



## OLD ETNA FIRE STATION

The very early history of fire fighting in the present day Etna area is unfortunately now lost to the years, and it is not known if, prior to the 1924 construction of the little building illustrated here, the fire company even had a permanent home.

At the annual 1924 Town Meeting the voters appropriated \$1,000.00 to erect this simple wood framed, 20' x 26' building for the purposes of housing the villages' fire apparatus. Situated on a small piece of donated land, the final cost came to \$1,227.36. The structure served the community well until being replaced in 1952 by the present masonry facility located diagonally across the road.

The old building still exists. It's now used to store the village's two antique fire engines, and is soon to receive a new foundation.

*Photograph courtesy of Timothy Bent*



## ETNA LIBRARY

The first library in the "Mill Neighborhood" area of Town was established in 1801. However, it was not until the completion of the present brick building illustrated in this circa 1910 view that the library finally had a permanent home.

Built in 1905 for a cost of \$2,822.11, the 28' x 34' structure sits on a small lot acquired two years earlier with a previous additional expenditure of fifty dollars. Robert E. Fletcher, a noted Professor of Engineering at Dartmouth's Thayer School, was on the Library's Board of Trustees and prepared the architectural plans for the building's construction.

With the exception of some very minor updating to the facility in the way of plumbing, electrical, and heating, this gem of a building, still active as a library, presents itself to the community just as it did when it first opened its doors in late 1905.

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