

Service Structures

Besides the main building, many properties in Bennington include service structures such as garages and sheds which contribute to their historic character. In other cases, character is damaged by obtrusive or inappropriate garages and sheds, and by highly visible television and radio antennas adjacent to buildings.

Basic Guideline

Maintain historic garages, sheds and other service structures which contribute to a site's historic character. Avoid new service structures which conflict with historic character in size, design, materials or placement.

Appropriate

- A** Retaining original or old service structures which contribute to a site's character, making appropriate repairs.
- B** Removing service structures such as recent garages, carports, sheds, antennas, etc. which conflict with a site's historic character.
- C** Constructing new garages or other service structures on minimally-visible side or rear portions of a site where possible, and with scale, design and materials in keeping with the existing structure.

Not Appropriate

- 1** Constructing new service structures on highly visible portions of a site, with scale, design, materials or placement not in keeping with historic character.
- 2** Placing satellite dishes, antennas and similar features in visible portions of a site.

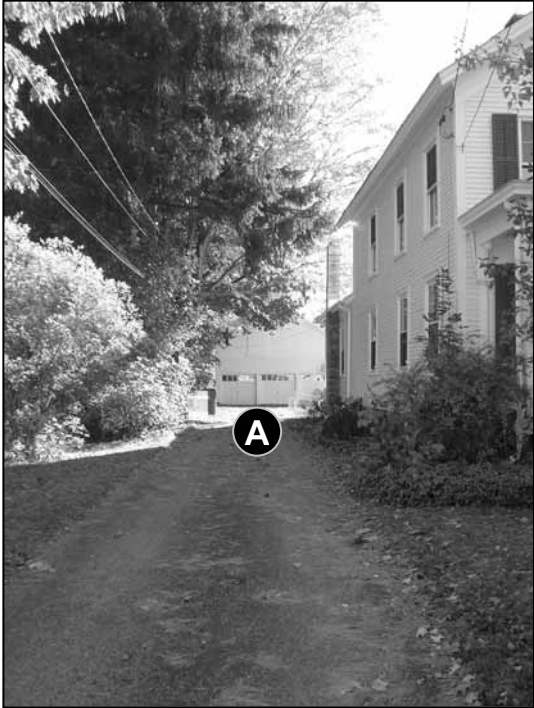


Fig. 5-65: 216 Elm St. The garage here is set way in the back behind the main building, allowing it to take on a more secondary role and keeping the large garage doors out of sight from the street.

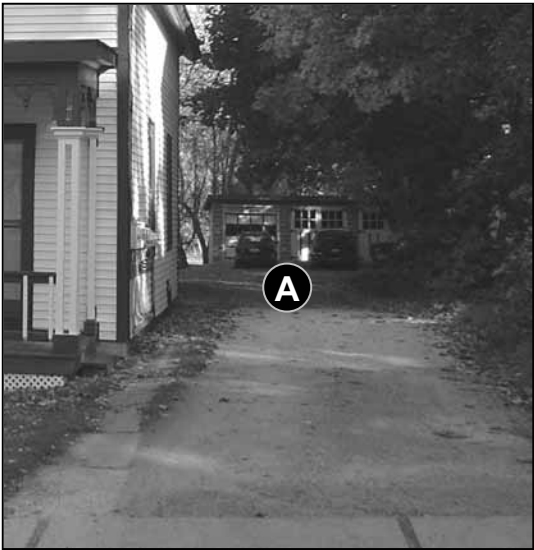


Fig. 5-66: 126 Jefferson St. Sheds, garages and similar utilitarian structures are best kept away from the street whenever possible and shielded behind the primary building.