



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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*** Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Salperto Rink Warming House
 Building Name (Historic) Salperto Rink Warming House
 Street Address or Location 300 Woodward Avenue (also referenced as 338)
 Town/City New Haven Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) City of New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Unused
 Historic Use: Skating rink warming house
Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____
 Style of building Modernist Date of Construction 1972 - hip roof 1995

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>Cast, Masonry</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other Cast-in-place Reinforced Concrete, Prestressed Planks

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other Gable-on-hip

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other _____

Number of Stories: 1 **Approximate Dimensions** 46' x 85' x 12' height

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: Original flat roof converted to pitched hip, 1995.

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

- Barn
- Shed
- Garage
- Carriage House
- Shop
- Garden
- Other landscape features or buildings: Skating rink

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land
- Woodland
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Rural
- High building density
- Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This park was created in 1924 through city purchase of marshlands from the Townshend Family; the park was not fully developed with playing fields until the late 1970s. Open playing fields extend to the harbor shoreline. To the north is the United Illuminating Co. electrical generating plant and to the east there are residential streets of mid-20th-century homes.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

The building was originally built as a flat-roofed structure with a heavy cornice of square section (photograph, Brown, p. 99). In 1995, the roof was replaced with the current gable-on-hip configuration. Service areas and toilet rooms are inside the concrete block masonry structure; serving windows for vending have rolling shutters. The dominant feature is an outdoor fireplace on the east side facing the skating rink; a massive squared-off chimney rises above the roof-line. The fireplace occupies an alcove in the building under the roof volume. Durable materials, primarily concrete block masonry, give the building a rugged, Brutalist stylistic flavor which has been obscured by the more traditional park-pavilion look of the hip roof.

Architect 1972: Charles Brewer Builder 1972: R. A. Civitello
 1995: Philip J. Katz, Engineer 1995: C. J. Fucci Construction, Inc.

• Historical or Architectural importance:

This site was for generations the "front yard" of the Townshend family's Gothic Revival estate, Raynham, on Townsend Avenue. In the early 1920s the City purchased 64 acres for East Shore Park, but development for recreational uses was delayed until the 1970s and later. Like Edgewood and East Rock Parks, facilities for structured recreational activities were added at that time, including the skating rink and warming house. This rink appears to be unused at the present time.

• Sources:

Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1976, p. 99.
 Carley, Rachel D., *Tomorrow is Here: New Haven and the Modern Movement* (Privately printed by the New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven CT) June, 2008.
 New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 050/ 0950/ 00100, Building Department permit files.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock Date 11/12/2009
 View Multiple views Negative on File NHPT
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 Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Other _____
- Explanation _____



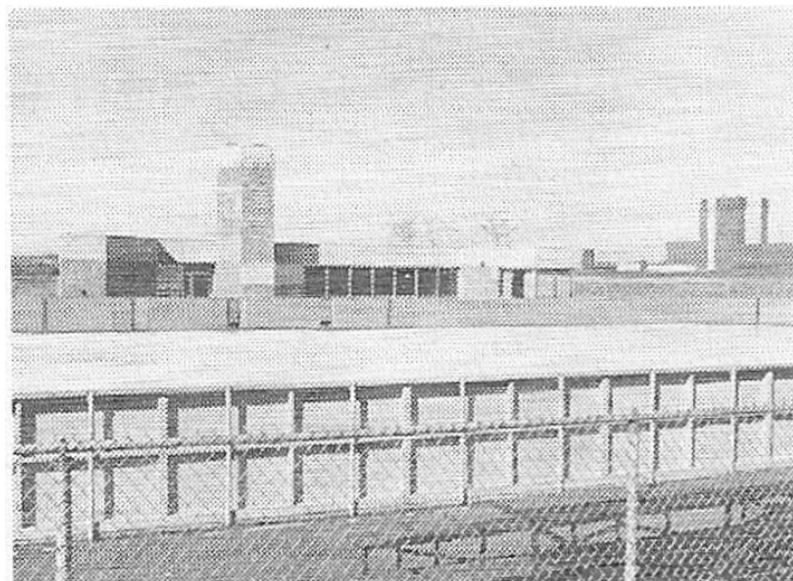
1. Northeast view from parking area, camera facing southwest.



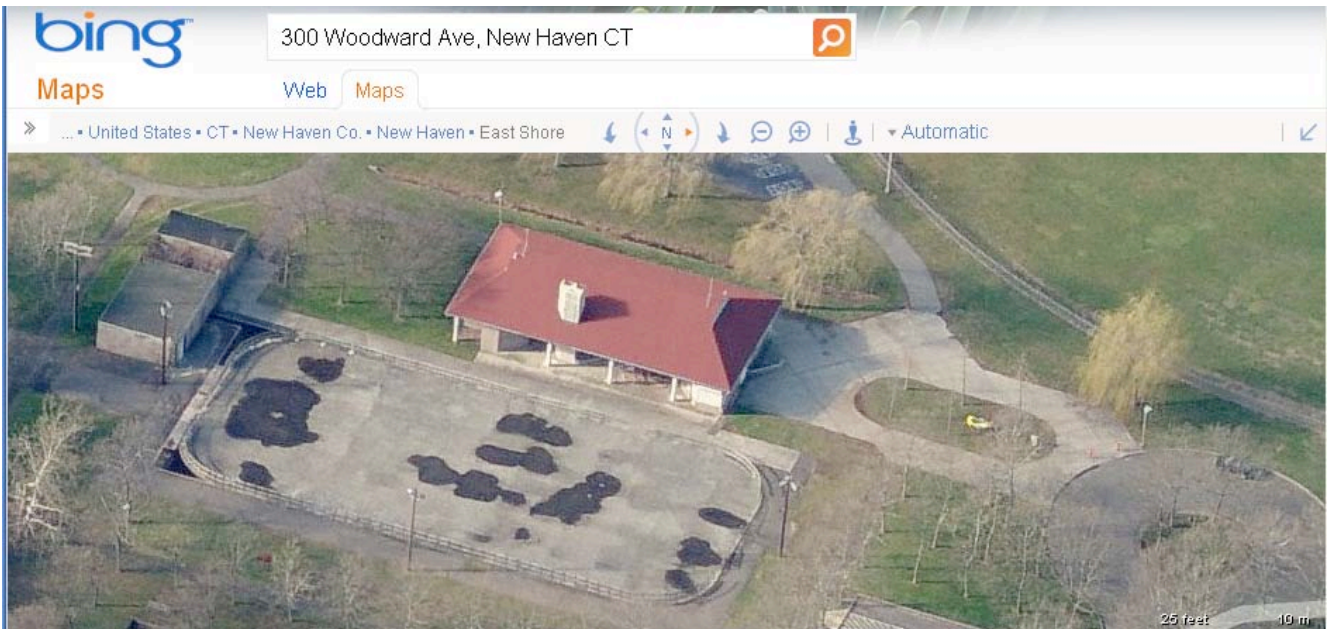
2. Southeast view of rink and building, camera facing northwest.



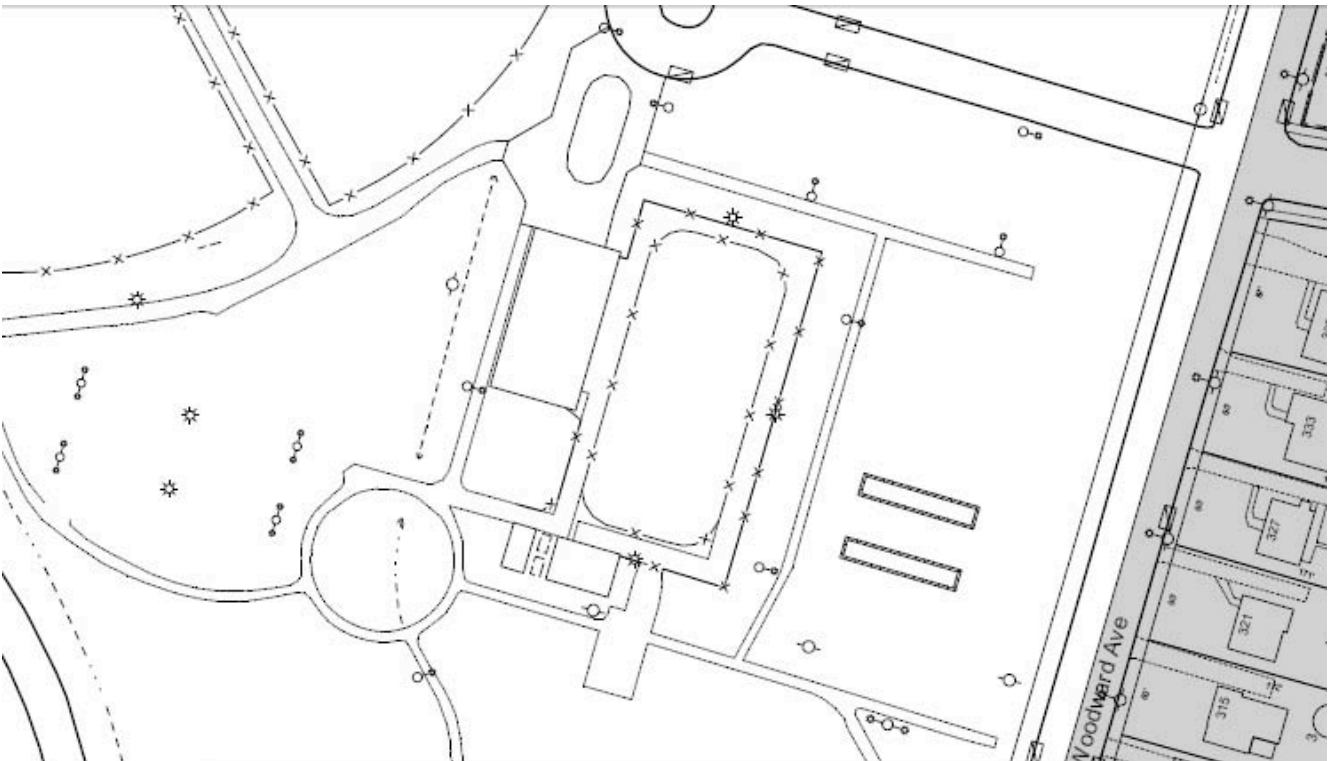
3. East view of fireplace, camera facing southwest.



4. East view, c. 1976 (Brown, p. 99).



5. East aerial view from Bing Maps: <http://www.bing.com/maps> accessed 1/11/2011.



6. Site Plan – from City of New Haven Tax Map 050/ 0950/ 00100, not to scale, North ↑