



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This commercial building is significant as a representation of early 20th century "strip" development as seen on Trapelo Road in Waverley. Its corner location is used to advantage by "rounding" the facade at the juncture of White Street and Trapelo Road. The building is two stories, containing eight storefronts on the ground level and offices on the second story. Colonial Revival features are the pilasters between storefronts, the cornice above first and second stories, and the parapet roof, all of which are rendered in brick and concrete. The structure is also notable for its good condition.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

No. 464-70 Trapelo Road is an intact example of early 20th century strip commercial development which was a response to the automobile orientation of the 1920s. Trapelo Road developed as an early commercial strip which originated in Waverley and extended to Cushing Square. This location was extremely desirable because of its accessibility to the Waverley population, which was growing rapidly during this period. Built in 1927, this building also included offices on the second story, an indication of the type of development that was taking place.

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