

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 7/22/75

Town Hall 655 Main St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, & Development

IDENTIFICATION

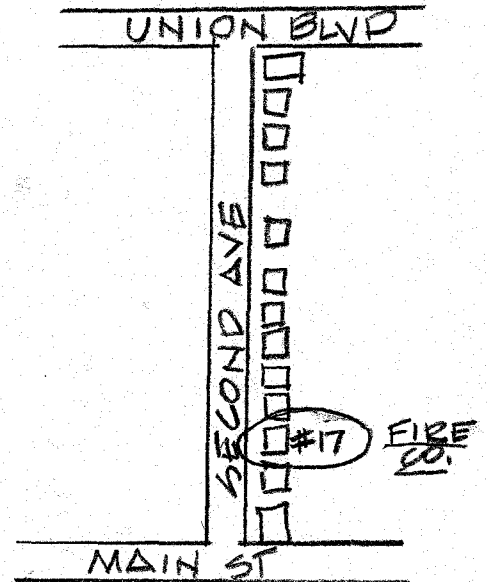
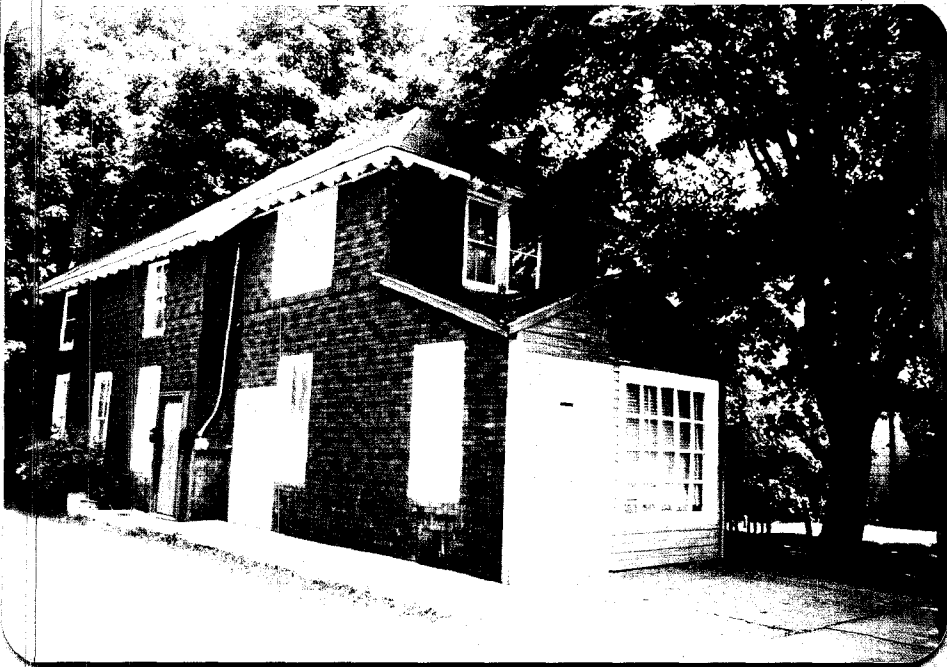
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): # 17 Second Avenue East Firehouse
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 17 Second Ave. Blvd.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private & Main St.
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: Firehouse Present: _____
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): altered.

12. PHOTO: Negative # A-11A

13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land b. woodland
c. scattered buildings
d. densely built-up e. commercial
f. industrial g. residential
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

#17 Second Avenue is one of a row of buildings on tree lined Second Avenue all of the same period.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Gable front. Two story hipped roof building with gabled one story front. Clapboard front has shop window. Exposed carved rafters. Original windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ 1891 _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

17 Second Avenue has served various functions through the years. It was initially built in 1891 as the East Firehouse for the Bay Shore Hose Co.. After the Bay Shore Hose Co. built its new firehouse on Main Street opposite Third Avenue in 1914 the East Firehouse served as the Fire Headquarters Building. It since has been used as a synagouge and a factory among other functions. Two photographs that are a part of the Jerome Gleason Photograph Collection show the firehouse in 1905 and 1916. A 1915 Atlas of Bay Shore pinpoints the Fire Co. Building on Second Avenue. The old East Firehouse building is an interesting building type of the local firehouse.

21. SOURCES:

Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County (Westerly Section)

New York: E. Belcher Hyde, 1915.

Gleason, Jerome. Photograph Collection of Old Bay Shore.

22. ~~XXXXXX~~ Located at the Penataquit Press Building. Bay Shore, N.Y. Tuttle, Etta Anderson. A Brief History of Bay Shore. Bay Shore,

New York: Bay Shore Public Library, 1962.

Weeks, George L. Some of the Town of Islip's Early History.

Bay Shore, New York: Consolidated Press, 1955.
Research by the Society for the Preservation of L.I. Antiquities

Since the volunteers had only a bucket brigade, they had to borrow a hose from Bailey's Lumber Yard. The need for more modern fire-fighting equipment was impressed upon Bay Shore if it were to make use of the water pressure in the main.

The west part of Bay Shore formed Penataquit Hose Company with Leonard W. Young as foreman on January 21, 1891. The following week the east end founded The Bay Shore Hose Company, electing the Rev. Charles W. Fordham its headman. Later Lewis Hubbard was foreman.

Rivalry between the two companies was keen, both racing to any fire, trying to beat its competitor to the scene.

Finally The Bay Shore Fire Department was incorporated upon the creating and financing of a fire district January 30, 1891. Before that the volunteers had to raise all money for equipment by giving benefit entertainments.

The East Truck House was located on Second Avenue with a hand-powered hook and ladder. The Penataquit Hose Company built its headquarters on Fifth Avenue. Later it moved to Smith Avenue where the Foresters' Hall is.

Jarvis Reybert, Louis Holtje, Leonard W. Young, Frank Call, Philip Helbig, Sr., Charles Ackerley, Walter W. Smith, J. Milford Kirkup, Maurice Smith, George Jayne, William J. Adams, Frank B. Metcalf, Fred Ruschmeyer, and Frank Hubbard were a few of the more important early developers and chiefs.

In 1913, during Louis Holtje's time, a new firehouse situated on the south side of Main Street near Third Avenue

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAY SHORE

by

Etta Anderson Tuttle, A. B., M. S. Ed.

1962



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 Peebles Island, PO Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188-0189

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Bernadette Castro
 Commissioner

September 12, 2001

Mr. Daniel Gulizio
 Commissioner
 Town of Islip Department of
 Planning and Development
 Islip Town Hall
 655 Main Street
 Islip, NY 11751

Re: Bay Shore Hose Company No. 1 Fire House
 (Second Avenue Fire House)
 17 Second Avenue
 Bay Shore, Suffolk County

Dear Mr. Gulizio:

I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced property has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As you may know, the National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal income tax benefits. Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic preservation matching grants.

If you would like more information about any of these programs, please write to the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau or call us at (518) 237-8643. Field Services Bureau staff maintains a continuing interest in all registered properties and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
 Director
 Historic Preservation
 Field Services Bureau

RLP:lisa

TOWN OF ISLIP
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

To: Orla Smyth

Date: January 26, 2001

Re: Second Avenue Firehouse, B.S.

The attached papers are referred for the purpose indicated below:

As requested

Please note and file

Please review and advise

Please handle

For your information

REMARK:

Eugene J. Murphy

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Deputy Commissioner
EJM:jc

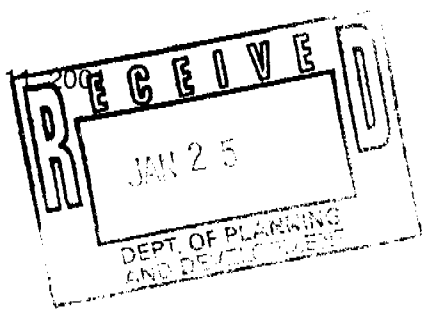


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January 11, 2000



Susan Barbash
President
Bay Shore Restoration Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 5630
Bay Shore, NY 11706-0447

Re: National Register of Historic Places
Second Avenue Firehouse

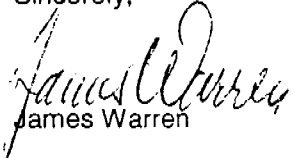
Dear Susan:

This letter is to confirm that the newly rehabilitated Bay Shore Second Avenue Fire House has been listed in the New York State Register of Historic Places as of December 19, 2000. I have enclosed a copy of the nomination cover page signed by our Deputy Commissioner, Winthrop Aldrich.

The property was reviewed at the quarterly meeting of the State Board for Historic Preservation on December 8th and was unanimously recommended for the State Register and for forwarding to the National Park Service with a recommendation for listing in the National Register.

Thank you for the wonderful effort you and the Bay Shore Restoration Group have made in preserving the historic resources of Bay Shore.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at (519) 237-8643, extension 3283.

Sincerely,

James Warren

encl: Nomination Cover Sheet

THE
SUMMIT
COUNCIL
OF
BAY SHORE/
BRIGHTWATERS, INC.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE

SUSAN BARBASH, CHAIR

July 3, 2001

Dear committee member:

Enclose please find a list of houses nominated for inclusion in the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Big Book of Houses. A check in the margin indicates that Barbara and I think that the house should be included in the coloring book.

Over the next two weeks, please take the time to drive by each house. A final selection will be made at our next meeting (Wednesday July 25th, 12:00 at the Office of Instructional Services conference room in the BS Middle School)

Please RSVP to Barbara. 968-1251

We still need more nominees in neighborhoods outside of Brightwaters and/or north of Montauk Highway. If you see a house that is representative of a particular style or time period, drop off a nomination form and accompanying cover letter in that home's mail box.

Thanks for your help. See you on July 25th

Susan Barbash

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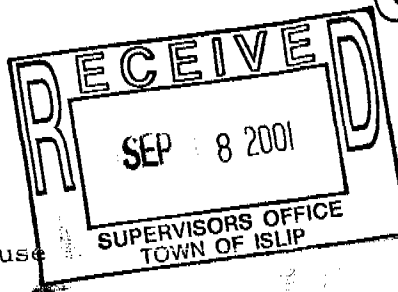
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September 12, 2001

Mr. Peter McGowan
Town Supervisor
Town of Islip
655 Main Street
Islip, NY 11751



Re: Bay Shore Hose Company No. 1 Fire House
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