

FORM B - Building

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Map and Lot # 131 33 USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 576

Town Groton3
Place (neighborhood or village) Lost Lake

Photograph

(3"x3" or 3-1/2x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

Roll Negative(s)

Address 71 Shenandoah Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential/seasonal

Date of Construction c. 1930

Source Estimate

Style/Form No style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Undetermined

Wall/Trim Vinyl clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Major Alterations (with dates)

Re-sided with vinyl; windows replaced

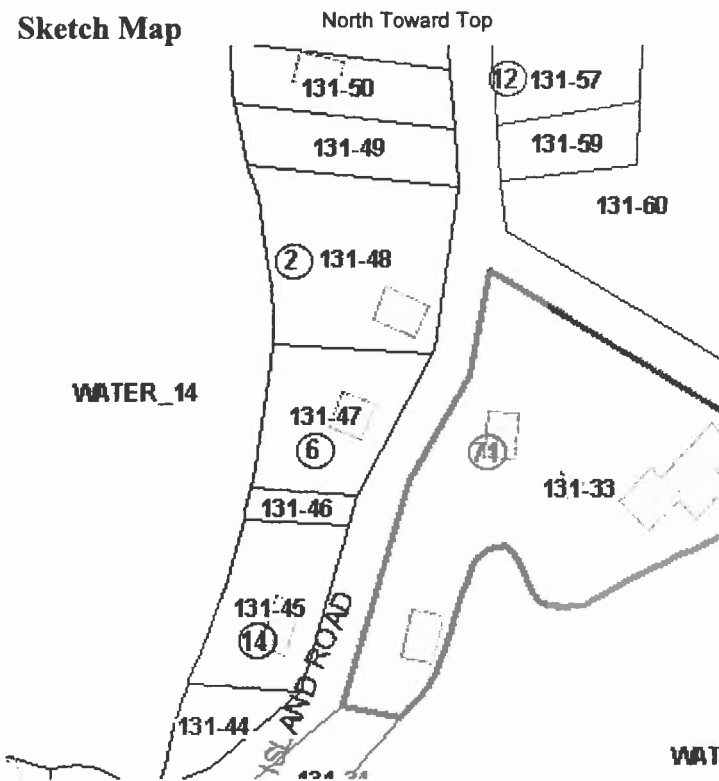
Condition Fair

Moved no yes Date

WAT Acreage 1

Setting Rural, lakeside

Sketch Map



Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/08

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The cabin at 71 Shenandoah Road is a 1 1/2-story, front-gabled form with a hipped enclosed porch facing the water (south) and a shed addition at the west side
- * No decorative elements are in evidence either as a result of alteration or because the cabin was plainly built
- * Windows are modern 1/1 sash
- * The diminutive scale is typical for Early Modern Period buildings in the neighborhood as is the simple exterior design
- * A larger residence also exists on the parcel and is the main building on the lot. It is a year round modern residence.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

see continuation sheets

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners /occupants played within the community.

The Lost Lake Neighborhood of Groton, formerly a resort area and now the site of hundreds of year round residences, came about as the result of the c. 1924 flooding what are called Knop Pond, Springy Pond and Cow Pond Meadows on the USGS topographic maps from 1893 and 1917. A dam across Cow Pond Brook at the north end of Cow Pond Meadows impounded the approximately 200 acre pond. The Army Corps of Engineers indicated in 1980 that the earthen dam is about 80 ft. long and 10 ft. high. The 1936 USGS map depicts Knops Pond in its current form with the additional residential construction of summer camps around the perimeter. Access to the waterfront was via Lost Lake Drive laid out from Lowell Road (State Route 40) just east of Brown Loaf Hill toward the southeast with various avenues branching off to the eastern shore of the pond before connecting to Boston Road (State Route 119) at Forge Village Road (State Route 225). Additional access is via Boston Road toward the northeast to the pond's southwestern shore. Roads here are narrow and winding, traversing numerous eskers and other prominent glacial landscape features. An undated advertisement for sale of the lots (at \$75 each) describes the nearby golf course and clubhouse as benefits of ownership. The golf course was owned starting in 1934 by Helen and Dana Sherlaw, owners of the Groton Inn. The Clubhouse is mentioned in the Massachusetts State Archives Department of Public Safety Fire Safety Records which record inspections of public buildings. The date for the one-story clubhouse is 1926, the owner is L. P. Griswold and the architect was R. S. Beyer. Its location is unknown and is not known to exist presently. The neighborhood made a gradual change from summer resort to year round residential area between c. 1960-2000 when most seasonal houses were adapted for winter occupation. Many were enlarged and altered so that early design features are now largely obscured.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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USGS Topographic maps, 1893, revised 1915, 1917, 1936; Massachusetts State Archives. Department of Public Safety. Division of Plans. Fire Safety Records, File #34195; National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. Lost Lake Dam (MA 00808), Merrimack River Basin, Groton, Massachusetts. Phase I Inspection Report; Army Corps of Engineers, 1980;

**** All properties mentioned in bold type are individually inventoried resources**

- Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement Form.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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