1 BUILDING NAME (common): "The Frame Shop" (Historic): Former Fire Station

2 TOWN CITY: Windsor | VILLAGE: Windsor Center | COUNTY: Hartford

3 STREET AND NUMBER: 14 Maple Avenue map 76, block 86, lot 11; .10 acre

4 OWNER: Thomas J. O'Mally, A.G. Messina, & D.J. Deneen (see below) ☐ Public ☒ Private

5 USE (present): Store/Apartment (Historic): Fire Station

6 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No; INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☒ Yes ☐ No; IF YES EXPLAIN: Retail Sales Area

DESCRIPTION

7 STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Italianate | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1882

8 MATERIALS (Indicate all that apply and check appropriate):
☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: details

9 STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
☐ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☒ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other Specify

10 ROOF TYPE:
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

Material:
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify)

11 NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 18' x 36'

12 CONDITION (Structural): ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior): ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13 INTEGRITY (Is it what it was when built?): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES EXPLAIN: interior partition changes, modify front of building

14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☐ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☒ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density

16 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
Situated far back (150 feet) from Maple Avenue in contrast to surrounding buildings. To the east are commercial buildings fronting on Broad Street.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and exterior):

2 story masonry building, 2 bays wide by 2 bays deep with pitched roof. Building is set back at the rear of the building lot. The roof ends in a denticular cornice with small returns across the gable-ends. The front elevation features a tri-part window grouping, each an arched bay with 4 x 4 sash and cut-stone sill. Below this, on the 1st story, is a carriage bay with eliptical relieving arch overhead. This arch has a keystone and simple masonry archViolt. Within the arch is a recessed panel with staggered bricks. The doors have been removed and replaced with a plate glass window. The entry is off-centered on thr right front side. It has a paneled door with transom and relieving arch overhead. On the west side is a small wall dormer.

18 ARCHITECT: | BUILDER:

SIGNIFICANCE

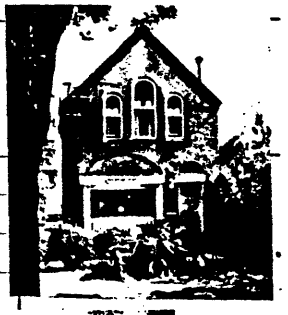
19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Example of a late 19th century village firehouse in handsome yet simple Victorian Italianate style. Building has a simple charm due to its small scale and fanciful detail. Note the relieving arches and the denticular cornice. Both are examples of fine masonry craftsmanship of the period.

H. Sidney Hayden donated this parcel to the Town in 1882 providing the Town built a firehouse upon it. This small masonry structure was the first formal firehouse and served until 1939 when it was sold to Leslie H. Hayes. The present conversion dates from 1973.

SOURCES

Article, Hartford Courant, Sept. 8, 1974
Windsor Building Department Records
Town of Windsor Assessor's Office



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VIEW: South (front) | NEGATIVE ON FILE: CHC, Sheet #7

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
☒ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developm
☐ Renewal ☐ Private ☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning

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