

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town/City: Belmont

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Juniper Hill

Address: 55 Juniper Road

Historic Name: John Owens House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: 1957

Source: building permit

Style/Form: Contemporary

Architect/Builder: J. Robert Hamilton

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: stone, wood

Roof: rubber

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

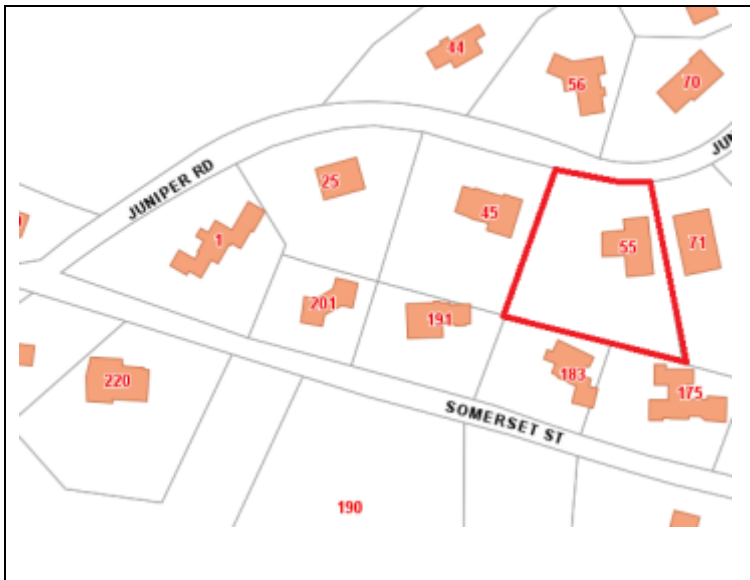
Acreage: 21,071 SF

Setting: set close to street in mixed mid 20th century neighborhood with landscaped backyard shaded by large trees

Photograph



Locus Map (north at top)



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Organization: Belmont Historic District Commission

Date (*month / year*): November 2014

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BELMONT

55 JUNIPER 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.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

The house at 55 Juniper Road is a well-preserved Modern house which has remained in the same family's ownership since it was constructed in 1956-7. The single-story dwelling is constructed of load bearing masonry with a stone ashlar veneer and low pitch roof. The façade facing the street has a projecting two-car garage, a simple entrance sheltered by a cantilevered porch with a single column. A ribbon of five elevated plate glass windows with end vents punctuates the elevation to the west. On the rear elevation the roof is pitched slightly with broad overhanging eaves over large plate glass windows facing the wooden back yard. An exterior stone chimney rises on the west end of the house.

The house at 55 Juniper Road is one of several Modern/International Style dwellings located in the Juniper Road neighborhood constructed in the 1950s and is the only one with a stone exterior.

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.

Juniper Road was the last area of large homes to be developed on Belmont Hill. In 1928 the Trustees of the Belmont Hill Company sold a large parcel of land to Henry Hornblower. A series of large (20,000 to 50,000 square foot) lots were laid out on the east side of Juniper Road and the Brookline firm of Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot was retained to plan the site. Most of the houses were traditional English and American Revival styles. This house is one of the last to be built in the subdivision.

The original owners of the house were John and Mary Owens who purchased the land in 1955 and received a building permit in November 1955. They moved here from Arlington in 1957. John Owens was employed as an investment counselor. The house is still owned by the Owens family today.

J. Robert Hamilton of Cambridge is listed as the architect on the 1955 Building Permit. Anthony Construction of Malden was the builder. No further information was found on J. Robert Hamilton.

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Town of Belmont, Building Permits.

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