

16 Parks Drive



James and Thelma Dykens House. Photo 3/23/2008

Form No. 304

Town Sherborn
Address 16 Parks Drive
Assessor's # 8/89
USGS Quad Medfield

Historic Name James and Thelma Dykens House

Uses: Present Residence
Original Residence

Constructed 1960

Source Assessor information
Style/Form Cape Cod

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:
Foundation Concrete
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard
Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings Attached garage

Alterations

Condition Excellent
Moved No

Acreage 2 acres
Setting Rural subdivision

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Recorded by Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Sixteen Parks Drive was an early building in the **Parks Drive, Ward Lane Jackson Road Area****, constructed in a modern interpretation of the Cape Cod style. The side-gabled, one and one-half-story form is expanded by the attached two-bay garage at the left (north) side and by two gabled dormers on the front slope of the roof. The four-bay facade has an off-center door flanked on the south by two 12/12 sash and on the north by a single example, all set very close to the eave. A single-story, three sided bay window lights the south elevation. The dominant decorative feature is the large center chimney with slim corbel cap. A second chimney marks the roofline over the ell connecting the house and garage. The setting is typical upscale post-war suburban with a low stone wall to separate the well-maintained house from the street. A comparable Cape Cod house is located at **123 South Main Street****.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Parks Drive, Jackson Road and Ward Lane subdivisions were developed between 1960-1974. Neo-Colonial, Cape Cod and Garrison style residences were built in an array of large lots representative of upscale housing developments in the town and around the commonwealth. The 1950s and 60s were a period of rapid suburbanization in the town and entire region. Sherborn had implemented zoning by-laws in the 1930s, a time when people were beginning to realize the value of semi-rural land for housing that was located within easy driving distance of employment centers. The town's multiple-acre zoning made residential construction more attractive. From Sherborn, residents could drive quickly to work in Boston, Medfield, Ashland and Framingham, among many other semi-urban communities. The Cape Cod style house was promoted across the country as a convenient, efficient residence reminiscent of traditional American architecture.

James and Thelma Dykens were the owners of 16 Parks Drive from 1960 to ca. 1970. From then to the present (2015) it has been owned by Mary and Peter Bertschmann.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

- 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
- Tax valuations;