

Becket Town Pound

Main Street, Route 8, across from Mallard Drive

42° 16'54.56"N 73° 03'45.36"W elevation 1550 feet

The **Becket Town Pound**, built in 1768, still stands more than 250 years later, as a monument to the workmanship of the early pioneers. The area was necessary as earmarked animals were often in "open pasture"; strays were held in the Pound until they could be returned to their owner.

On August 29, 1768, the town residents voted to build the Pound in the fall on public land at the "southeast corner of the burying place and that it be built with stone [field granite] 40 feet square and six feet high." The building committee was further "directed to give every man the liberty by seasonabel [sic] notice to work his proportion sometime in Oct'r next."; thereby paying his share with his labor rather than money.

In 1960 a bronze marker reading "**Becket Town Pound 1768**" was erected by the Becket Historical Society with town funds. Later it went missing perhaps for its' monetary value. The present, painted sign, was hung from a metal armature given by Robert Gorden, Historical Commissioner. The Pound is along Route 8 in a wooded area between the [Becket Town Hall](#) and the [First Congregational Church of Becket](#).



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