

## **Guild Hall**

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**Y.M.C.A. Road, next to First Congregational Church of Becket**

**42° 17'02.60"N 73° 03'52.94"W elevation 1594 feet**

The Old Town Hall (1890) was built after the town arsonist burnt down the previous (second) town hall/meeting house on the site of the present [First Congregational Church of Becket](#). Town meetings were held here from 1891 to 1940 when the new Consolidated School opened in the village.

In 1950 the town voted to deed the Old Town Hall to the First Congregational Church at a cost of \$1.00. Now known as Guild Hall it has been used by the First Congregational Church for Sunday School and the Parish Hall. The original structure was typical of turn of the century New England town halls and school houses. Initially it was a single story, one room, clapboard building. About 1958 the Church added an ell containing a kitchen, restrooms and a basement below.

The Town of Becket has had several town halls since 1765. Originally the town fathers met in the meeting house so designated by the then colonial government. The site is marked by the First Meeting House Monument on the [Colonial Training Ground](#).

When town government shifted to North Becket, due to the railroad coming through in the 1840's, a building was erected on Washington Street. It housed the town fire trucks and had a second story where the selectmen met and town records were stored. It is the building adjacent to the former St. Matthew's Church; both are now private property and are being restored to resemble their original design.



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