

American Legion Hall



William A. Bosworth Post 237

Form No. 64

Town Sherborn
Address Maple Street at Corner of Green Lane

Historic Name William A. Bosworth Post 237

Uses: Original American Legion Hall
Present Life Center School, Dance Center-retreat

Ownership, 1981 Life Center School on Brush Hill Road.
" Original Members of Legion Past

Constructed 1929

Source Anne C. Shaughnessy

Style/Form Utilitarian

Architect

Ext. Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings

Alterations

Moved No

Acreage Less than 1 acre

Setting: Setting: situated on N. side of Maple, one of Sherborn's most picturesque Streets. located on a low rise, adj. to large trees of considerable age.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon, October 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This is a simple one and one half story utilitarian building. Constructed of wood, it is of a rectangular plan. Its multi-paneled door is flanked by double multipane windows (its main entrance is on its south facade. this is the only non residential structure on Maple Street.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The William A. Bosworth Post 237 of the American Legion erected this building in 1929, It was chartered in December 1919. For many years this organization supported local civic and patriotic activities. Its members visited the hospitalized and the disabled. The original charter contained 38 names. The Auxillary Unit of the Post, composed of relatives of Legion members, was formed in September of 1920 and 15 names appear on its charter. The Legion Quarters were sold to the Life Experience School (Brush Hill Road)in 1979. It is presently used as a dance center-retreat by the school. Note: In this structures front yard is a boulder which exhibits a bronze plaque. An Honor Roll of 65 names appear on this plaque along with an inscription "Dedicated by the Town of Sherborn in memory of her citizens who served in the armed forces of the United States during the World War". [1917-1918]

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