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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Town House

AND/OR COMMON

Deerfield Town Hall

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Centre Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Deerfield VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1st

STATE

New Hampshire

CODE

33

COUNTY  
Rockingham

CODE  
015

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<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 type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 Deerfield

STREET & NUMBER

Office of the Selectmen, P.O. Box 159

CITY, TOWN

Deerfield VICINITY OF

STATE

New Hampshire

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rockingham County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Rockingham County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Exeter

STATE

New Hampshire

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NA

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## **7** DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deerfield Town Hall is a two and one-half story clapboarded wooded structure built in 1856, in the Greek Revival style. It is 74' x 44' and built on a granite block foundation. Two chimneys set back 14' from the facade and rise through the lower portions of each slope.

The fenestration of the gable-end facade includes three matching entrances with windows directly above. The doorways are classically treated with pilasters of simplified Doric form supporting fully articulated entablatures. Each entrance consists of two three-paneled doors. The central doors provide access to the second floor via a free-standing spiral staircase located directly inside the entrance. The side entrances open to the first floor. Centered in the clapboarded tympanum is a round louvered vent supported by inverted S-scrolls and a flat board base. The raking cornice of the pediment incorporates echinus moulding.

Pilasters terminate each corner of the building and support a full entablature that extends along the sides of the building. The side elevations are four bays wide with windows on both stories. The linteled windows have eight over eight double-hung sash and slotted blinds.

Interior: The original interior consisted of wide pine flooring and plastered walls and ceilings. Benches, still extant, are built into the walls of the lower hall and run the length of the building. There is a raised platform in the lower hall, 15' x 25', which is surrounded by a railing and is believed to be original. The upper hall was finished in a similar manner to the first story hall but is now floored with hardwood. There is a raised stage with proscenium in the rear of the upper hall, flanked by doors and stairs, but it is not known if this is original. Ornamental lintels surmount the doorways. Eight paired cast iron columns support the lower hall. Major alterations to the interior include the installation of luan-style panelling in the upper and lower halls and one office, the partitioning off of the front part of the lower hall for two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a furnace room. This partition encloses the spiral staircase.

## 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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES            1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.L. Foster and F.S. Robinson, Concord

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Deerfield Town Hall is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival public-architecture in New Hampshire. The building retains all its original exterior features and the present interior paneling can be removed, thus preserving the original interior. The Town Hall as it presently stands, is a nearly pure reflection of the Greek Revival period.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deerfield Records, Vol. 6, 1852-1863, pp. 151-158.  
 These unpublished records are in the custody of the  
 Town Clerk at the Deerfield Town Hall.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 1 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	31,75,2,5	4,77,78,2,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Deerfield Tax Records: Sheet 7, Lot 118.

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

Thomas J. Dale, Administrative Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Town of Deerfield

DATE

January 30, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 159, Old Centre Road

TELEPHONE

463-8811

CITY OR TOWN

Deerfield

STATE

New Hampshire

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

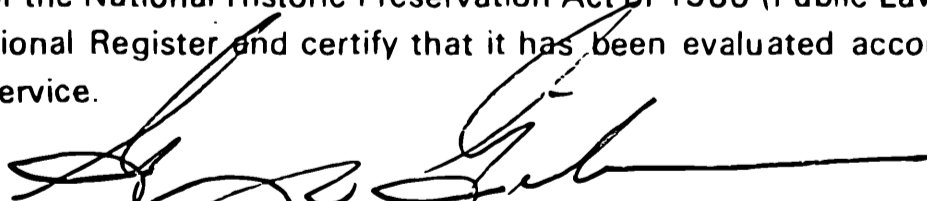
NATIONAL

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



TITLE Commissioner, NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Development  
 NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 4, 1980

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

*Thomas J. Dale*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/17/80

ATTEST: *Patricia Andrews*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/16/80