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**DUXBURY OLD TOWN HALL**

**First Building Built Solely for Government Use**

Duxbury's Old Town Hall, 862 Tremont Street, is a prominent historical landmark. It is the first building built in Duxbury solely for government use and is one of the most significant displays of the Greek Revival architectural style in the town. The facade of the building remains intact since its 1840 construction.

Town Meetings had been held at the Third Meeting House. It was voted in 1839 to build a Town House north of the Third Meeting House. On December 11, 1839, Duxbury purchased 80 rods of land from William Freeman, owner of an adjacent farm, for \$30. The Town House was ready for its first Town Meeting on August 1, 1840. It continued to serve as the town meeting hall until 1927. In 1948, interior remodeling took place for use as a civic center for gatherings, lectures, dances and sports. In the late 1990's, the interior was again remodeled for use as additional Town Office space.

The Town House, now known as the Old Town Hall, abuts and is used as an adjunct to the 1975 New Town Hall and houses the offices of the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen. Old Town Hall sits in a cluster of historically significant landmarks, including Mayflower Cemetery, First Parish Church, new Town Hall and the recently restored and rededicated 1920 World War I Memorial, sited on the front lawn of Old Town Hall.

Old Town Hall's historic inventory has been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. That inventory recommends that it is eligible for a designation to the National Register of Historic Places and a contributing structure in a National Register District that would also include the First Parish Church and the Mayflower Cemetery.

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