

6.0 STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations as a result of this survey by ttl-architects have been prioritized. First priority recommendations should be accomplished within two years. Second priority recommendations should be accomplished within two to four years.

Sharon retains a great deal of its rural character with homes equally spaced and set near the road. Historic resources are generally located sporadically throughout the area, although clusters of resources are present. Some buildings within the survey may be eligible for individual listing in the National Register. Potential individual nominations might include the Jonathan Randall Packard House (MHC #87), the Alden H. White House (MHC #96), the Rev. Stacy Reuben Warburton House (MHC # 114), the Charles Herbert Nutting House (MHC # 145 & 146) and the Timothy Quinn House and Barn (MHC # 153 & 154). Refer to *Table 5.1 National Register Recommendations* for full list of potentially eligible properties. The nomination of these properties to the National Register should be a second priority objective of the Town's preservation planning.

Sharon National Register Historic District (Expand)

The residential, religious, and commercial properties surveyed along the west end of Billings Street, North Main Street, Pleasant Street, and School Street retain a high degree of architectural integrity and are locally significant for their role in the development of Sharon. Both sides of North Main Street from Post Office Square to School Street were listed on the National Register in 1975 as the Sharon Historic District. The expansion of the district to include resources on Billings Street, North Main Street, Pleasant Street, and School Street should be considered a second priority for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. However, further evaluation of properties located in the residential area to the east of North Main Street not included in the survey to determine their level of contribution to a potential historic district is needed. The properties were not included in the survey because they were not within the area of primary focus. Historic resources are generally located sporadically throughout the area, although clusters of resources are present. Some buildings within the area may be eligible for individual listing in the National Register. The survey of the residential area to the east of North Main Street and North of Billings Street to include those properties on High Street, Highland Street, Glendale Road, Summit Avenue, and Brook Road should be a first priority objective of the Town's preservation planning.

G.R. & W.R. Mann Cotton Mill National Register Historic District

The residential properties surveyed along Manns Hill Road retain a high degree of architectural integrity and would be contributing resources to a G.R. + W.R. Mann Cotton Mill potential Historic District. This district would include the associated residential properties along Manns Hill Road and the George Rodney Mann House at 195 East Street. Further study of the mill remains and any other associated structures are needed to determine the boundaries of any potential district. Further survey of the area should be a second priority objective of the Town's preservation planning.

Camp Gannett National Register Historic District

Camp Gannett is a complex of 19.72 acres located at the south end of Lake Massapoag. The camp is a fine example of a twentieth century "fresh-Air" camp. These camps were created during the early twentieth century at a time when residents of Boston were seeking

the good air and quiet countryside environment that the Town and surrounding communities offered. Many "Fresh Air Camps" in the area were built to help inner-city children escape the great scourge, tuberculosis that was happening at the time. Additionally, these summer camps made it possible for children to experience summer outside of the city, in a safe, fun, and nurturing camp environment. Retaining integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, Camp Gannett meets Criteria A and C of the National Register at the Local Level. The nomination of this property to the National Register should be a second priority objective of the Town's preservation planning.

Recommendations for Additional Preservation Planning Work

The Town's education community, including the Historical Society, Public Library and the public schools, should be encouraged to develop historic preservation education materials and programs for the Town's school system, utilizing the results of this survey. The Town of Sharon could also utilize the results of this survey in interpretive programs to increase awareness of Sharon's historical and cultural assets. Interpretive programs could include the sponsorship of walking tours; the publication of brochures and books on the community's architectural history and development; the establishment of displays in public buildings; and on site interpretation of historic buildings, structures, and sites with the existing marker program.

In addition future preservation planning should consider the establishment of local historic districts and appropriate protection mechanisms that would protect the identified historic resources that preserve and enhance the aspects of Sharon's heritage from demolition, loss of integrity, and decay.