

THE MILLIKEN BLOCK

Corner of Main & Silver Streets ~ Map #28



In 1866, the Waterville National Bank purchased a wooden building on this site and hired Architect Moses Coburn Foster, a Waterville citizen, to design a bank. The bank failed in 1879-1880. After the bank's failure, the building became known as the Milliken Block in honor of Dennis L. Milliken, a prominent local citizen and banker of died in 1879.

O.J. Giguere bought the building in the early 1900s and the "G" lead glass windows for Giguere's Clothing are still present today. The building went through several owners, and at one time Atkins Print Shop occupied the premises, and later the Silver Street Tavern. The Midnight Blues Club occupied the building from 2005 through 2011, but the building was returned to the Giguere family in early 2011 when Charlie Giguere purchased the building and re-opened the Silver Street Tavern.

This Italianate-style building has cast iron posts, granite lintels and pronounced arches over the windows, all of which were typical for the time in the United States. Also of note are the decorative cornice on the building top and the bracketed cornice at the roofline.

