

1011-1015 Hoosick Road Features

1011 Hoosick Road is a vintage schoolhouse constructed by what is now the Brittonkill School District in **1872**. All framing is roughhewn and is at least a full 2" x 6" lumber. Hardwood floors are all original.

The building was used as a school from 1872 until the Tamarac Campus was completed around 1966. It was then used by the Town of Brunswick as a youth recreation facility until **1976** when it was sold to Kenneth Bonesteel for his printing business. Steel beams were installed to support the floor since the business utilized very heavy printing presses.

Due to health concerns of Mr. Bonesteel, the building was sold to Frederick Fowler in **1981** for use as his law office. Initial renovations took place at the time to facilitate the use of the building as an office. That year the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce awarded the annual beautification award to Mr. Fowler in recognition of his initial renovation of the structure.

In **2004-05** a second and total renovation of the building took place as follows:

New cement board siding

New Roof

New 200-amp electric service

New Electrical wiring throughout the building

New plumbing throughout the building

Raising the ceilings to original height

Landscaping and irrigation system

Refinishing of floors

Installation of Buderus Hot water radiators each individually controlled

Two new bathrooms and kitchenette

All new insulation, sheetrock and paint

All new Pella windows

In **2010** a separate building was constructed to the east of the schoolhouse as follows:

24' x 48' steel building with 2' x 6" framing

The garage area is 24' x 32' with 10' ceiling and 8' high and 16' wide insulated overhead door with ample space for two large vehicles, workshop and storage.

To the rear of the garage is a 16' x 24' room that is fully insulated and heated with 3 large sliding glass windows looking out.

Above the entire structure are rooms in attic trusses accessed by 4-foot-wide stairs.

There is also a large cedar closet for storage of off-season clothing

Water is piped to the outside of the garage

Separate 200-amp service provides abundant capacity to this building

Three separate conduits were run from the main building. One carries electrical for the bridge. The other two are not currently in use but can carry other electrical or data lines.

At this time the "antique" covered footbridge was constructed. This bridge has been an unexpected draw for customers, especially the travelling public who often have their pictures taken on the bridge.

In **2015-16** the building was modified to house the café known as the Common Crumb, which included the following:

Construction of a new full bath and laundry facility with a concealed safe.

Construction of commercial kitchen with the following:

Full exhaust and ventilation system including gas fired hot air heater for incoming return air.

Ansil fire suppression system

Construction of a sales counter with sinks, water and electric for espresso machines and coffee makers

Installation of 2" diameter water line directly from the Town of Brunswick water station on Sweetmilk Creek Road

The well, pump and storage bladder should still be functional though not used since that time.

Design and construction of new septic system by Warren Fane, Inc., approved by the Rensselaer County Health Dept.

Construction of natural gas line by National Grid to the schoolhouse and modification of furnace, hot water heater and kitchen appliances for natural gas.

Separate water line provides outside water to the garage building.

In **2024** a new underground electrical line was installed to the signpost as well as various new circuits within the kitchen and the café and the outside seating area lights, and new landscaping.