

The 1936 flooding on the Nubanusit Brook and the presence of two major highways along Grove and Main streets prompted the replacement of the two primary crossings in the center of the historic district. The town constructed two granite-faced, concrete rigid-frame bridges with arch effects providing picturesque bridges in the central village district to carry highway traffic over Nubanusit Brook and the Contoocook River. In 1936 the **Grove Street Bridge (Photo 50)** was built, replacing an earlier bridge damaged in the 1936 flooding.²⁹ At the time, the bridge carried U.S. Route 202 traffic through the center of the historic district. This concrete rigid-frame bridge with stone facing is one of three in Peterborough, and one of two over the Nubanusit Brook, all built between 1936 and 1941.³⁰ The bridge is the shortest of the three bridges, measuring just 54'-0" in length with a clear span of 47'-1¾". Like the Main Street Bridge, concrete light standards are located atop the end piers of each of the railings. The stone facing is more ashlar like than on the Main Street Bridge.



Photo 50) West elevation of Grove Street Bridge, 32 and 36 Grove in rear

Direction: ENE

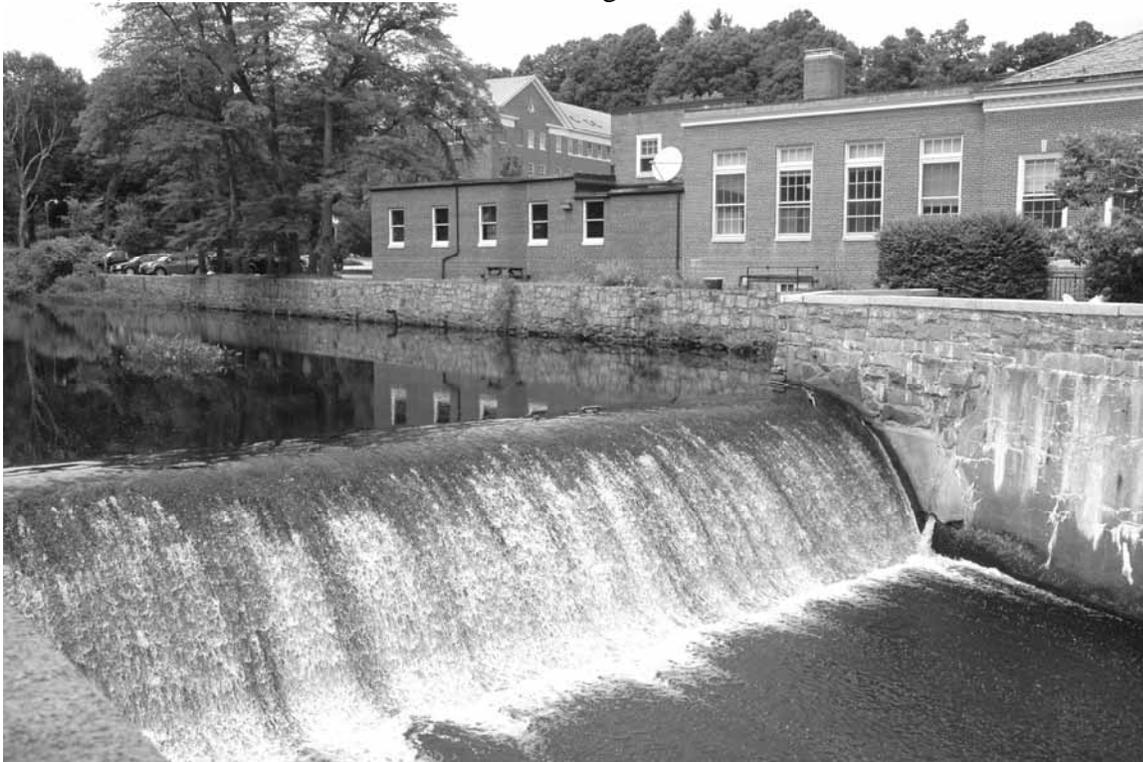


Photo 51) Grove Street Dam, west of Grove Street Bridge, with Post Office in background

Direction: NW