

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
South Tewksbury

Address: 2020 Main Street

Historic Name: Shawsheen Tourist Cabins

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Shawsheen Tourist Cabins

Date of Construction: 1943-1949

Source: Deed Research & Street Directories

Style/Form: No Style/ Bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
6 cabins (1943-1949) (TEW.XXX-XXX)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no |X| yes | | **Date** _____

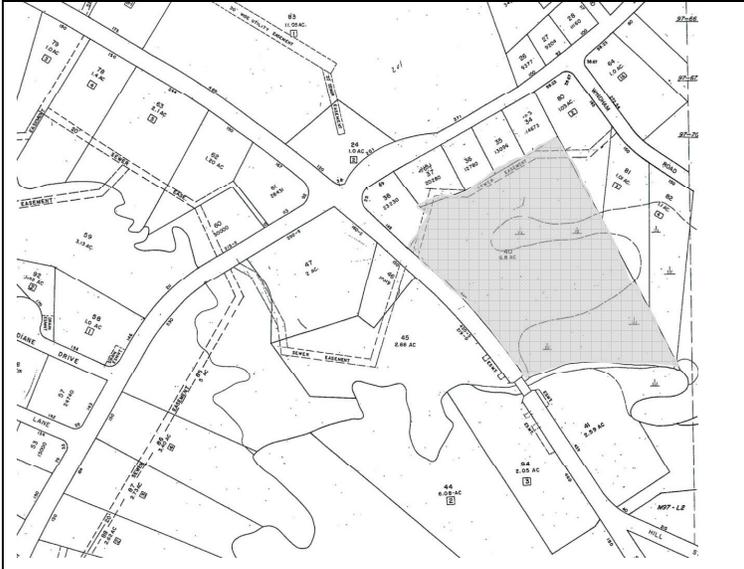
Acreage: 6.8 Acres

Setting: Located in a primarily commercial area on a major travel corridor near the intersection with Shawsheen Street. The property abuts the Shawsheen River.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): March 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBUY

2020 MAIN STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

The bungalow at **2020 Main Street** rests on a concrete block foundation. The three by three bay dwelling is one-and-a-half stories in height. A shed roof porch extends across the full width of the main (south) façade. The porch features a band of 1/1 sash windows and a central entrance door. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney pierces from the western slope of the roof. The walls are clad in aluminum siding. Windows are 1/1 sash windows. A rear (north) one-story addition with a gable roof features a secondary entrance on the west façade and 1/1 sash windows.

Six cabins are located to the east of the dwelling. Each cabin is similar in detail and design. One story in height, each cabin is two by one bays, with a projecting gable entry. Each cabin has a side gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in wood clapboards. Some cabins have been slightly altered by shed roof additions or hip roof entry porches.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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 tourist cabins on the Shawsheen River were built 1943-1949 and operated by Marceline Leavitt. Prior to operating the cabins she worked as a bookkeeper and lived with the O'Brien family on Shawsheen Street near the intersection of Main Street. Circa 1950 t Marceline Leavitt moved to Taft Road, became a nurse at the State Hospital and sold her dwelling, office, and six cabins to Edward and Mary Schanzer. Edward was a restaurant manager in Boston and his wife operated the tourist cabins until c1965.

The owner in 2009 was the Tewksbury Development Corp.

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