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## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Brooklin I.O.O.F. Hall

other names/site number

### 2. Location

street & number Rt. 175

N/A not for publication

city, town Brooklin

vicinity

state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04616

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
 nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

12/15/89

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

*Alma Byers*

1/20/90

*for*  
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Second Empire

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Stair Tower on North Side

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Brooklin's I.O.O.F. Hall is a three-story, L-shaped, wooden frame building sheathed in weatherboards and covered by an unusual mansard roof. It was designed to have commercial space on the first story, a community hall with stage and kitchen area on the second floor and the lodge meeting space in the third story. The building stands on the south side of Route 175, a rural location whose setting is little different than when it was erected.

Facing east, the principal elevation has a somewhat irregular fenestration pattern caused by the juxtaposition of the two separate commercial spaces with the upper level windows. The storefront at the southeast corner features a recessed two-leaf door below by a paneled overdoor that is framed by large nine-pane display windows. A brick flue sheathed in weatherboards that rises above the roof separates the storefront at the left from the paired six-over-six windows and door to the right. Large six-over-six windows with hoods are located over the first story openings and these are in turn surmounted by pedimented dormers. Between these two stories is a bracketed cornice that carries around the building. The thin corner boards feature continuous panels.

The L-shaped north elevation faces Route 175. Its irregular fenestration pattern consists of two widely separated windows and a door on the first story of the recessed main block, three windows on the second story and a trio of pedimented dormers. The projecting stair tower which forms the foot of the "L" has a wide two-leaf door located beneath a bracketed hood. There is a single second story window on the wall that intersects with the recessed block, and a dormer. Three windows are located on the first story of the rear elevation, two on the second, and a pair of dormers punctuate the roof. The south side elevation contains three windows and two doors on the first story, three windows on the second story, a trio of dormers, and a non-historic metal fire escape.

The interior retains a high degree of both the original finish as well as furnishings. Narrow unpainted tongue-and-groove sheathing covers the walls and ceiling of the commercial spaces. The upper floors have similar material (now painted) on the ceiling, but feature plaster walls. An elaborate ceiling medallion distinguishes the lodge space which also retains

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original benches, podiums and chairs. The open string stair has lightly stained turned newels and balusters, and the walls of the stair tower are covered with tongue-and-groove boards.

Documentary photographs of the lodge hall show that when first built the projection containing the stair was a four stage tower. A tapered block with dormers rose from the present roof forming the third stage and a square unit with square clock faces constituted the top. They were surmounted by an octagonal spire. The upper sections of this tower are believed to have been removed some fifty years ago. In addition, the attached flue on the east facade, although in place by 1907, was not an original feature. Its initial absence and subsequent appearance have been determined from two different postcard views.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

### Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

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### Period of Significance

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### Significant Dates

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### Significant Person

N/A

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### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

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### Architect/Builder

Bent, Ralph E., Builder

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Constructed in 1896 by local builder Ralph E. Bent, the I.O.O.F. Hall is one of Brooklin's largest and most architecturally significant nineteenth century buildings. It was designed to accommodate commercial uses on the first floor, community functions and theatrical productions on the second floor and lodge meetings in the upper story. The latter function is still maintained. The building is eligible for nomination to the Register under criterion C.

Brooklin is a peninsular coastal community in Hancock County that is bounded by Blue Hill Bay and Eggemoggin Reach. Historically, its economy has been tied primarily to fishing and small scale maritime related industries, although agricultural pursuits gained some prominence in the mid to late nineteenth century. Unfortunately, few of its nineteenth century non-residential buildings have survived without alteration. The I.O.O.F. Hall is an exception to this general pattern. Although it has lost the upper section of the tower the building retains a remarkably high degree of integrity including its storefronts. This fact, combined with the rather unusual arrangement of architectural features found here, makes the hall a conspicuous local landmark. Its immediate neighbors were and continue to be rather modest nineteenth century dwellings exhibiting a variety of stylistic forms.

The I.O.O.F. Hall was built in 1896 with the first function held on June 13th of that year. It was conceived as a multi-purpose building, but was primarily for use by Brooklin's Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This fraternal organization was instituted on March 13, 1895. It continues to utilize the upper two floors whereas the commercial space is now vacant.

Little information has as yet been discovered about the builder of the hall, Ralph E. Bent. He first appears as a carpenter in Brooklin in the 1896-97 edition of the Maine State Year-Book and Legislative Manual, and he is listed in every subsequent edition as late as 1941.

See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Centennial Celebration, Brooklin, Maine. Brooklin, ME: Brooklin Centennial Committee, 1949.

Maine State Year-Book and Legislative Manual. Portland: G. M. Donham, various editions.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)  
has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings  
Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing  
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B                              
Zone Easting Northing  
D                            

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of less than 1 acre occupies the Town of Brooklin tax map 18, lot 9.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire building and lot historically associated with this property.

See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Brooklin IOOF Hall  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, Hancock

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002341

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 1/26/90 DATE Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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**CLASSIFICATION**

count       resource type

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**STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

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**FUNCTION**

historic       current

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**DESCRIPTION**

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

Period      **Areas of Significance--Check and justify below**

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION**

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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**OTHER COMMENTS**

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



BROOKLIN I.O.O.F. HALL

BROOKLIN VIC., MAINE

KING F. MCKEE

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VIEW FROM EAST

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Brooklin I.O.O.F. HALL

Brooklin Vic., MAINE

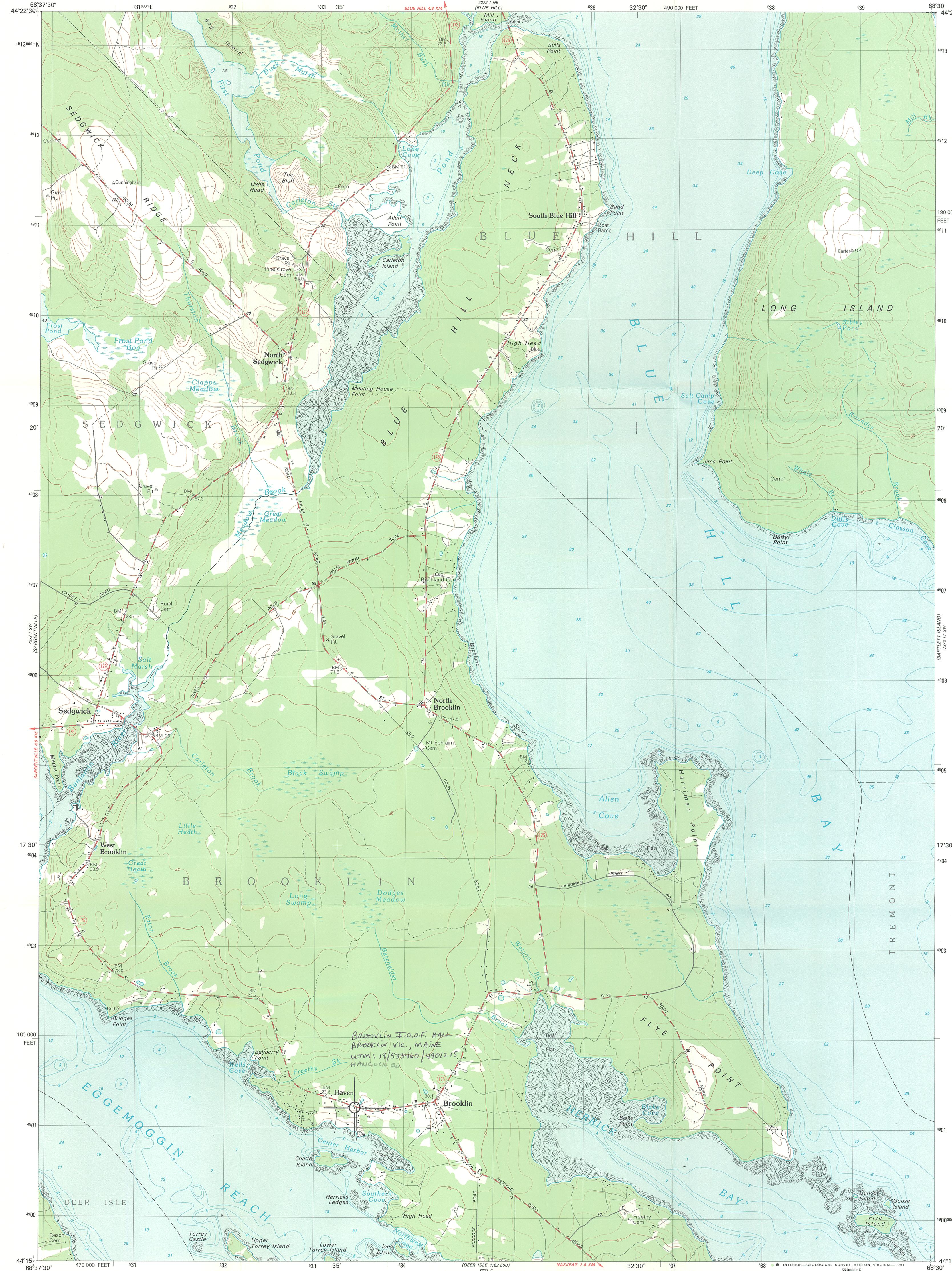
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LODGE HALL INTERIOR

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1976. Field checked 1977. Map edited 1981

Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS chart 13316 (1977)

This information not intended for navigational purposes

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Maine coordinate system, east zone (transverse Mercator)

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 19

1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 2 meters south and

46 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

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To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed please find nominations for seven individual properties and one historic district in Maine.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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