

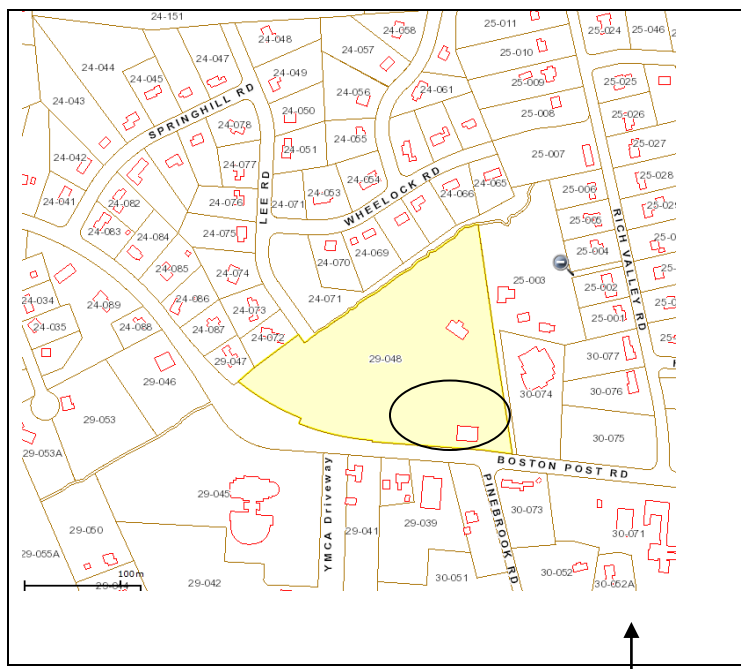
## FORM B – BUILDING

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

### Photograph



### Topographic or Assessor's Map



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

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**Town:** WAYLAND

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

**Address:** 134 Boston Post Road

**Historic Name:** Lee's Farm Stand

**Uses:** Present: vacant

Original: commercial

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1956

**Source:** Owner

**Style/Form:** Farmstand - Commercial

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete slab

Wall/Trim: glass and wood frame, brick piers

Roof: red asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** none

**Major Alterations (with dates):** none

**Condition:** fair

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** n/a \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 1.2 acres

**Setting:** On north side of main road – Route 20 – Boston Post Road opposite Pinebrook Road – surrounded by parking area and agricultural fields. Assisted living facility under construction on rear part of lot. Opposite commercial spaces and next to Islam temple.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

ROAD

WAYLAND

134 BOSTON POST

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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.*

Built on a concrete slab, this broad three-bay hipped-roof farm stand is the only remaining 1950s farm stand in Wayland. It is a building type that is not replicated anywhere in town. Under the broad hipped roof are brick posts marking the five multi-light wide overhead garage door bays (three on the façade and one on each side elevation), and concrete block walls. A walk-through door has been rigged in one overhead door to be used by customers when the overhead doors are closed. Two small horizontal multi-light windows are tucked up under the eave overhang on each of the two concrete side elevations. The rear elevation has one overhead door, one walk-through door and three multi-light metal windows randomly spaced across the elevation. The roof overhang is prominent on three sides providing shelter on entering the building and shelter for produce tables that were once set outside. The weight of the wide rake has resulted in broken or bent rafters under the asphalt roofing. The underside of the eave overhang is lined with horizontal tongue and groove boards. One chimney pierces the west roof slope near the outside wall. On the interior there is one large room where produce was sold and a rear space with large refrigerator where it was stored.

**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.*

Lee's Farm Stand takes its name from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century owners of a farm that included this site. In the early 1950s Anthony and Nancy D. Bongiorno purchased land for their farm from James H. and Elizabeth Lee who owned ten+ acres on the north side of Boston Post Road. Soon thereafter they built this farmstand to replace an older one that they had rented for years. From this stand they sold produce grown on their farm.

In 1916 at age seven, Anthony Bongiorno had immigrated to America from Salina Italy a small island off the coast of Sicily. Bongiorno entered the food business as a young man and rented farm stands including one belonging to the Lees of Lee's Farm. In the early 1950s Anthony and his wife, Nancy purchased Lee's farm stand on this site and began their lives here in Wayland where they grew vegetables that they sold to local customers. The oldest son Tony, as an engineering student at Tufts University, re-designed the farm stand to resemble California-style farm stands. The result was this structure.

The farmstand became a Wayland institution and was open for business for about eight months each year. In later years the Bongornos augmented their produce with fresh vegetables, fruit and plants purchased nearly daily from wholesale markets. They maintained a reputation of having the freshest and best tasting produce in the area. The business closed in the early 2000s.

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible      ☐ Eligible **only** in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district      ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria:    ☒ **A**    ☐ **B**    ☒ **C**    ☐ **D**

Criteria Considerations:    ☐ **A**    ☐ **B**    ☐ **C**    ☐ **D**    ☐ **E**    ☐ **F**    ☐ **G**

Statement of Significance by \_\_\_\_\_ Gretchen G. Schuler \_\_\_\_\_  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

Lee's Farm Stand is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as the only example of the building type in Wayland and for its role in the development of Wayland's mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century agricultural history – a time when farms were lost to development. The property retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, feeling and association.