

DATELINE: undated newspaper article (most probably circa 1938)

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*Note: the siren had first been installed in the belfry on School #1 in 1919. This school stood where the Central School parking lot is today. School #1 was razed in 1939. The siren was used to alert the town's volunteer firemen.*

## SIREN TRANSFERRED TO CENTRAL SCHOOL

### School Board Reluctantly Allows Change As Only Possible Solution

With considerable reluctance, the board of education last Thursday night gave permission to the council to place the siren on the top of Central school where a sort of pent house will be built.

Because of the fact that school No. 1 is coming down, a new home for the siren must be found. The board of education refused the request of the council to allow school No. 1 to remain standing for a possible community building but agreed to give the council "reasonable time" to make arrangements for the siren. The siren has been on the top of school No. 1 ever since it was first installed with the exception of a few years time when it was placed on the municipal building. It did not prove satisfactory there and was returned to the school.

Dr. John Morey, school board president, said he had talked with several members of the council and believes they are really hard put to it to know what to do with the siren. Experts have been out to study the situation and have declared that if the siren is put on the municipal building, a second one must be put somewhere across the hill in the direction of Ackerman Avenue. The only other alternative would be a very high tower in back of the municipal building. Either of these plans would cost somewhere around \$2,600 and Dr. Morey declared, "I really do not believe the town can afford to spend this money. I don't want the siren on the school but I just don't see what else we can do."

It was specified that the change would be "temporary" but school board members reminded one another that the housing of the siren on school No. 1 had also been "temporary".

Mrs. Joseph Taylor voted "no" on the question but all the other board members approved.