Facing north away from Plainville Avenue, the Joseph Fagan House sits on a slightly elevated site with weeping willows and pines. Westwoods Drive, which is the entrance to the Westwoods Country Club and Golf Course, borders the property to the north. Open fields abut the house to the west and north and woodland lies to the south. Some modern development has occurred to the east.
Built around 1916, this large dwelling house is a late example of the Shingle-style. The facade displays a five-bay central gable with Palladian window. A common characteristic of this style is the massive, open, wraparound cobblestone porch with hip-roofed entrance. The western portion of the facade features a second-story open porch, exterior staircase and a second entry door. Note the exterior cobblestone chimney on the east elevation. The one-over-one sash are set in a simple surround. Like most Shingle-style architecture, the house displays little decorative detail. A number of outbuildings sit on the property.

This house was erected by Joseph A. Fagan around 1916. In 1900 he purchased the Old Hawley Farm on 150 acres in the Scott Swamp District (FLR 74:67). Eventually Fagan removed the old farmhouse and replaced it with the present dwelling house. Although an exact construction date can not be determined, Fagan mortgaged the property in 1916 to the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company for $4000 (FLR 72:605). The size of the mortgage is a good indication that the house may have been built at this time. Little is known about Fagan, except that he was a farmer and founding member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Farmington Center. His wife, Mary (1863-1923) was a native of Ireland. In 1929 the house was sold to Manuel and Maria King (FLR 85:512), who resided there until 1936. The Jensen family owned the farm from 1936 to 1952 (FLR 91:235 and 141:497). In 1980 the Town of Farmington purchased the property (FLR 274:1075) and converted the surrounding farmland into a golf course. The house was divided into apartments.

The Joseph A. Fagan House is architecturally significant for its state of preservation and as one of the few examples of Shingle-style architecture in Farmington.

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