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Construction Date: 1828

Style: Greek Revival
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Uses:
• Town Hall
• Meeting Hall
• Police Station/Jail
• Church
• Civic
• Courthouse
• School
• Theater/Auditorium
March of 1936 Flood

- Village School
- Parochial school
- Odd Fellows building

March 1937 Town Warrant

“To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to construct an addition to the present structure of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.”
1937-1938
Addition built on south side of the building to house kitchen and dining room
COMING SOON!
Supper and Drama
"SMALL TOWN ROMEO"

THE PLAYERS

As street urchin—By Pageant: The Village Romeo
Helen Wheat—The village maid.
L. A. S. Mac—The apothecary
Bessie Banana—The apothecary apprentice
Ruthy Burt—The village schoolteacher
Miss Lemon—The village schoolteacher's assistant
Miss Johnson—The village schoolteacher's assistant
Miss Smith—The village schoolteacher's assistant
Miss Williams—The village schoolteacher's assistant

The action takes place in the lobby of the Ruritania Hotel in a small country town.

ACT I
Scene 1—Two o'clock, the following morning.
Scene 2—Same village the next night.

Presented under the auspices of PANSY REBEKAN LODGE
Hooksett Town Hall
WED. EVENING, MAY 10, 1939

MUSIC: Courchesne Orchestra
COACH: Emeroy Welch Smith

PIANO RECITAL

By Request of WALTER P. PINARD
At Hooksett, N. H., Town Hall
Monday Evening, October 21, 1940
Sponsored by MARTHA PINARD

Program

1. Berlioz Fantasia
2. Schubert Impromptu
3. Chopin Etudes
4. Wagner Tannhauser
5. Beethoven Adagio

All Right
An indication that women voters took a prominent part in yesterday's annual town meetings is seen in this photo taken at the Hooksett Town Hall. With so many of the male voters of New Hampshire's "Little Republics" now in the armed services, the so-called "weaker sex" had a mighty voice in the 1943 deliberations at Town Halls the length and breadth of the state. Like many other New Hampshire mothers, one woman is seen above listening to one of the proposals in the town warrant with a child in her arms.
1961

- March Town meeting, by three votes, passed an article approving $18,000 for conversion of Town Hall.
- Reconstruction and renovation of the Town Hall undertaken during the summer.
- Rededication November.
March of 1975
“expansion” of the second floor for “additional offices for the Overseer of the Public Welfare, the Town Treasurer, the Chief of Police, a Police Squad room, an office for the Investigative Division and two large conference rooms in an area that was theretofore not usable.”
1985: Requests for additional space

1986: Move to Leased Space

- Police Department and Dispatch Center
- Civil Defense
- Sewer Commission
1987: Town Hall “bursting at the seams”

1988: Article to raise $15,000 to lease property was defeated.

1988: Site Selection Committee reactivated
1989/90: Renovations
1994: Court moved out
1995/96: More upgrades
2004: Space 50% deficient for existing employees.
May 2008

Town offices moved to the former Village School
old Town Hall was closed.
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What Next?