

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	210

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Methuen ✓  
 Address Cross Street ✓  
 Historic Name Methuen Water Works (M.M.R.) ✓  
 Present Owner: Town of Methuen  
 Use: Present Waterworks  
 Original Same

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number 9-23

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date 1893

Source Cornerstone  
 Style Romanesque Revival  
 Architect E. F. Boyden, Boston  
 Exterior wall fabric red brick  
 Outbuildings garage - NC

Major alterations (with dates) small addition at rear

Moved no Date n/a

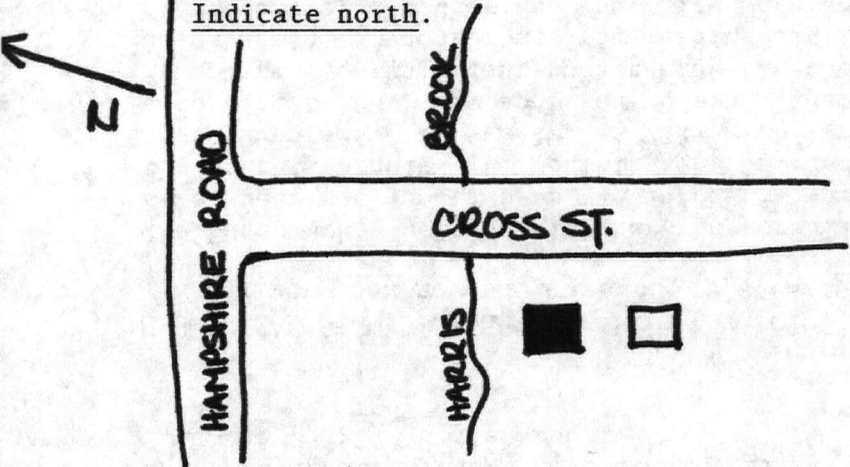
Approx. acreage 1+ acres

Setting rural/suburban

UTM Reference: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000  
19/318720/4734070

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research

Date August, 1982

Assessor's Data: Block 126A, Lot 1

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and  
evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

1 S This brick Waterworks is a well conserved late 19th century example of the Romanesque Revival style, suitably applied to the design of the functional machinery of the waterworks. E. F. Boyden of Boston was the architect. The slate covered conical and hip roofs, the latter capped by a shingled cupola, are well-executed. Round arched and rectangular windows have granite sills. The building contains a 27'x33' engine room and 27'x34' boiler room.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Waterworks were built after the establishment of a Water Board in 1893. This site, near the junction of the Spicket River and Harris Pond Brook, was chosen as the most favorable. E. Worthington, Jr. and Company of Boston made the initial survey and drove the wells. A 212' x 257' reservoir was built on Foster's Hill according to the "now approved modern plans." The completion of the Waterworks was considered a significant undertaking for the Town of Methuen, and involved the cooperation and donations from leading citizens, including Daniel W. Tenney, E. J. Castle, and Charles Mann. The Waterworks possess integrity of location, design, setting and workmanship and meet criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Town Records,  
Annual Reports, 1894. [includes complete report].

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area  
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 50 Pelham Street Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

22. House at 526 Prospect Street Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

23. House at 9 Park Street Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

24. Johnson House Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

25. Lawrence Street Cemetery Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

26. Methuen Water Works Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

27. Morse, Moses, House Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

28. Nevins Memorial Library Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for Aged and Incurables Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

30. Pleasant-High Historic District Substantive Review

for Keeper Bruce Van Duzend 6/20/84

Attest

Ref #84002403

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Methuen Water Works (Methuen MRA)  
Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 1/20/84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Methuen Water Works

Methuen, N.H., Ma

408A

32,309  
(PL 15.3-3A)

CROSS

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16.18

420

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104.25

96.7

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126A



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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284