

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Chelmsford

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): North Chelmsford

Photograph



Address: 17 Groton Road

Historic Name: Marinel Transportation Company

Uses: Present: retail store

Original: garage/office building

Date of Construction: ca. 1930

Source: city directory research

Style/Form: altered beyond recognition

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding/vinyl

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Ca. 2000 replacement siding, windows, and doors

Ca. 1990 replacement store materials, Neo-Mansard roof addition

Change of use

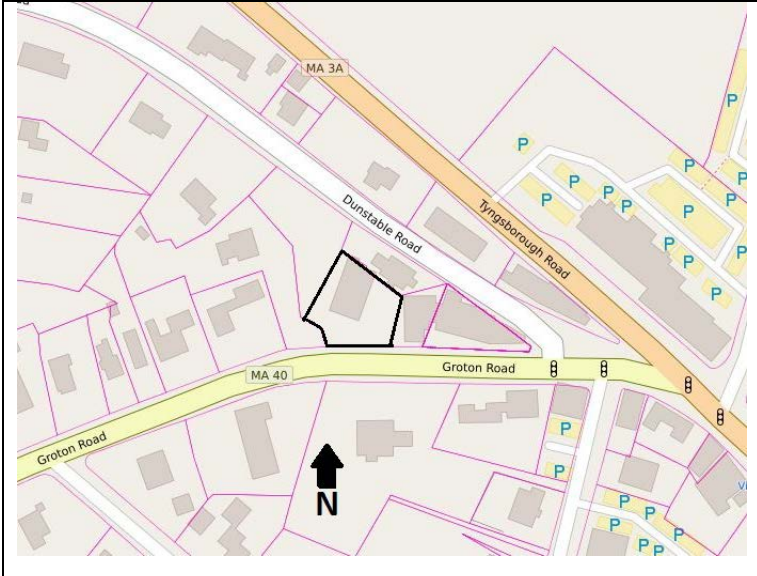
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .59 A

Setting: The lot contains two buildings on the north side of Groton Rd. The main building is located approximately 35' from Groton Rd. A paved parking area is along the west and south sides and between the two buildings. The garage is about 50' east of the main building. The area includes 19th and 20th c. residential and commercial developments.

Locus Map



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Organization: Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

17 GROTON ROAD

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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 lot contains two buildings with the main commercial building on the west side and the garage/office building (CLM.346) on the east side of the lot. This building is one-story tall with walls clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim and a rear gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The primary (south) façade is three bays wide with the west bay clad in siding and the other two bays, along with the first two bays of the east wall, comprising the storefront area. The storefront includes replacement anodized aluminum plate glass windows with brick veneer kickplates. Signage for the "Consignment Corner" store is above the windows. The main entry is located in the second bay of the east wall and features a set of anodized aluminum and glass doors. The storefront area includes a large pent roof covered with brown, asphalt shingles. The remainder of the building is three bays deep with single fixed-casement windows in each bay. These windows feature decorative shutters.

The building is an altered example of a twentieth century commercial building that retain historic integrity of location and setting.

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 buildings on the lot do not appear on the 1907 Sanborn map of the area, but are present on the 1938 aerial map of North Chelmsford; therefore, they were constructed between these dates. The 1950 Sanborn map shows both buildings in use as bus garages. The 1949 Chelmsford city directory lists the Marinel Transportation Company at this address (then listed as 15 Groton). The company was operated by George Marinel (born ca. 1897), who lived with wife Lillian at 60 Dunstable Road. The transportation company was established ca. 1930 as it is not listed in the 1925 directory, but is in the 1931 directory. Marinel sold the property in 1951 to Thelma and Roger Welch, but the 1952 city directory continued to list Marinel as the proprietor of the bus company. Marinel's bus business remained in operation at least into the late 1950s. Research did not reveal when it ceased operation and became a consignment shop.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Genealogical research, including U.S. and Massachusetts census records; birth, marriage, and death records; and city directory records from ancestry.com.

Historical aerial maps available from historicaerials.com.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Lowell, MA. 1907 and 1950.