

Historic Resource Inventory - Tapply Thompson Community Center

Lakes Region Planning Commission - Bristol, New Hampshire

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Basic Data

Town	Bristol
County	Grafton
UTM	
USGS Quad	Bristol
Survey Number	15
Date	
Location	30 North Main Street
Owner	Bristol United Church of Christ f/k/a Bristol Federated Church
Address	15 Church Street Bristol, NH 03222
Map and Parcel Number	114-009
Common Name	Tapply Thompson Community Center
Historic Name	Methodist Church
Functional Type	Church
Present Use	Community recreation center
Architect/Builder	W. Damon, Haverhill, MA
Condition	fair
Integrity	original site
Date Moved	1889 - 1890
Major Alterations and Date	Interior alterations, addition of restroom wing; Removal of porte-cochere mid 20th century
Level/Significance	
Source	R. Musgrove - A History of the Town of Bristol
Style	Queen Anne
Boundary and Acreage Description	Bounded on the South now or formerly by TD Bank, on the North now or formerly by Matthew W. & Amy S. Porter, on the East now or formerly by Edward & Christine Morse, and on the West now or formerly by North Main Street; Approximately 16,000 sq. ft.
Comments	Daniel M. Page of Tilton was master workman

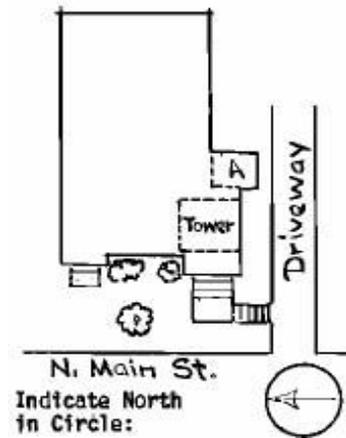
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Map



A. Architectural Description

Architecture Style
Building Type
Number of Stories
Dimensions

Queen Anne
Church
1.5
51 x 94

Bays	Asymmetrical
Architecture Form	Rectangular plan
Foundation	Brick
Structure Type	Balloon frame
Wall Sheathing	Clapboard & shingles
Wall Ornamentation	Decorative shingles, cornerboards
Roof Type	Gable with a cross gable
Roof Sheathing	Asphalt shingles
Dormers/Cupolas	Shed roof over Northwest porch
Roof Details	
Number of Chimneys	1
Chimneys Location	Interior slope
Chimney Materials	Brick
Chimneys Description	Tall, square and plain
Gable End Eaves Treatment	Lateral - box cornice with mouldings with and without frieze; Gable end: West - box cornice with frieze and scroll brackets; East - box cornice without frieze
Windows Placement	Symmetrical
Windows Shape	Rectangular
Windows Sash	One over one, glass block
Windows Surrounds	West — moulded trim, paneling between 1st and 2nd stories, North and South plain trim
Main Entry Location	Off center West
Main Entry Door	Modern double steel door
Main Entry Surround: Flanked	Moulded trim
Main Entry Surround: Topped	Moulded trim
Main Entry Framed	Southwest porch (which see)
Number of other entries	1
Location of other entries	Offset West
Surrounds of other entries	Moulded trim on Northwest porch
Number of Porches/Hoods	2
Style/Roof Type	Entry porches, Southwest - gable roof; Northwest - shed roof
Location of Porches/Hoods	Northwest/Southwest corner
Porches/Hoods Supports	Fluted posts with brackets
Porches/Hoods: Other Features	Southwest gable (divided into shingled pediment, clapboarded lower section with cartouche
Number of Bay Windows/Towers	1
Bay Windows/Towers Location	Southwest center

Bay Windows/Towers Stories	2
Bay Windows/Towers Shape	Square plan
Bay Windows/Towers Description	Shingled base open belfry with fluted posts, brackets, fans, segmental pediments, pyramid roof
Number of Ells/Wings	1
Stories (from map)	2
Bays	
Ells/Wings Description	Modern concrete block restroom addition
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	Stonewall in front of building
Natural Landscape Features	Some ornamental trees

C. Significance

Architectural Importance/Integrity	Good example of the influence of Queen Anne style on church architecture
Site Integrity	Significant contributor to historic character of area Dedicated as Methodist Church June 12, 1890. In 1930s Methodists joined with the Congregationalists to form the Bristol Federated Church. Since 1946 has served as Community Center.
Historic Associations	

D. References

References	Bristol Enterprise, June 12, 1890; R. Musgrove — A History of the Town of Bristol; Charles Greenwood — A History of the Town of Bristol
Map Data	1892, 1903