

5.5 John Street, east side**57 John Street**

- Georgian, pitched-roof, two-storey red-brick house with period front doorway (c.1865).
- **Description** – Long, gabled house has unusual aspect, with widely spaced windows, particularly at upper floor. Masonry is unornamented, common-bond red brick throughout, built off typical, rubble limestone foundation. Rebuilt brickwork at LH side suggests alterations in this area, although not readily comprehensible from exterior. Central **front doorway** comprises old, half-glazed door with single lower panel (behind metal storm door), set between four-pane sidelights with plain boards in lower regions, now partly hidden in concrete slab. Transom window is small, three-pane unit with broad mullions at either side, with very wide, flat-arch above. Modern, two-tone metal canopy over doorway obscures both arch and transom, and is an unsuitable later addition. **Windows** to either side are later, 1/1 units with original, narrow wooden sills (with period 4-pane storm at left and metal storm at right). Flat arches above contain stretcher and header voussoirs, and rise uniformly to joint-line four bricks above. At **upper floor**, low 1/1 windows (with 4-pane storm at RH unit) are set tight against eaves, with narrow wooden sills as at ground floor. **South elevation** is brick, with two 6/6 windows (with metal storms at ground floor), while north elevation is clad in textured vinyl siding, also with 6/6 windows. Soffits and fascias are aluminum-clad and rainwater goods are conventional aluminum profiles. **Pitched roof** has green asphalt shingles, and a single chimney, on older base, exists at unusual location near center of ridge.
- **Comments** – Parsonage is apparently Georgian but with unusual features, such as 1/1 ground floor and small, upper-level windows; unlike 6/6 windows at end walls. These presumably indicate changes over the years and should be retained. Building is in good repair, though metal canopy over front door and aluminum cladding at soffits and eaves should be removed. Metal storm door is also unsuitable and removal would improve appearance. Chimney requires repointing, and should be rebuilt in upper portions to suitable period details; though older chimneys may have existed elsewhere, as should be apparent from internal roof structure or sheathing. Restoration of such aspects, and installation of a period roofing material (i.e. wood shingles) would enhance appearance of interesting and attractive house.