

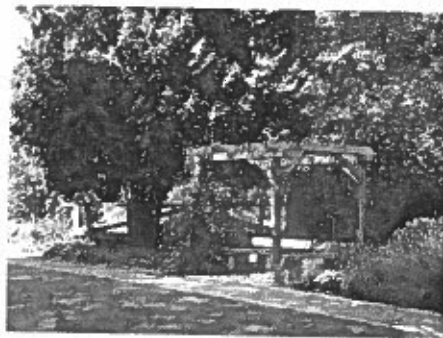
VILLAGE GREEN



The present Town Green, created in 1976, was the site of a blacksmith's shop, a bark mill, and a cobbler's shop. Nearby on Main Street were cabinetmaker's shop and a hatter's shop. In the 1970s, the houses on the site had to be removed because of inadequate sewage facilities, which threatened the brook that ran under one or two of the homes. The last to be torn down had served as the Masonic Hall. Larson's Store, known as the arcade, which sold a variety of necessities including ice cream, candy, newspaper, toiletries, band-aids, and bread, was also torn down.

The Green was planted by the North Stonington Garden Club in 1976 as a project for the national bicentennial and included a flag

pole with several memorial plantings. The beauty of the brook may also be observed by crossing the bridge to the other side of the Green. Across the bridge is an oak tree which was given as a seedling to the town from the State of Connecticut during the 1976 bicentennial celebration. This seedling came from the Original Charter Oak Tree of Connecticut.



A Garden Club project to replant and create walkways in 2003 resulted in eight regional and national awards. The current bridge and wooden pergola were projects built by local boy scouts so that residents of North Stonington could further enjoy some quiet time at the village green.