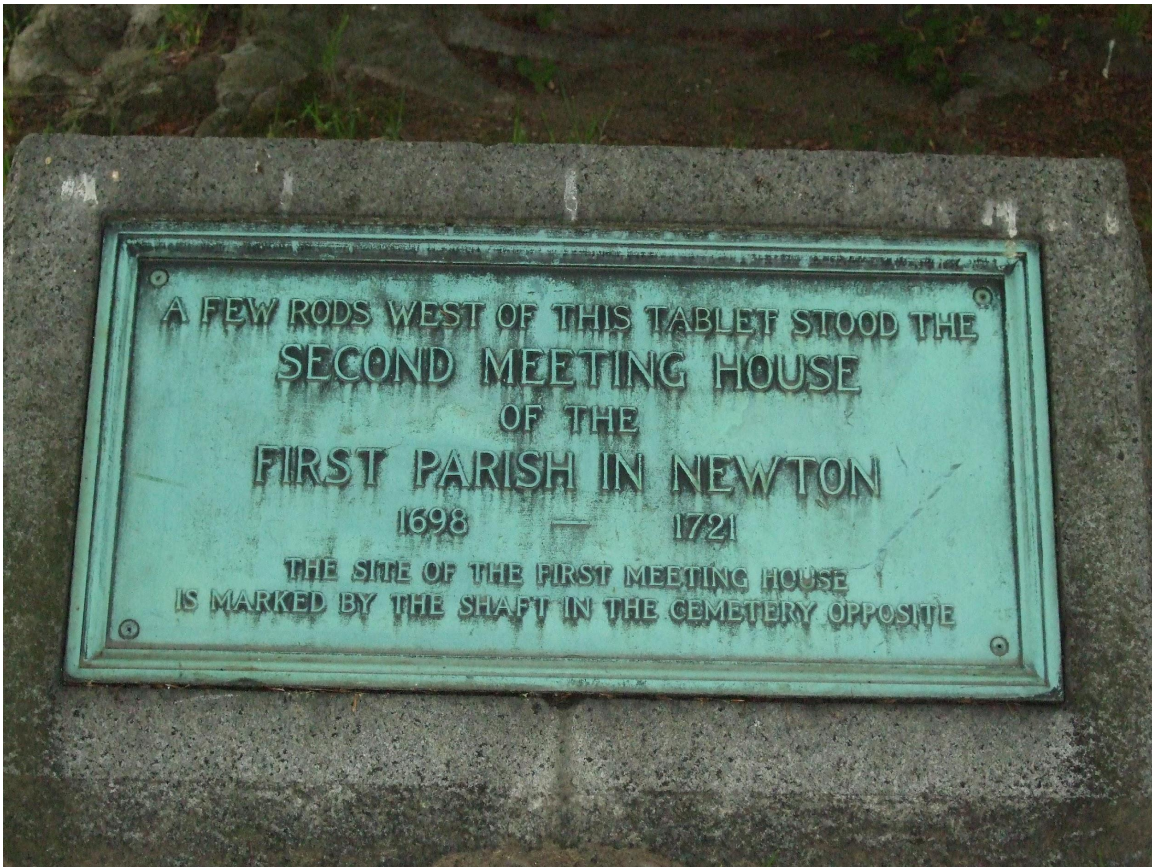


Second Meeting House in Newton

A stone and bronze tablet marker commemorating Newton's Second Meeting House is planted inside the stone wall of Newton Country Day School on Centre Street. When the community outgrew its first meeting house, in 1696 a new meeting house was approved across the road on land donated by Lieutenant John Spring, the owner of the grist mill on Smelt Brook in Newtonville. Construction commenced in 1697, and was completed in 1698.

The Second Meeting House was closed in 1721. A third meeting house was built at the corner of Homer and Centre Streets. The First Congregational Church now sits on this site. The old Second Meeting House was purchased in 1721 for "a sum not exceeding 80 pounds," and reassembled in Waltham, where it stood until 1776. The site of the Second Meeting House reverted to former owner John Spring.





A FEW RODS WEST OF THIS TABLET STOOD THE
SECOND MEETING HOUSE
OF THE
FIRST PARISH IN NEWTON
1698 — 1721

THE SITE OF THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE
IS MARKED BY THE SHAFT IN THE CEMETERY OPPOSITE