

Historic Resource Inventory - Minot-Sleeper Library

Lakes Region Planning Commission - Bristol, New Hampshire

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Basic Data

Town	Bristol
County	Grafton
UTM	
USGS Quad	Bristol
Survey Number	14
Date	
Location	35 Pleasant Street
Owner	Town of Bristol
Address	230 Lake Street Bristol, NH 03222
Map and Parcel Number	114-179
Common Name	Minot Sleeper Library
Historic Name	Minot Sleeper Library
Functional Type	Library
Present Use	Library
Architect/Builder	E.B. Hitchinson, Concord, NH
Condition	excellent
Integrity	original site
Date Moved	
Major Alterations and Date	1884
Level/Significance	
Source	R. Musgrove / A History of Bristol
Style	Gothic Vernacular
Boundary and Acreage Description	Bounded on the West by the Town of Bristol, on the North by Pleasant Street, on the East by VSH Realty, Inc., and on the South by Newfound River; 13,000 sq. ft.
Comments	Well preserved late 19th Century interior
Surveyor	David Ruell

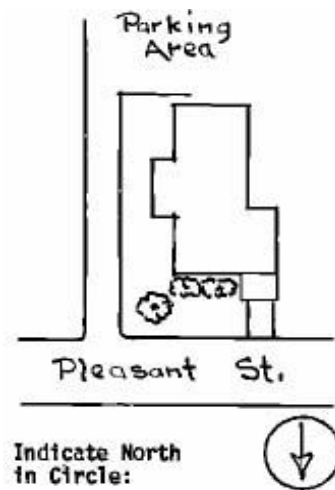
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Map



A. Architectural Description

Architecture Style
Building Type
Number of Stories
Dimensions

Vernacular Gothic
Library
1
35 x 42

Bays	2 x 4
Architecture Form	Asymmetrical plan
Foundation	Cut granite block
Structure Type	Brick (common bond, flemish)
Wall Sheathing	Brick (common bond, flemish)
Wall Ornamentation	
Roof Type	Cross gable
Roof Sheathing	Slate with copper edging
Dormers/Cupolas	
Roof Details	
Number of Chimneys	1
Chimneys Location	Interior West slope
Chimney Materials	Brick
Chimneys Description	Tall, corbeled cap
Gable End Eaves Treatment	Lateral: Cornice with sloped soffit and brackets; Gable End: Cornice - a queen post truss in North gable, a King post truss in East gable
Windows Placement	Regular
Windows Shape	Gothic arch
Windows Sash	Two over two, or Two over Two over Two
Windows Surrounds	Pointed brick arch heads, granite sills
Main Entry Location	Offset North (gable end)
Main Entry Door	Double leaf, pointed arch shape
Main Entry Surround: Flanked	
Main Entry Surround: Topped	Pointed brick arch head
Main Entry Framed	Porch
Number of other entries	1
Location of other entries	South basement
Surrounds of other entries	Segmental arch brick head
Number of Porches/Hoods	1
Style/Roof Type	Gable roofed entry porch
Location of Porches/Hoods	Offset North
Porches/Hoods Supports	Chamford posts with brackets
Porches/Hoods: Other Features	Slate roof, side rails, open trusswork in gable
Number of Bay Windows/Towers	
Bay Windows/Towers Location	

Bay Windows/Towers Stories
Bay Windows/Towers Shape
Bay Windows/Towers Description
Number of Ells/Wings
Stories (from map)
Bays
Ells/Wings Description
Storefronts Configuration
Storefronts Windows
Storefronts Doors
Storefronts Signage
Storefronts Materials/Details

B. Site Description/Surrounding Environment

Number of related structures
Type of related structures
Description of related structures
Built Landscape Features
Natural Landscape Features

C. Significance

Architectural Importance/Integrity
Site Integrity
Historic Associations

An unaltered late 19th Century public library
Contributes significantly to historic character of Street
Building donated to Town of Bristol by Josiah Minot and Solomon S. Sleeper. In use as Town library for over a century.

D. References

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