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Plymouth

KIN.225

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) center

Address 22 Elm Street

Historic Name Pump Station

Uses: Present pump station

Original pump station

Date of Construction 1888

Source maps

Style/Form _____

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim brick

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

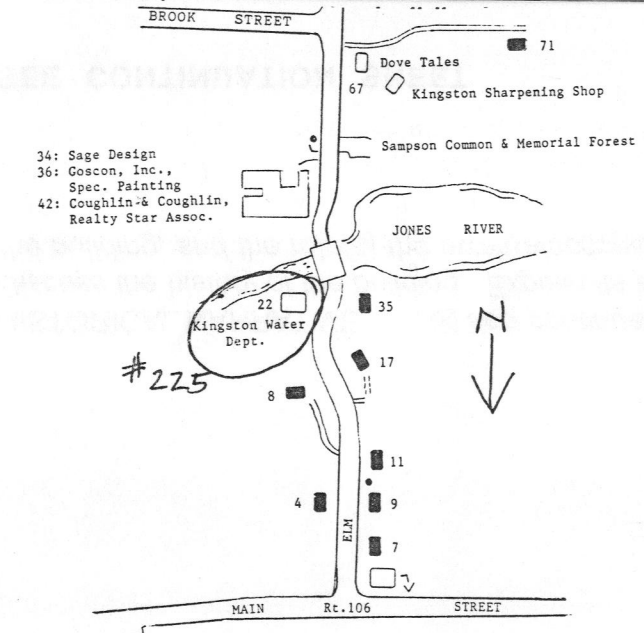
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date _____

Acreage .5 acres

Setting
next to Jones River and near old mill site



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Organization Kingston Historical Commission

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BUILDING 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 within the community.

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

If checked, you must attach

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The pumping station at 22 Elm Street was built in 1888. This pumping station is a 3x2 bay, brick building which sits on a granite foundation. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The center entrance contains a contemporary wood door flanked by half sidelights and topped by a semi-circle fanlight. The windows contain 8/1 wood sash. The building's details include a brick beltcourse and brick dentils at the cornice. A wood frame tower projects from the center of the building. The tower is capped with a bell-shaped hip roof which is covered with metal. A wood frame addition extends to the side and rear of the building.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

The need for towns to provide safe and plentiful water to the community arose in the 19th century and municipal water works began to be built in the mid-19th century. In Kingston, according to Emily Drew, the first private Kingston Aqueduct Company formed when "householders of means bought stock in the company." The Aqueduct Company used a natural spring southwest of Crosman's Pond which became known as the Fountain Head. The water was piped to the village through hollowed logs, with the joints covered with iron bands. The system served some for many years, but was closed after an epidemic "of the nature of typhoid fever or dysentery - the town doctor traced it to the drinking water and the aqueduct was condemned."

Later in the century the need for water in individual households and for fire protection was growing. Finally, a vote at town meeting in Kingston voted to purchase the old gristmill privilege and the rights of a certain amount of Aqueduct Co. equipment. In the 1886 John Quincy Adams Faunce, a mason in Boston was called upon by the town to do the brickwork for the new water system. The original cost of the water works was about \$60,000; when water power no longer was sufficient to pump the water to the reservoir, the town meeting in 1906 voted \$5,500 for electrifying the water works.

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