

FORM F - STRUCTURE

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1. Town North Reading
Address On the Common
Name "The Bandstand"
Present use weekly summer concerts
Present owner Town

3. Type of structure (check one)
bridge _____ pound _____
canal _____ powder house _____
dam _____ street _____
fort _____ tower _____
gate _____ tunnel _____
kiln _____ wall _____
lighthouse _____ windmill _____
other Bandstand

5. Description
Date 1976
Source NRARBC Records and 1976 North Reading Town Report
Construction material Concrete, brick, wood & wood shingle
Dimensions 24' X 24' octagon
Setting _____
Condition _____

6. Recorded by Barbara O'Brien
Organization Historical Commission
Date June 1978

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) North Reading American Revolution Bicentennial Com's'n
 Original use 4th of July 1976 Celebration
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates weekly summer concerts

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> X </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> X </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> X </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> X </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Prior to 1900, there had been a bandstand sitting "atop" the common in front of the Third Meetinghouse. The Bicentennial Commission felt the Town should again enjoy the pleasure so often associated with a bandstand on a common.

Architect: Joseph Saia, Jr.

Builders: Maurice H. Donegan

Edward A. Carlson

The Bicentennial Commission earned the funds to build the Bandstand and presented the Bandstand to the Town 4 July 1976.

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

NRARBC Records

N. R. Town Report - 1976