

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BLVD
BOSTON, MA 02125

Photograph

(3"x3" or 3-1/2"x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

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Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 260 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 780
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-081-0
Mapbase # 11-3-081
Building Area 7408.004
Historic Name Provincetown Town Hall
Present Use Municipal
Original Use Municipal
Date of Construction 1886
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Italianate
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.861
Setting

Recorded by Johnette Davies
Organization Kise Straw & Kolodner
Date (month/year) September 2003
Form Status new update

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings in the community.

The Provincetown Town Hall is a 3-story, 5-bay, 8-bay, 7-bay deep municipal building with an octagonal clock tower with copper roof rising from the center of the building. The façade is stepped. The irregular roof has multiple gables and gable dormers on the east facade. A belt course runs above the 1st story. A double-height bay occupies the gable end, and is supported by large brackets. The 2nd-story contains arched windows with central 4/4 DHS. Window surrounds have beaded millwork. There are entries on 3 sides of the building. The entrances contain double paired doors. An exterior fire stair accesses the upper stories. On the right façade, wood steps access the entrance. The flat roof porch contains Doric columns and pilasters. Windows consist of 6/6 and 4/4 wood DHS with storms. One entrance consists of rebuilt steps and deck. The north façade contains a 1-story modern enclosure for steps to basement entry. An exterior brick centered chimney is located on the north façade as well as a 1-story entry addition with Doric columns. 4-light windows and balustrade on roof. All facades contains paired corner pilasters and all lintels along 2nd story window contain keystones.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

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As per John Bell (1976): "Hall was built 9 years after loss by fire of 'Town hall and high school' on Monument (formerly High Pole) Hill in February 1877. Site was partly donated (see dedication booklet) and partly bought. It had business buildings fronting Commercial St., and apple orchard on the north end. Construction competed in less than one year. As the town's political center, CD headquarters, and Police Station it is the hub of community communications other than the media. It serves also as the town's only voting place, Town Meeting site, and Employment Security office.

Only structural changes were the removal of the side entrance and substitution of brick steps for original entrance stairway. In 1976 the building was repaired and repainted."

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*