



Tuftonboro -- a Great Place to "Look Around"!

- Today, the Town of Tuftonboro includes three districts as defined by their post offices: Center Tuftonboro, Mirror Lake, and Melvin Village.
- Mirror Lake and Melvin Village have shoreline on Lake Winnepesaukee.
- The town's municipal structures, as well as our elementary school, are located on Middle Road in Center Tuftonboro.
- As noted during previous meetings: the town also includes 28(+/-) islands, and five summer camps. Our year round population is ~2,300 and is generally considered to triple over the summer season.
- The first set of images will be of our municipal and regional school district buildings. Each of them is on Middle Road (Rte. 109A).



Tuftonboro Free Library (1970 and 1991)
Walking distance from school; across Middle Rd. from project site.



Tuftonboro's Town Offices (I)

An old family homestead was expanded. Large town cemetery to rear.



Tuftonboro's Town Offices (II)

(L to R): Police Dept., Breezeway, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Admin. Space, Selectmen's Room, Code Officer
Fifteen attending a meeting in Selectmen's space quickly becomes a crowd.



Tuftonboro's Town House (1819)

Use: municipal functions too large for Town Offices, poll location, hearings, etc. Next step-up would be school gym.



Tuftonboro Central School

K to 6; Town Meetings are held in Gym; other meetings larger than (say) 60 held in Cafeteria.



Central Station (2013)

Training room available if accompanied by department member and subject to departmental need w/o notice.

- The preceding images are the municipal/school district buildings used by the public. There are other town owned buildings (e.g., the Road Agent's salt shed) but none that would be considered representative of the Town's public building architecture.

- The next images were assembled to show various aspects of some buildings on well-travelled roads, likely to be considered "town architecture."

- As with any individual's collection, we readily acknowledge to our fellow residents that "your mileage may vary."

The Tufonboro General Store

A very old and very busy building -- general store, post office, and where the day begins with coffee around the large table in the front window. Also the place for burn permits and deer registration.

This building was the first temporary home for the library's collection c. 1840.





Willing Workers Hall (1861)

Located in the center of Melvin Village -- used for variety of activities by a number of groups.



The Tuftonboro Historical Society

Located in Melvin Village, the main building is a converted one-room schoolhouse. The barn was donated and moved to its present location in 2007 and subsequently restored. The rooflines of the now-paired structures look as though they were designed by the same hand and meant to be together.



Melvin Village Community Church

A very old church with lots of vitality. A clear window at the rear of the chancel looks out upon Lake Winnepesaukee.



Four residences in the general vicinity of the Melvin Village Community Church



**The “Old White Church” in Center
Tuftonboro at Mackerel Corner.**

No longer used for services, the church is well-maintained and used regularly for musical evenings.

It is across the street from the Tuftonboro General Store.





Tuftonboro Grange

Just north of the Tuftonboro General Store -- Grange No. 142 has met in this location for most of its 120+ years.

Mirror Lake Church

A small, much-beloved church with services conducted in the summer by visiting clergy.

Located at the intersection of the road to Tuftonboro Neck with Rte. 109.





Offices and showroom for Melvin Village Marina



Vintage automobile workshop and storage

Two Examples of New Construction in Melvin Village



Nineteen Mile Brook Farm



The Cheney Farm

Two Farms on Middle Road in Center Tuftonboro



“Aunt Mira’s Corner”

Intersection of Sodom and New Roads

“Big house, middle house, barn” in perfect proportions



Charter House

Located on North Line Rd., Center Tuftonboro. Site of signing the charter establishing Tuftonboro in 1795.

Tuftonboro United Methodist Church

Located at Tuftonboro Corner on Rte. 171

Church dates back to 1820's. Its members cook and serve popular monthly suppers throughout the year.



- In addition to the selection of images of buildings just presented, the remaining ten are included for the same reason the photos were snapped originally -- something in each provides a taste of the visual candy that makes Tuftonboro a great place to “look around.”



Well-sweep Farm Gate



Home on River Road

Miscellany
(I)



Home on Country Road



Barn on River Heights Rd.



Town Offices
Original structure detail

Miscellany
(II)



Well-sweep Farm



Miscellany
(III)



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