

RTM Meeting
March 6, 2012

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING NOTICE

All Representative Town Meeting Members and inhabitants of the Town of Westport are hereby notified that a meeting of the Representative Town Meeting members will be held at Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Ave., on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 8 p.m. for the purposes listed below. If necessary, the meeting shall reconvene on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 to deal with any agenda items not disposed of at the adjournment of the March 6, 2012 meeting.

1. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Historic District Commission, to amend Chapter 38-24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport by adding the property and building(s) located at 42 Compo Road North as a historic property. (First reading. Full text available at the Town Clerk Office)
2. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to approve a request by the Superintendent of Schools for an appropriation of \$152,000 (with bond and note authorization) to the Educational Facilities Fund (EFIF) Account, CMS Roof Recoating.
3. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to approve a request by the Superintendent of Schools for an appropriation of \$145,931 from the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund (C&NEF) Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund (C&NEF) Account, School Bus: Hybrid to purchase a hybrid electric diesel fuel school bus.
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the First Selectman to approve an ordinance adopting Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 4-124i through 4-124p as amended, providing for the formation of a regional Council of Governments; authorizing the town to join such Council when duly established; designating the First Selectman as the representative of the Town of Westport on such Council; and authorizing the Representative Town Meeting to designate an alternate representative from its members for a two-year term or until the next election of the RTM. (Second reading, full text available in the Town Clerk office.)

Hadley C. Rose (cet)

Hadley C. Rose, Moderator

This is to certify that I mailed a copy of the above notice, properly prepaid, to each Representative Town Meeting Member on Monday, February 27, 2012, and that I caused a copy of said notice to be published in the Westport News in its edition of Friday, February 24, 2012.

Patricia H. Strauss

Patricia H. Strauss, Town Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

(1)

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Historic District Commission, Chapter 38-24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport is amended by adding the property and building(s) located at 42 Compo Road North as a historic property. (First reading, full text as follows.)

ARTICLE II
SPECIFIC HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS

38-24 Historic landmark properties

The property and building(s) at 42 Compo Road North, to be known as the Alvilde and John Hunt House, situated in the Town of Westport, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut being shown on a certain map entitled "Map of property to be transferred from Alvilde L. Hunt to Theodora J. Scarburgh, Westport, Conn. Jan. 1941, 558/1000 acres, Scale 1" = 60' W.J. Wood, Jr. Civil Eng. & Surveyor" which map is on file in the Westport Town Clerk's office as Map No. 1561.

(2)

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, and a request by the Superintendent of Schools the sum of \$152,000 (with bond and note authorization) to the Educational Facilities Improvement Fund (EFIF) Account, CMS Roof Recoating is hereby appropriated.

Section 1. As recommended by the Board of Finance and for the purpose of financing the foregoing appropriation, the Town shall borrow a sum not to exceed \$ and issue bonds for such indebtedness under its corporate name and seal and upon the full faith and credit of the Town.

Section 2. The First Selectman, Selectmen and Finance Director are hereby appointed a committee with full power and authority to cause said bonds to be sold, issued and delivered; to determine their form, including provision for redemption prior to maturity; to determine the aggregate principal amount thereof within the amount hereby authorized and the denominations and maturities thereof; to fix the time of issue of each series thereof and the rate or rates of interest thereon as herein provided; to designate the bank or trust company to certify the issuance thereof and to act as transfer agent, paying agent and as registrar for the bonds, and to designate bond counsel. The committee shall have all appropriate powers under the Connecticut General Statutes including Chapter 748 (Registered Public Obligations Act) to issue the bonds and, further, shall have full power and authority to do all that is required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Connecticut, to provide for issuance of the bonds in tax exempt form, including the execution of tax compliance and other agreements for the benefit of bondholders, and to meet all

requirements which are or may become necessary in and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the bonds in order that the interest on the bonds be and remain exempt from federal income taxes, including, without limitation, to covenant and agree to restriction on investment yield of bond proceeds, rebate of arbitrage earnings, expenditure of proceeds within required time limitations and the filing of information reports as and when required.

Section 3. The Bonds may be designated "Public Improvement Bonds of the Town of Westport," series of the year of their issuance and may be issued in one or more series, and may be consolidated as part of the same issue with other Bonds of the Town; shall be in serial form maturing in not more than twenty (20) annual installments of principal, the first installment to mature not later than three years from the date of issue and the last installment to mature not later than twenty (20) years therefrom, or as otherwise provided by statute. The bonds may be sold at not less than par and accrued interest at public sale upon invitation for first installment to mature not later than three years from the date of issue and the last installment to mature not later than twenty (20) years therefrom, or as otherwise provided by statute. The bonds may be sold at not less than par and accrued interest at public sale upon invitation for bids to the responsible bidder submitting the bid resulting in the lowest interest cost to the Town, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the Town from rejecting all bids submitted in response to any one invitation for bids and the right to so reject all bids is hereby reserved, and further provided that the committee may sell the bonds, or notes, on a negotiated basis, as provided by statute. Interest on the bonds shall be payable semiannually or annually. The bonds shall be signed on behalf of the Town by the First Selectman and the Finance Director, and shall bear the seal of the Town. The signing, sealing and certification of said bonds may be by facsimile as provided by statute. The Finance Director shall maintain a record of bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and of the face amount thereof outstanding from time to time, and shall certify to the destruction of said bonds after they have been paid and cancelled, and such certification shall be kept on file with the Town Clerk.

Section 4. The said committee is further authorized to make temporary borrowings as permitted by the General Statutes and to issue a temporary note or notes of the Town in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from the sale of the bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution. Such notes shall be issued and renewed at such times and with such maturities, requirements and limitations as provided by statute. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Finance Director, have the seal of the Town affixed, which signing and sealing may be by facsimile as provided by statute, be certified by and payable at a bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this or any other state, or of the United States, be approved as to their legality by bond counsel, and may be consolidated with the issuance of other Town of Westport bond anticipation notes. Said committee shall determine the date, maturity, interest rates, form and manner of sale, including negotiated sale, and other details of said notes consistent with the provisions of this resolution and the General Statutes and shall have all powers and authority as set forth above in connection with the issuance of bonds and especially with respect to compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations thereunder in order to obtain and maintain issuance of the notes in tax exempt form.

Section 5. Upon the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution, the proceeds thereof, including any premium received upon the sale thereof, accrued interest received at delivery and interest earned on the temporary investment of such proceeds, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal and interest of all notes issued in anticipation thereof or shall be deposited in trust for such purposes with a bank or trust company, or shall be applied or rebated as may be required under the provision of law. The remainder of the proceeds, if any, after the payment of said notes and of the

expense of issuing said notes and bonds shall be applied to further finance the appropriation made by the appropriation resolution enacted concurrently herewith.

Section 6. In each fiscal year in which the principal or any installment of interest shall fall due upon any of the bonds or notes herein authorized there shall be included in the appropriation for such fiscal year a sum equivalent to the amount of such principal and interest so falling due, and to the extent that provision is not made for the payment thereof from other revenues, the amount thereof shall be included in the taxes assessed upon the Grand List for such fiscal year and shall not be subject to any limitations of expenditures or taxes that may be imposed by any other Town ordinance or resolution.

Section 7. Pursuant to Section 1.150-2 (as amended) of the Federal Income Tax Regulations the Town hereby expresses its official intent to reimburse expenditures paid from the General Fund, or the Education Facilities Improvement Fund, or the Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund for the aforesaid project with the proceeds of the bonds or notes to be issued under the provisions thereof. The allocation of such reimbursement bond proceeds to an expenditure shall be made in accordance with the time limitations and other requirements of such regulations. The Finance Director is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the reimbursement bonds or notes.

Section 8. The Town of Westport, or other proper authority of the Town, is authorized to take all necessary action to apply to the State of Connecticut, and accept from the State, grants in aid of further financing the project.

Section 9. The said committee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary and proper for the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds (and notes) in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, the Connecticut General Statutes, and the laws of the United States.

(3)

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, and a request by the Superintendent of Schools, the sum of \$145,931 from the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund (C&NEF) Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund (C&NEF) Account, School Bus: Hybrid to purchase a hybrid electric/diesel fuel school bus is hereby appropriated.

(4)

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the First Selectman, the ordinance adopting Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 4-124i through 4-124p as amended, providing for the formation of a regional council of governments; authorizing the town to join such council when duly established; designating the First Selectman as the representative of the Town of Westport on such council; and authorizing the Representative Town Meeting to designate an alternate representative from its members for a two-year term or until the next election of the RTM is hereby approved. (Second reading, full text is as follows.)

Regional Council of Governments

Adoption of state law; Authority to join

The Town of Westport hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a regional council of governments, and does hereby join such regional council of governments when and as such council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty percent of all municipalities within the Southwestern Connecticut planning region as defined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or designee, and upon certification by the Secretary or designee that a regional council of governments has been duly established.

Designated Representative

The First Selectman shall represent the town on the regional council of governments. In addition, the Representative Town Meeting may appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the regional council of governments, which alternate shall serve a term of two (2) years or until the next election of members of the Representative Town Meeting.



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

BACK UP MATERIAL
RTM ITEM # 1

TO: ✓ Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk
Hadley Rose, RTM Moderator

FROM: ✓ Carol Leahy, CLG Coordinator/HDC Staff Administrator

DATE: February 15, 2012

RE: Proposed Local Historic Property Designation at 42 Compo Road North
Claire Everhart, Property Owner

At its February 14, 2012 public hearing, the Historic District Commission approved the final study report with amendments recommended by the State Historic Preservation Office for the proposed local historic property designation at 42 Compo Road North to be known as the Avilde and John Hunt House c.1900. Attached are copies of letters received by the Historic District Commission from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Department of Economic and Community Development, and the Westport Planning and Zoning Commission stating their approval of the study report and support for the proposed designation.

The Historic District Commission requests the RTM enact an ordinance containing a legal description of the property and transmit to the Town Clerk a copy of the ordinance to be recorded on the land records.

Thank you.

Enclosures (3)

cc: Eileen Flug, RTM Ordinance Committee

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Town of Westport
Planning & Zoning Commission
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Westport, CT 06880
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HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Carol Leahy
Historic District Commission Coordinator

From: Larry Bradley
Planning and Zoning Director

Date: November 14, 2011

Subject: Proposed Local Historic Property Designation - 42 Compo Road North

On November 10, 2011, the Planning and Zoning Commission, at a work session, reviewed the proposed study report for 42 Compo Road North.

The Commission voted in favor of recommending approval of the study report for 42 Compo Road North and supports its designation as a local historic landmark.

Cc: Gordon Joseloff, First Selectman
Hadley Rose, RTM Moderator
Patty Strauss, Town Clerk
Gail Kelly, Assistant Town Attorney



**State Historic
Preservation Office**



State of Connecticut
Department of Economic and
Community Development

December 9, 2011

Mr. Francis H. Henkels
Chair, Westport Historic District Commission
Town Hall, Room 108
110 Myrtle Ave.
Westport, CT 06880

Re: Proposed Historic Property Designation at 42 Compo Road North, Westport, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Henkels:

The Historic Preservation Council at its December 7 meeting voted to recommend approval of the study report for 42 Compo Road North with the following comments:

The resource appears to be significant; however the study report itself requires additional information. Specifically, there should be more information on the origins of the house and the purpose it originally served for the Westport Sanitarium. Because there is no provision for specifying a period of significance for local historic properties and districts, it is important to be thorough about the entire history of the resource.

While the significant changes made to the house in the early 1940s are an important part of its architectural history, the council felt that there should also be more definitive information about the original form and orientation of the structure.

On a general note, because interiors are not regulated by the local historic district or property commission, interior photographs of the house should not be included in the report.

The council fully supports and encourages the ongoing efforts of the Westport Historic District Commission to protect and preserve the Town of Westport's irreplaceable historic and architectural heritage. Please keep me informed of the progress of this designation. In the meantime if you have any questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (860) 256-2756.

Sincerely,

Mary Dunne
Local Government Grants Coordinator

STUDY REPORT FOR
PROPOSED HISTORIC PROPERTY DESIGNATION AT
42 COMPO ROAD NORTH
OCTOBER 2011



Town of Westport
Historic District Commission
Research and Photography by Tod Bryant of Heritage Resources
in collaboration with HDC Chairman Francis Henkels,
HDC Member Robert Weingarten,
HDC Staff Administrator Carol Leahy, and
Property owner, Claire Everhart



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

October 6, 2011

State Historic Preservation Council
Commission on Culture and Tourism
Historic Preservation and Museum Division
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Proposed Historic Property Designation at 42 Compo Road North

Dear Council Members:

In June 2011, a letter of request by the property owner was submitted to the Historic District Commission members to designate 42 Compo Road North as a local historic property.

At a public hearing on July 13, 2010, the Commission approved this property for study. The Commission supports this designation for the following reasons:

- The property owner supports the designation as a local historic property.
- The 2007 Westport Plan of Conservation and Development states that in order to maintain the town's historic character and qualities represented in its many significant buildings, structure, monuments, landscapes, cemeteries, public right of way, districts and sites, the Historic District Commission should propose, as appropriate, the establishment of additional local historic districts and local historic properties as defined by state statute.

The study report has been completed and, in accordance with CGS sec. 147(b), is being submitted to you for your comments and recommendations.

The following items are included for your review:

- Statement of significance
- A survey map of the proposed local historic property
- Site map and current photographs of the property
- Historic Property Inventory Form
- Town Ordinance with boundary description
- The letter of petition received from the property owner, and property owner contact information

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Francis H. Henkels
Chairman, Historic District Commission

cc: Gordon F. Joseloff, First Selectman; Larry Bradley, Dir. of Planning and Zoning; Hadley Rose, RTM Moderator; Gail Kelly, Town Attorney; Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk; Steve Edwards, Dir. of Pub. Works

Statement of Significance - Alvilde and John Hunt House ca. 1900

Description

The house at 42 Compo Road North is a two story saltbox. It was originally part of the Westport Sanitarium property. It was not built as a saltbox. The original house was a small, two-story, two-bay, end gable vernacular building which fronted on Compo Road North. It was purchased from the Sanitarium by John and Avilde Hunt in 1939 and remodeled to its current saltbox form by them in 1940. Their creation of a saltbox house from a vernacular building makes this an interesting example of a late Colonial Revival house. Most Colonial Revival buildings of this period follow Georgian models and this earlier form is rare.

Setting

The house faces northwest on the north side of Compo Road North. It is on a .56 acre parcel and is set back approximately 20 feet from the road, which runs along the west side of the property. The lot slopes upward toward the east and it is bordered by mature deciduous trees on all sides. There is a terraced garden to the west of the house and a lawn to the east. The house is surrounded by other residential properties, most notably the John Green/Gideon Hurlbutt House to the south. This house was built ca. 1715 and is one of the oldest in Westport. It was also once owned by the Westport Sanitarium.

Architectural Description

Exterior

The house, as it is today, is a four bay, two story, Colonial saltbox with a central chimney and an attached two car garage on the east elevation. It is a wood frame structure on a rubble stone foundation under the older section and a concrete foundation under the 1940 addition. The house is sheathed in painted clapboard. It has an asphalt roof. Most of the windows are double hung with six-over-six sash. There is a large 35 lite window flanked by two narrow six over nine windows on the east elevation of the kitchen, a similar 63 light window on the south elevation of the living room. There is also a small, square, three over three window near top of the gable on the west elevation.

The house has two exterior entrances. On the façade, there is a wooden door with nine lights in its upper half and a solid lower section in the second bay from the west. This door is protected by a small roof supported by curved brackets. It is reached by two stone steps and a stone landing. This doorway leads to the kitchen and stairs to the basement. On the west elevation there is a six panel wood door in the north bay. It is set in a frame with four square lights in the transom and it is reached by two stone steps on the northwest side of a stone landing. This doorway appears to have been the original entrance, since it leads to a staircase and the parlor. (Photos 1, 2 and 3. All photos are by Tod Bryant unless otherwise noted.)

On the rear or southeast elevation of the house there is a screened porch and a small patio on the first story. There are two dormers on the shed roof at the second story: a small one with a peaked roof and a single six-over-six window near the southwest elevation and a wide, shed dormer with five six over six windows near the southeast elevation. (Photo 4.)



Photo 1. 42 Compo Road North, view southeast.



Photo 2. 42 Compo Road North, view east showing side door.



Photo 3. 42 Compo Road North, view southwest showing garage.



Photo 4. 42 Compo Road North, view northwest showing dormers.

Interior

The house is a two story structure with an attic and a full unfinished basement. The house may be entered through either of the exterior doors, the screened porch at the rear, or, more often, through the attached garage.

The Hunt's radically changed the floor plan of the house when they renovated it in 1940 and created the saltbox. They added a kitchen at the front of the house and removed walls in the parlor and at the back of the house to create a more open plan. (Photos 7, 8 and 9). On the second floor, the saltbox roof and dormers made it possible to enlarge the two existing bedrooms. (Photos 10 and 11)



Photo 7. Kitchen view northeast.



Photo 8. Living room, view southeast.

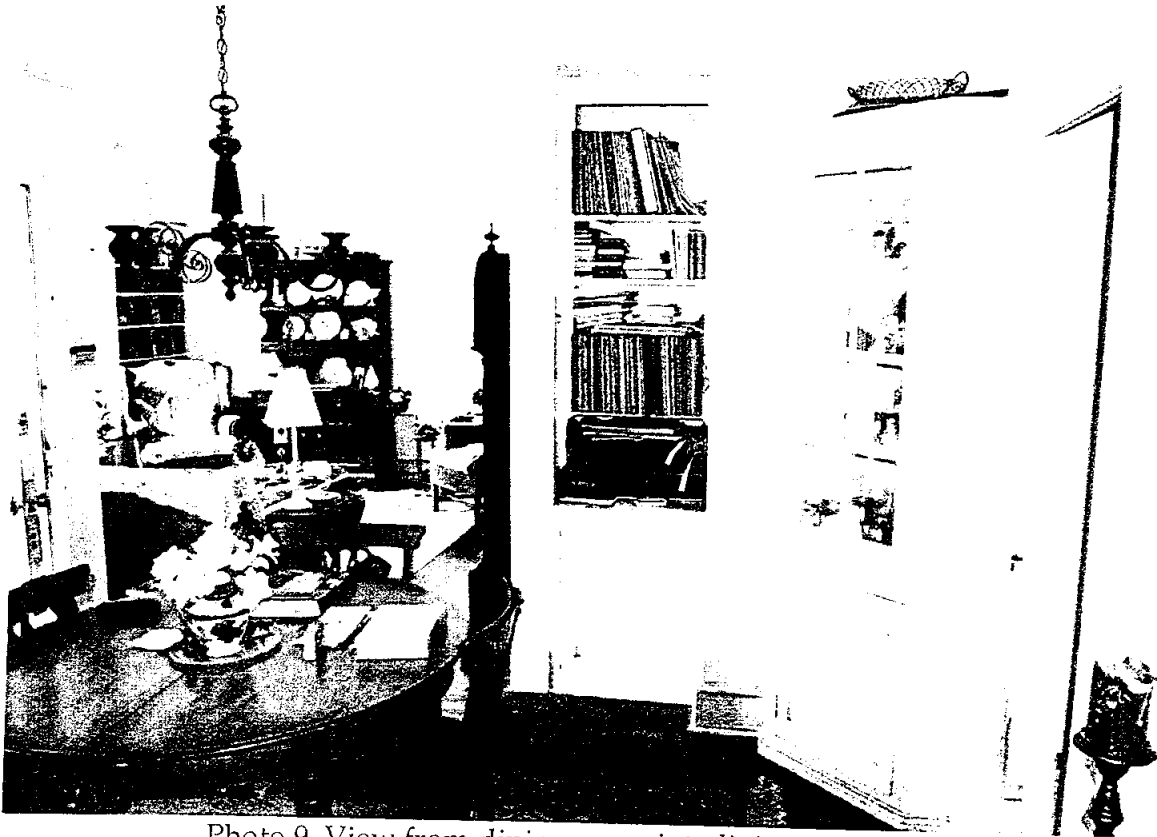


Photo 9. View from dining room into living room, view west.

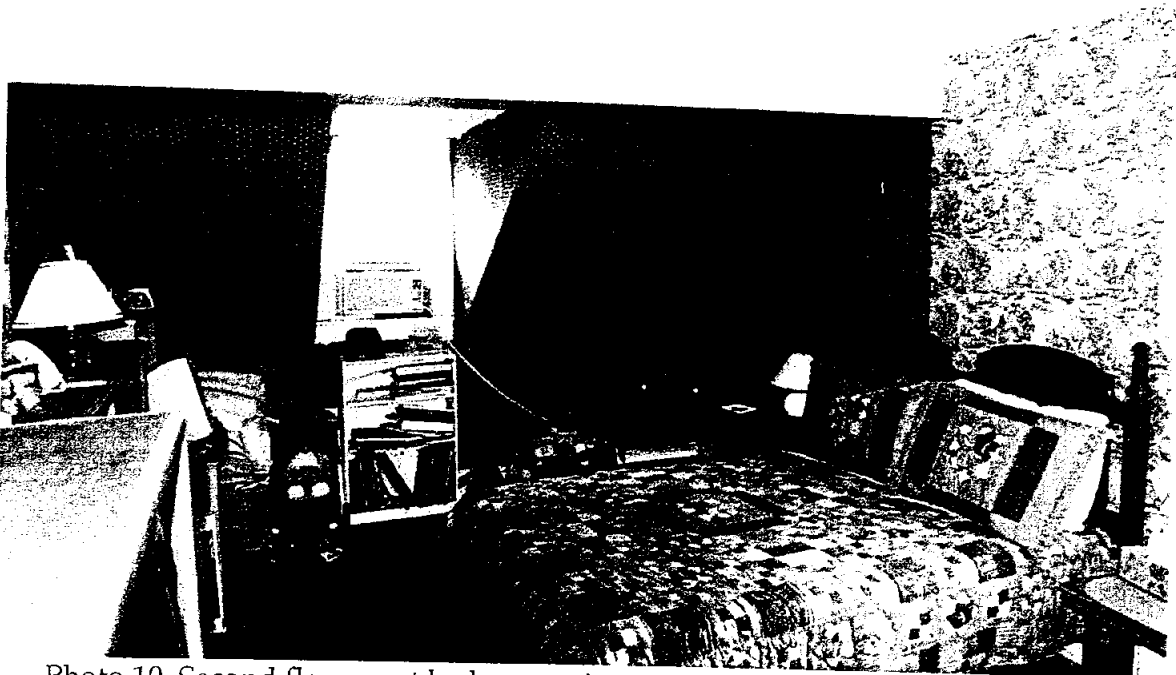


Photo 10. Second floor west bedroom, view south, showings saltbox extension.

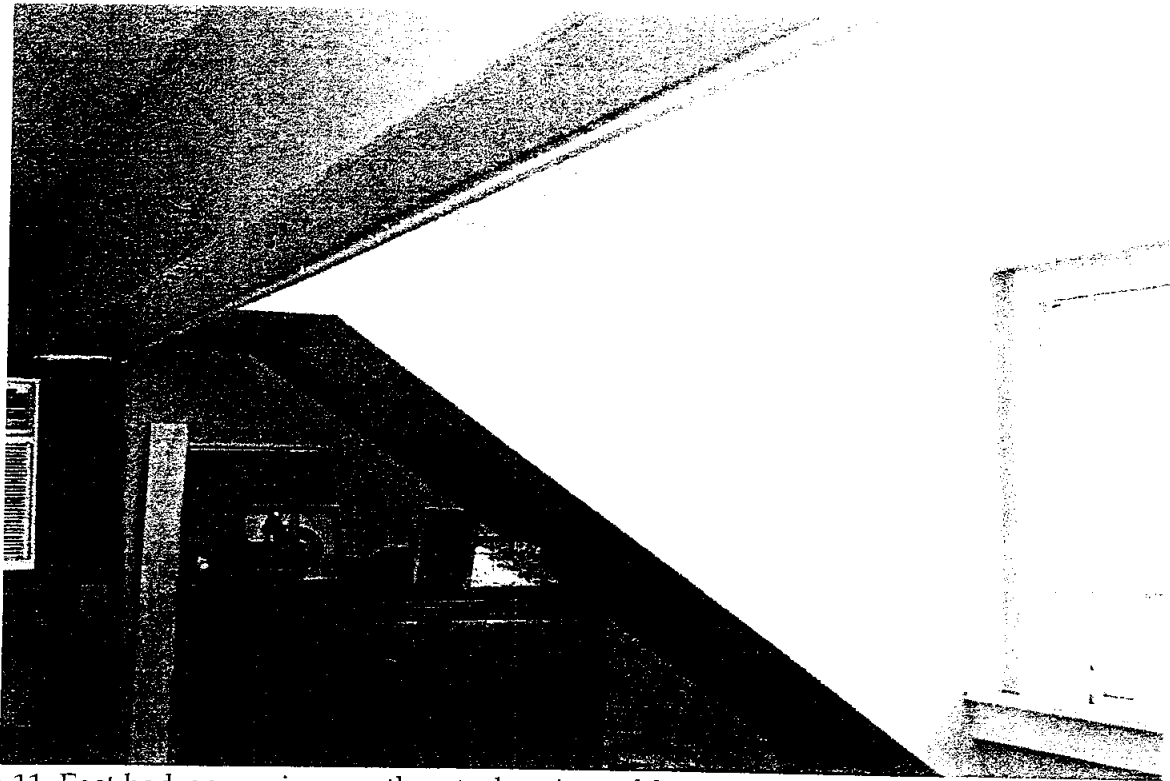


Photo 11. East bedroom, view southeast, showing saltbox extension and interior of shed dormer.

The Hunts did keep some of the original features of the house, but they may also have modified them somewhat. The small stair hall entered through what is now the side door is probably part of the original floor plan, as are the stairs, but the newel post and handrail may date from 1940. (Photo 12.) The fireplace in the living room was probably also original to the house. (Photo 13.)

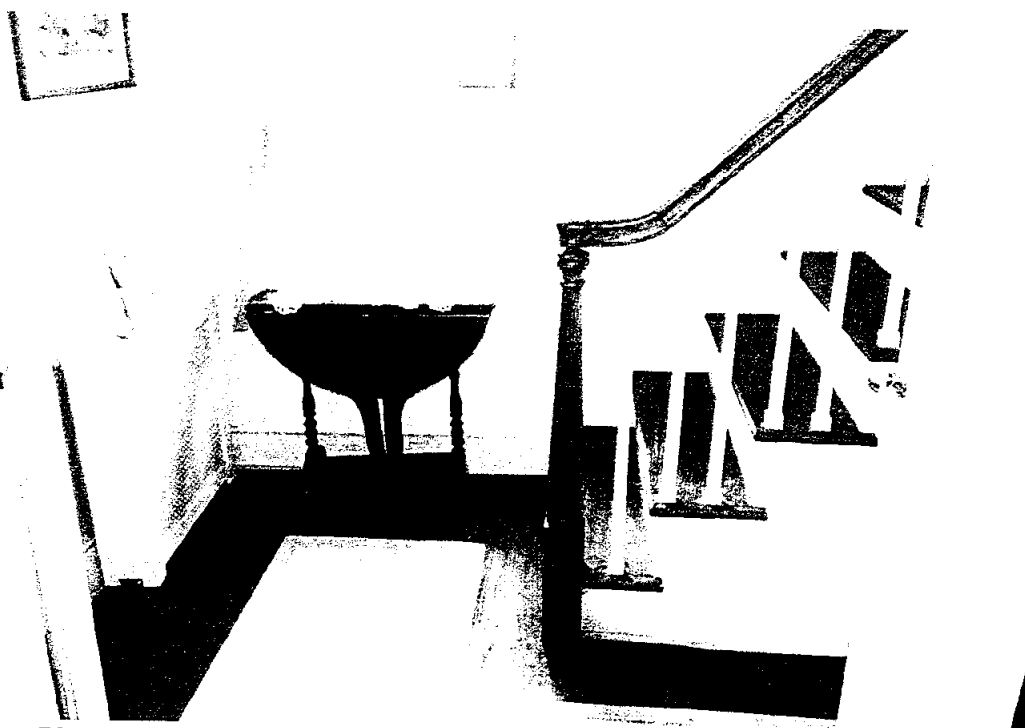


Photo 12. Stair hall, view north, showing newel post and handrail.



Photo 23. Fireplace, view northeast.

It is an interesting point that these relatively modern changes are made possible by the ancient device of the one story addition, saltbox roof extension and dormers.
 A map of the property can be found in Figure 1.

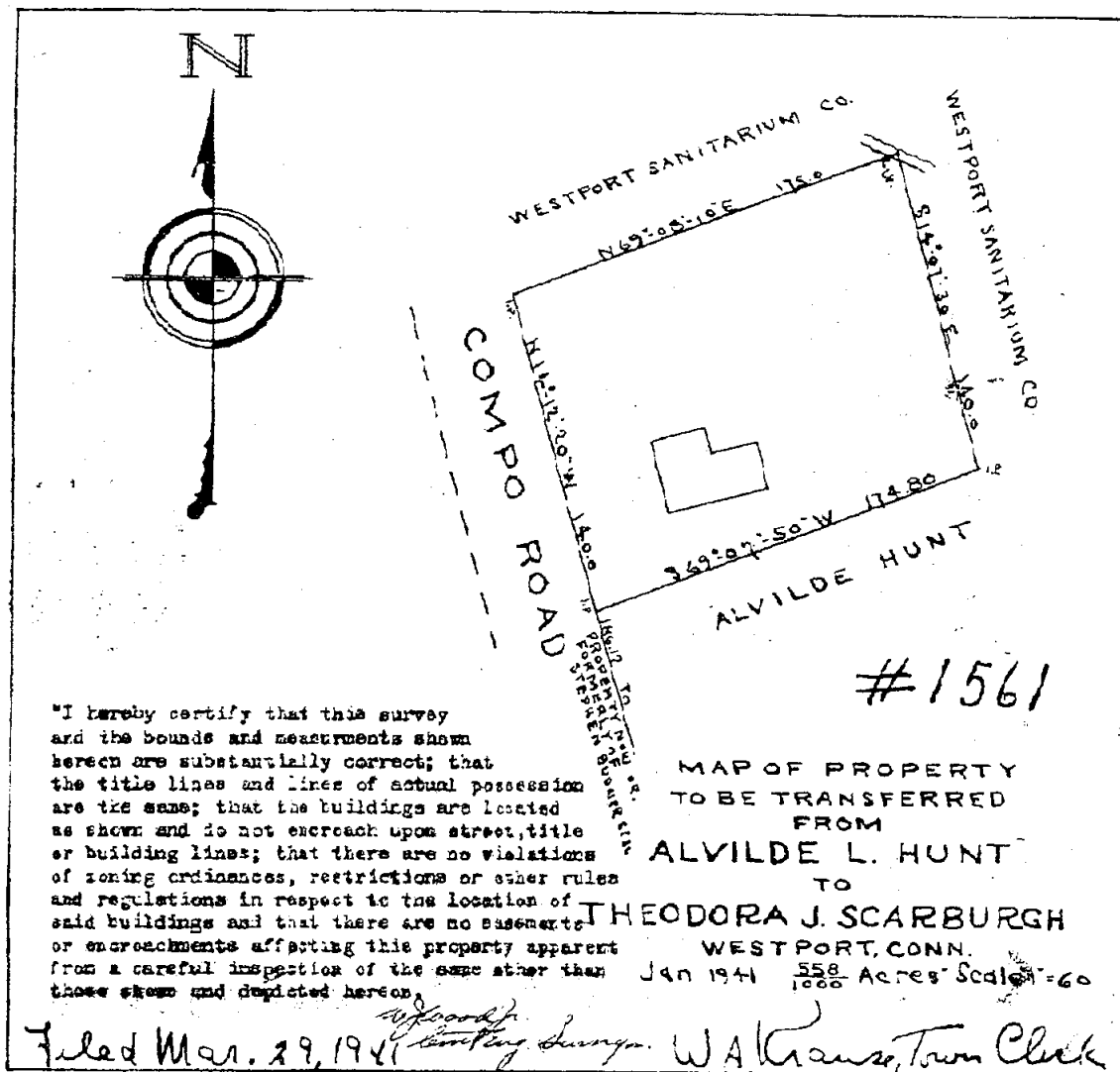


Figure 1. Map of property at 42 Compo Road North. (Town of Westport Land Records)

Evolution of the House

This home has evolved over time and it was not originally a saltbox. The oldest part of the house, which dates from about 1900, is the two story western section which includes the current side entrance and chimney stack. The house does not appear on earlier maps of Westport, but it first appears on a 1911 map of the town on property owned by the "Sanatorium Co." (Figure 2.) The

original building on this site was probably a two story end-gable vernacular building constructed by the Westport Sanitarium. The Sanitarium had purchased the land in 1891 from Stephen R. and Sarah E. Williams.

The Westport Sanitarium was located in the former Winslow property (now Winslow Park) at the corner of Post Road East and Compo Road North. The institution's 1906 brochure states that, in addition to "the old Manor House" there was a three story main building with seventy-two separate rooms.¹ It was founded by Doctor Frederick Ruland in 1891 and it was licensed by the State of Connecticut for the care and treatment of mental and nervous diseases. The Sanitarium also admitted chronic invalids, as well as some drug addicts and alcoholics if they had acceptable references from their physicians. The institution prided itself on providing, "...healthful, comfortable and homelike surroundings."² The Westport Sanitarium closed its doors in 1968, when its land and buildings were sold to a developer.

The 1901 report on the Westport Sanitarium to the State Board of Charities, states that, "A small cottage at the rear of the garden is occupied during the summer months by a certain class of disturbed and untidy patients."³ A similar report from 1894 does not mention this building. The 1911 map of Westport (Figure 2.) shows five buildings on Post Road East between Compo Road North and another small unnamed road. The map identifies the one Westport Sanitarium building with an arrow, but it does not identify the others. The building at 42 Compo Road North is northeast of the Sanitarium and across Compo Road North from it. It is identified as, "Sanatarium Co." It is possible that 42 Compo Road North is the building referred to in the 1901 report. However, this seems unlikely based on its distance from the main buildings and its small size.

The Tax Assessors field card date is 1900, which is a reasonable build date, based on the original building's construction details. The original building may have been a utility structure of some kind, it may have served as a residence for an employee of the sanitarium or it may have been the building referred to in the 1901 report. A note in the 1940 Westport Tax Records under the listing for the Westport Sanitarium specifically mentions Alvide Hunt as the owner of this property. The tax record states that there is one building on the property. By 1941, the appraisal has increased by \$200 and the Assessor lists another building, which is probably the attached garage.

This section of the house sits on a rubble stone foundation. Floor joists and roof construction in this section show the use of a circular saw and dimensional lumber, both of which are consistent with the early twentieth century. (Photo 5.) The saltbox roof is built with dimensional lumber which does not have saw marks of any kind, indicating a later period of construction. (Photo 6.)

¹ *Westport Sanitarium*, Westport: Westport Sanitarium, 1906, 8.

² *Ibid.*, 4.

³ State of Connecticut, *Annual Reports of The Board of Charities to the Governor for the Years Ending September 30, 1901 and 1902*. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1903, 107.

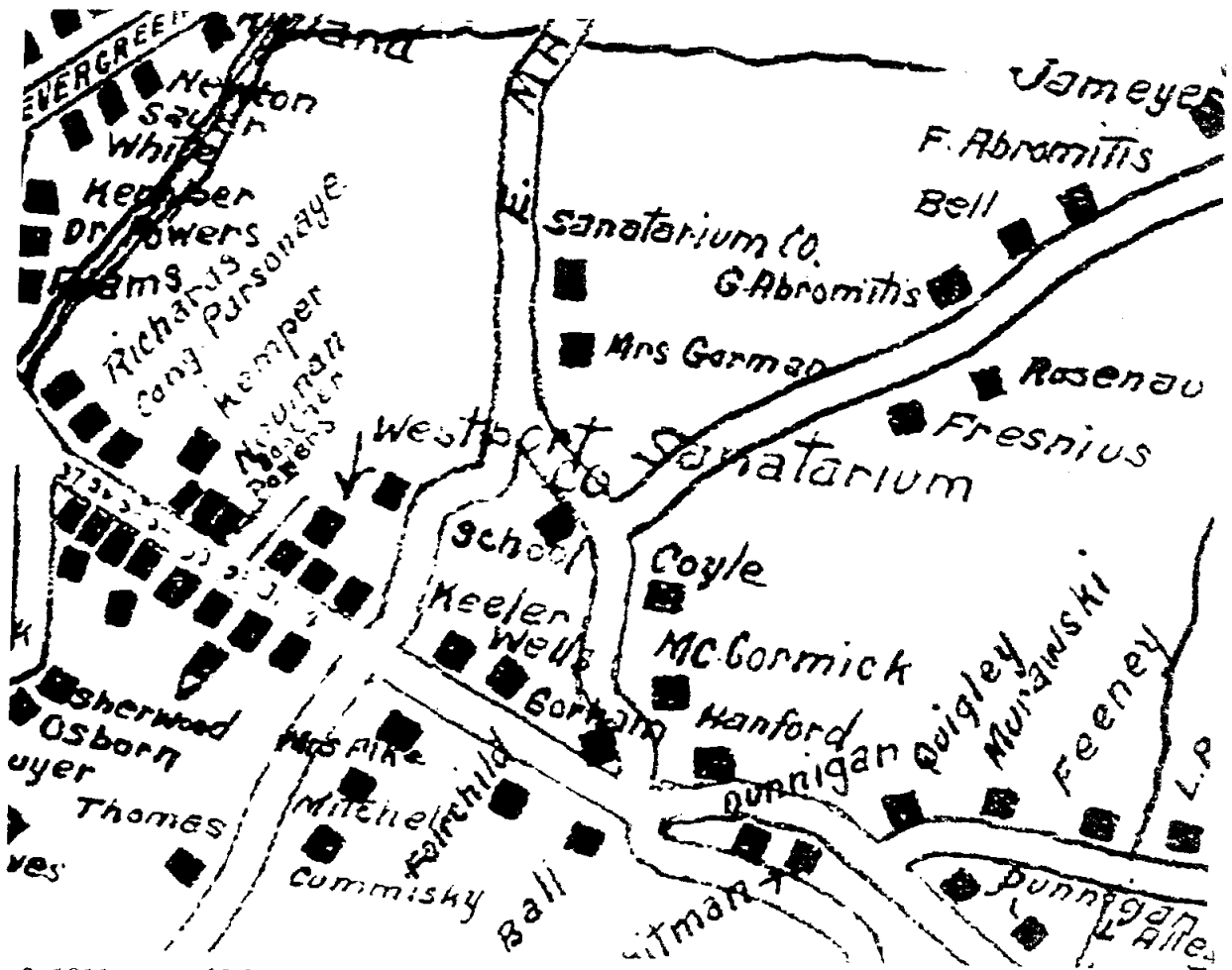


Figure 2. 1911 map of Westport showing current 42 Compo Road North. (Westport Historical Society)

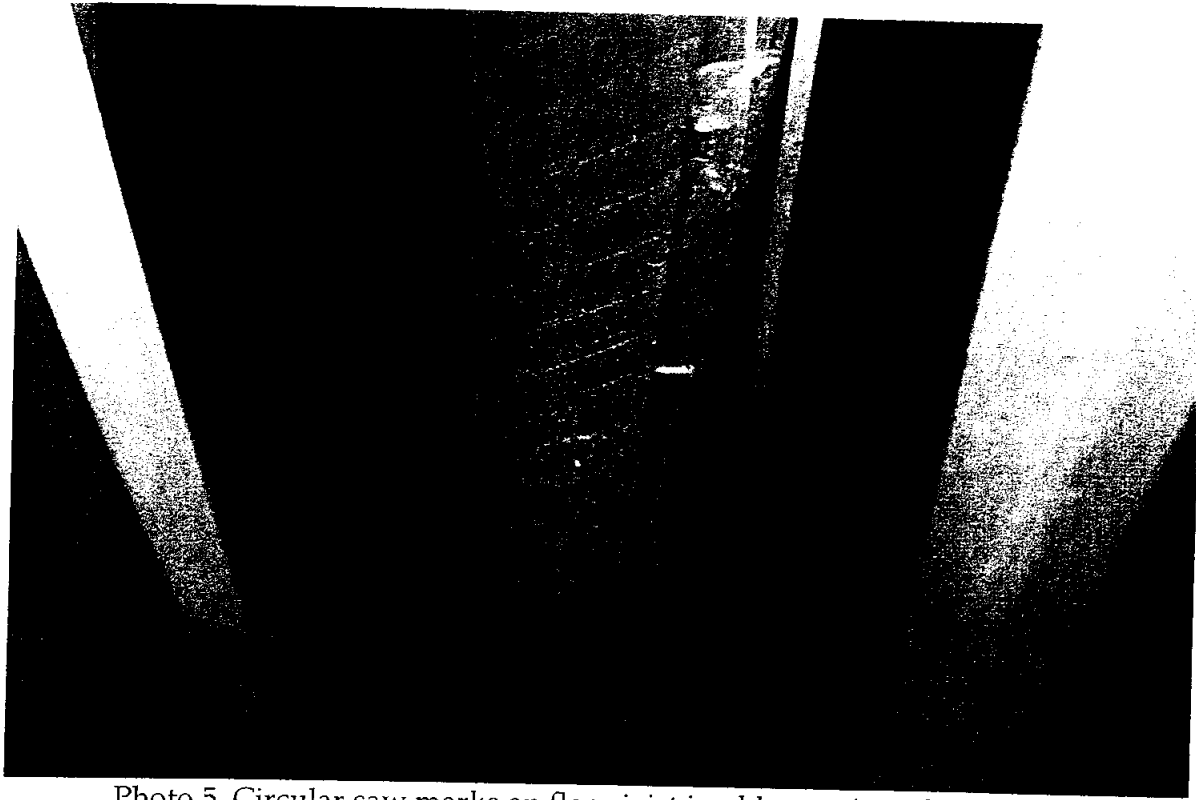


Photo 5. Circular saw marks on floor joist in older section of basement.



Photo 6. Saltbox roof construction.

The date of construction for the garage and probably the other renovations can also be established by date stampings on a radiator in the garage and a toilet on the first floor. Both dates are 1940, which is consistent with the tax records. (Photos 7 and 8.)

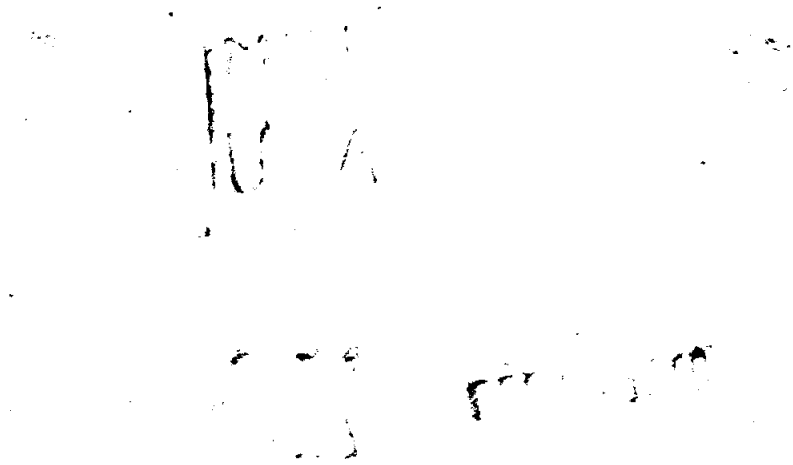


Photo 7. Date stamp on toilet.

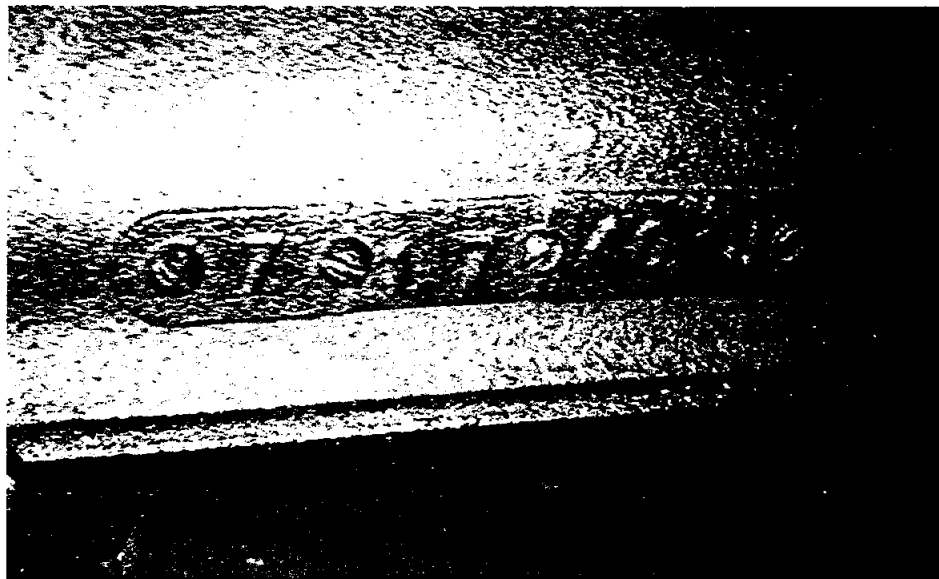


Photo 8. Date stamp on radiator in garage.

Alvilde and John Hunt House - Period of Significance and Significance

The period of significance for the Alvilde and John Hunt House at 42 Compo Road North is 1900 to 1941. This period stretches from the earliest probable date of construction through the time of the Hunt's Colonial Revival changes. This house shows that even as late as 1940 Westporters were continuing the 18th century tradition of adding a one story addition to a two story house and then

extending the roof to create classic New England saltbox shape that would have been used in the early eighteenth century. It also shows that the Colonial Revival took many forms in Westport.

By 1918, John Miller Warner Hunt has married Alvilde and is living on Grant St. in Norwalk and he is working for Hunt & Downs on State St. in Westport. Between 1923 and 1935, Alvilde and John continue to live in Norwalk, but they change addresses many times. During these same years, John is also changing jobs/occupations. He works as a clerk, then a paper finisher. In 1929 he's listed as a Building Contractor, and in 1930 he's listed as a Carpenter. In 1934-36 he's listed as a mason. In 1937 he is "removed to Westport." In 1938 they are living on 3 Wakeman Drive in Westport and he is listed as a mason. 1939 he is still a mason and working/living "off N. Compo." The same is true in 1941. In 1942, he's living on North Compo Rd. and is employed by the Aluminum Co. of America in Bridgeport.

When he and his wife bought 42 Compo Road North, John Hunt had worked in the building trades for many years. They may have seen an opportunity to purchase an older home cheaply, renovate it, profit from the sale. Not only the interior changes, but also the stone steps and landings at the front and side doors are probably his work since he is listed in the Westport City Directory as a mason during this period. The changes they made to this house are significant because they used an old method of enlarging a building in order to accommodate a more modern program on the interior.

Current Status

Rex and Claire Everhart bought the John and Alvilde Hunt House in 1964 and they have been excellent stewards of the house and property. The interior and exterior of the house are in excellent condition and its systems have been updated. Rex Everhart was a well know actor on Broadway in film and on TV. His career spanned fifty years and he was nominated for a "Best Actor" Tony Award for his 1978 role in the Broadway musical "Working." He also appeared in thirty-two movies and TV shows, from a 1951 appearance on the *Lux Video Theater* to *Law and Order* to the voice of Maurice in the 1991 film *Beauty and the Beast*. He passed away in 2000, but Claire continues to live in and care for the house.

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United States, Selective Service System. *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.

Westport Sanitarium, Westport: Westport Sanitarium, 1906.

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features

- Barn
- Garage
- Shed
- Pool
- Fences
- Other

Surrounding Environment

- Topography
- Trees
- Views
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Other

Historical Setting or Contextual Information

This historic home is in a residential section of Westport with a mix of historic homes and new construction. Most of the houses are on wooded lots of about 1 acre. There is a town park across Compo Road. The house faces north and is set back from the street behind a screen of evergreens.

Evolution of the Building or Site

This home has evolved over time and it was changed into a saltbox in 1940. The oldest part of the house, which dates from about 1900, is the two story western section, which includes the current side entrance and chimney stack. The house does not appear on early maps of Westport, but it does appear on a 1911 map of the town or property owned by the Sanatorium. The original building on this site was probably a two story front-gable vernacular building constructed by the Westport Sanitarium.

The Tax Assessors field card, dated 1900, which is a reasonable build date, based on the original building's architectural details.

Architect: Unknown

Build Date: Original: Unknown; 1940: John Hunt

Historical or Architectural Significance

This house shows that even as late as 1940 Westporters were continuing the 18th century tradition of adding a 1 1/2 story addition to a two story house and then extending the roof to create classic New England saltbox shape that would have been used in the early eighteenth century. John and Avilde Hunt used an ancient form of building expansion to accommodate a modern plan in the interior. It also shows that the Colonial Revival took many forms other than the prevalent Georgian Revival designs in Westport.

References

McAriester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2005.

Town of Westport Land Records, Town of Westport Tax Records.

Photographer: Tod Bryant

Date: 8/13/2011

View: Southeast

Surveyor: SHP/2011g/ta

Name: Tod Bryant

Date: 8/13/2011

Organization: Heritage Resources

Address: 23 Morgan Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851

Subsequent Development

Threats to the building or site

- None
- Demolition
- Relocation
- Alteration
- Other
- Other
- Other
- Other

ARTICLE II
SPECIFIC HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS

38-24 Historic landmark properties

The property and buildings at 42 Compo Road North, to be known as the Alvilde and John Hunt House, situated in the Town of Westport, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut being shown on a certain map entitled "Map of property to be transferred from Alvilde L. Hunt to Theodora Scarborough, Westport Connecticut" dated January 1941, prepared by William F. Wood, Jr. which map is in the Westport Town Clerk's office as Map No. 156;

RECEIVED

JUN 17 1979

HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION

June 17, 1979

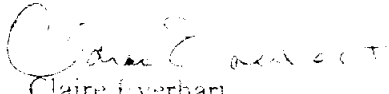
Ms. Margaret Feezko
Chairman, Historic District Commission
116 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

Dear Ms. Feezko and Commission Members,

I, Claire Everhart, as resident of 42 Compo Road North, would like my property to be considered for designation as a Historic Landmark Property.

Thank you for your time and assistance

Sincerely,



Claire Everhart
42 Compo Road North
Westport, CT 06880

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ELLIOTT LANDON
Superintendent of Schools

110 MYRTLE AVENUE
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT 06880
TELEPHONE: (203) 341-1025
FAX: (203) 341-1029

Approved BOF 2/1/12

① \$152,000 Approp. (w/bond & note auth.)
to EFIF Acct. (CMS Roof Recoating)

January 13, 2012

② \$145,931 Approp.
to C+NEF Acct. (School Bus: Hybrid)

Mr. Avi Kanner
Board of Finance
Town of Westport
Town Hall
110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

To RTM 3/6/12

Dear Avi:

Please find appended to this letter the "Town of Westport Appropriation Request Form" that is relevant to the Board of Education's request for funding for the recoating of the Hypalon roof sections at Coleytown Middle School. Attached are the Board of Education approved resolutions and the budget forecast for this project that were adopted at the December 1, 2011 meeting of the Board of Education.

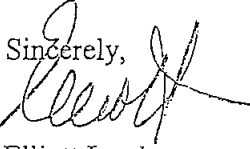
Also included with this letter is a second *Appropriation Request Form* that is related to the Board of Education's request for an appropriation to purchase a hybrid electric/diesel fuel school bus that will result in *no cost* to the Town.

The roof project has been included in the Board of Education and Town Capital Forecasts for the past four years. Although the request has been delayed by the Board of Education for several years for financial reasons, it is essential that the recoating of these 1994 roof sections be performed during the summer of 2012 if we are to maintain a watertight exterior perimeter at the Coleytown Middle School. The estimated budget for the project is \$152,000. This project is not eligible for state grant funding.

The hybrid electric/diesel fuel bus purchase has been made possible through a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and is available only to public entities. Under this grant, the Town would be required to provide funding for the purchase of the bus in the amount of \$145,931. Of this sum, the Town would be reimbursed \$63,584 by the State and the remaining \$82,347 would be paid to the Town in two equal installments of \$41,173.50.

We would appreciate your placement of these requests on the agenda of the Board of Finance for the meeting that is scheduled for February 1, 2012.

Sincerely,


Elliott Landon
Superintendent of Schools

Date: 1-12-2012

TOWN OF WESTPORT
APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

SECTION #1 (Who Is Making Request?)

Department: WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Requested By: Dr. Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools

SECTION #2 (What Is Being Requested?)

Appropriation Request Dollars: \$152,000
Financing Structure: _____

SECTION #3 (Why Is Request Being Made?)

Operating Rational: THE HYPALON ROOF SECTIONS AT COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL WERE INSTALLED IN 1994 WITH A 15 YEAR WARRANTEE. THE ROOF IS NOW 17 YEARS OLD AND DETERIORATING IN CONDITION. - (SEE ATTACHED DECEMBER 1, 2011 MATERIALS)

Demonstrated Need: THE CHOICE OF RESURFACING THE ROOF SECTIONS AND RECEIVING A NEW 10 YEAR WARRANTEE IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN REPLACING THE ROOF SECTIONS.

In Capital Forecast: Yes X No _____

If No, Reason Why: _____

Change To Capital Forecast (Plus/Minus) REDUCED BY \$98,000

And Why Difference: UPDATED ESTIMATES FROM ENGINEERS

SECTION #4 (How To Evaluate Request From Financial perspective?)

Benchmarks (Comparable) Available: ACTUAL COSTS DETERMINED WHEN PROJECT IS BID

Basis For Cost Estimate (Bidding process/Past Experience/Pro-Forma Estimates):

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY SILVER, PETRUCELLI & ASSOCIATES

SECTION #5 (What is Process Required Preceding Or Following BOF & RTM Approvals?)

List Approvals Required/Obtained/Pending (Attach All Submissions/Responses): BOARD OF FINANCE AND RTM APPROVALS REQUIRED

Any Public Hearings/Comments (Summarize & Provide Both Positive/Negative Examples):

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Are any Required Approvals Not Granted Likely To Affect Funding Request? (Impact On

Revenues or Reimbursements): NO BID OR PROJECT AWARD CAN BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT THE FUNDING APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND THE RTM

SECTION #6 (What Happens To Town Finances If Request Approved?)

Impact On Department's Current Budget Increase Over Last Year: NOT APPLICABLE
Impact, If Any, On Department's Operating Costs (Plus Or Minus): NOT APPLICABLE
Ancillary Costs Associated with request (Maintenance Contracts, Supplies, etc.):

ROOF REPAIR COSTS WILL BE REDUCED WITH RECOATED ROOF SECTIONS

Useful Life Of Capital Asset (Compared To Item Being Replaced and Other Benchmarks): 10
ADDITIONAL YEARS IN OPERATION BEFORE ROOF REPLACEMENT REQUIRED

Impact On Net Contribution To Town's Total Debt and Annual Debt Service: UNKNOWN
Cost Per User (Or Per Use) Per Year: UNKNOWN
Revenues Attached to Asset's Use, If Any: NONE

SECTION #7 (What Happens If Not Approved?)

Alternatives To Request (Outsourcing, Rental, Leasing, etc.): NONE

Ramifications To Delaying Or Denying Request: ROOF FAILURE


Signature

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELLIOTT LANDON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: NANCY J. HARRIS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS

SUBJECT: COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL HYPALON ROOF RECOATING PROJECT

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2011

CC: C. SCHMARR, PROJECT FILE

The Board of Education has planned to recoat the folded plate roof areas of Coleytown Middle School covered in Hypalon roofing materials over the gymnasium, library, and art wings. The roof was installed in 1994 with a fifteen (15) year warrantee.

Funds for this project have been included in the Board of Education Five Year Capital Forecast for the past several years. The Coleytown Middle School roof is now 17 years old and we are noticing that the textural material of this roof is washing away on a regular basis. There are a greater number of leaks appearing, especially in hard downpours and driving rain. The Town wide Maintenance Committee noted the need for this recoating in a report dated January, 2010 based on a November, 2009 inspection of Coleytown Middle School. Our roofing contractor, Silktown Roofing, has also indicated these roofs have reached maximum useful life under the current condition. At the completion of this project we expect to extend the life of this roof by approximately ten years. At that time all of the Hypalon roofing surfaces will require replacement.

William Silver, partner in the architectural firm of Silver, Petrucelli and Associates, of Hamden, Connecticut, has provided the budget estimate for this project. He has developed the design specifications and will prepare bid documents, review bidders, make recommendation for award, and provide oversight of the project upon approval of the funding request.

The estimated budget, including architectural fees is estimated at \$151,131. Therefore, I am requesting that the Board of Education (BOE) approve a funding request of \$152,000 to the Board of Finance for this recoating project. You will note that this project will not be eligible for state reimbursement as it is a roof recoating maintenance type project. The state will not reimburse any town for normal repair and maintenance items.

- The revised funding request is \$98,000 less than that included in the BOE Five Year Capital Forecast.
- The actual cost of the project will not be confirmed until the bid is awarded.

In order to expedite this project, we recommend that the Public Site & Building Committee and the Board of Education be jointly designated as the Building Committee for the project. Nancy Harris would act as project manager.

Attachments
NJH:abm

**EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARTIAL ROOF RECOATING PROJECT**

The Westport Public Schools will recoat the 1994 sections of folded plate Hypalon roofs in order to maintain the watertight condition of the school. Coleytown Middle School was built in 1964 with additions in 1998 and 1999.

PURPOSE:

The Hypalon roof areas on areas of the building are seventeen (17) years old and are in need of recoating in order to maintain watertight conditions and extend the useful life by an additional ten (10) years. The roofing areas of approximately 35,188 square feet show significant wear appropriate for their age. The watertight nature of the roof areas have been maintained by contracting for roof repairs on an ongoing basis. Leaks are a regular occurrence and can have a negative impact on the structural integrity of the building and on the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) within the school.

SCOPE:

This project will replace approximately 35,188 square feet of folded plate roofs located over the gymnasium, library, and art rooms and throughout the building. These seventeen year old roofs will be recoated with a chlorosulfonated polyethylene (CSPE) synthetic rubber material that will extend the expected life to ten additional years. The Board of Education expects to reduce repairs and maintenance costs with this roof replacement project. The recoated roofs will meet all requirements regarding insulation, pitch, and drainage.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the project to recoat the seventeen year old folded plate roofs at Coleytown Middle School, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Education Specifications and the Proposed Budget for the above project, as included with this memorandum; directs the administration to request project approval and funding from the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting; and requests that the Representative Town Meeting designate the Public Site and Building Committee and the Board of Education as the joint School Building Committee for this project.

PARTIAL ROOF RE-COATING COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

65 EASTON ROAD, WESTPORT CT

02-Nov-11

Owner: TOWN OF WESTPORT

JOB NO: 11.127

OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST
35,188 (SQUARE FEET)

RE-COAT EXISTING HYPALON ROOF MEMBRANE

SECTION NUMBER	WORK CATEGORIES	QTY.	UNIT	MATERIAL COST		LABOR COST		ALLOWANCE	TOTAL \$
				UNIT \$	TOTAL	UNIT \$	TOTAL		
	OTHER COSTS								
	BONDS, INSURANCE & PERMIT PER STATE LAW	1	LS					\$2,500.00	\$2,500
	OTHER SUB-TOTAL								\$2,500
	DIVISION SEVEN								
	CLEAN EXIST ROOFS	1	LS	\$0.00	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000		\$15,000
	HYPALON PRIMER	250	GAL	\$56.00	\$14,000	\$18.00	\$4,500		\$18,500
	HYPALON FINISH COAT	750	GAL	\$71.00	\$53,250	\$18.00	\$13,500		\$66,750
	DIVISION SEVEN SUB-TOTAL								\$100,250
	CONSTRUCTION COST PER SQUARE FOOT =								\$3.65
	SUBTOTAL =								\$102,750



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GEN. CONDITIONS 10.00% \$10,275
OVERHEAD & PROFIT 15.00% \$15,413
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL = \$128,438

A/E DESIGN FEES = \$4,850
ENVIRONMENTAL TEST/DESIGN FEES = \$0
A/E CONSTRUCTION ADMIN FEES = \$2,000
BID PRINTING, LEGAL NOTICES = \$3,000
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY = 10.00% \$12,844

PROJECT TOTAL = \$151,131

Date: January 13, 2012

TOWN OF WESTPORT
APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

SECTION #1 (Who Is Making Request?)

Department: WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Requested By: Dr. Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools

SECTION #2 (What Is Being Requested?)

Appropriation Request Dollars: \$145,931

THIS APPROPRIATION REQUEST IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HYBRID DIESEL ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS TO BE OPERATED IN WESTPORT AND HAS BEEN STRUCTURED SO AS TO BE COST NEUTRAL TO THE TOWN

Financing Structure: UNDER THE FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) INITIATIVE THROUGH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, A GRANT IS AVAILABLE TO OFFSET THE INCREMENTAL COST BETWEEN A TRADITIONAL DIESEL BUS AND A HYBRID DIESEL/ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS.

THE GRANT IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ENTITIES, INCLUDING TOWN GOVERNMENTS AND IS PAYABLE UPON SUBMISSION OF A PAID INVOICE, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE HYBRID VEHICLE. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT THE TOWN WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BASE COST OF THE CONVENTIONAL BUS AND AGREES TO OWN THE VEHICLE FOR TWO (2) YEARS.

DETAILS OF THE DOT GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF HYBRID BUS:

1. TOWN TO PROVIDE "UP FRONT" FUNDING OF \$145,931
2. TOWN PURCHASES HYBRID DIESEL/ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS APPROVED BY DOT
3. TOWN SUBMITS PROOF OF PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND PAYMENT TO STATE
4. STATE REIMBURSES TOWN \$63,584.
5. TOWN TO ENTER INTO TWO (2) YEAR LEASE WITH DATTCO, WESTPORT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER
6. TERMS OF LEASE –
 - a. BASE COST OF BUS (\$82,347) TO BE PAID TO THE TOWN BY DATTCO, IN TWO EQUAL PAYMENTS OF \$41,173.50 PER YEAR
 - b. INTENT TO TRANSFER TITLE AT END OF LEASE WITH FINAL PURCHASE PRICE \$452.90, THE ESTIMATED INTEREST ON THE COST OF CAPITAL INVESTED BY THE TOWN OF WESTPORT.

- c. LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN AND DATTCO TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY TOWN ATTORNEY AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

SECTION #3 (Why Is Request Being Made?)

Operating Rational: THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FEDERAL CMAQ INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- IMPROVE LOCAL AIR QUALITY
- REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM BASED FUELS
- ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL BASED TECHNOLOGIES
- PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR ENTITITES TO ADOPT CLEAN FUEL TECHNOLOGIES

Demonstrated Need: THIS WOULD PROVIDE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH HYBRID TECHNOLOGY; REDUCE DIESEL EMMISSIONS; REDUCE NOISE, SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, AND SAVE ON DIESEL FUEL CONSUMPTION.

In Capital Forecast: Yes _____ No X_____

If No, Reason Why: UNANTICIPATED GRANT OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Change To Capital Forecast (Plus/Minus) NONE

And Why Difference: N/A_____

SECTION #4 (How To Evaluate Request From Financial perspective?)

PAY BACK TO TOWN IN TWO YEARS

Benchmarks (Comparable) Available: COMPARISON OF MAINTENANCE COSTS AND FUEL CONSUMPTION BETWEEN DIESEL BUS AND HYBRID BUS

Basis For Cost Estimate (Bidding process/Past Experience/Pro-Forma Estimates): PRICING FROM STATE BID

SECTION #5 (What is Process Required Preceding Or Following BOF & RTM Approvals?)

List Approvals Required/Obtained/Pending (Attach All Submissions/Responses): REQUIRE BOARD OF FINANCE AND RTM APPROVAL. ALSO REQUIRE TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW OF TWO (2) YEAR LEASE PRIOR TO SELECTMAN APPROVAL OF LEASE.

Any Public Hearings/Comments (Summarize & Provide Both Positive/Negative Examples):

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION WITH BOE POSITIVE VOTE ON DECEMBER 19, 2011.

Are any Required Approvals Not Granted Likely To Affect Funding Request? (Impact On Revenues or Reimbursements): YES, IF NOT APPROVED GRANT CANCELLED.

SECTION #6 (What Happens To Town Finances If Request Approved?)

Impact On Department's Current Budget Increase Over Last Year: NO IMPACT

Impact, If Any, On Department's Operating Costs (Plus Or Minus): POSSIBLE DECREASE IN USE OF DIESEL FUEL

Ancillary Costs Associated with request (Maintenance Contracts, Supplies, etc.):

UNSURE OF ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE COSTS

Useful Life Of Capital Asset (Compared To Item Being Replaced and Other

Benchmarks): USEFUL LIFE OF VEHICLE ESTIMATED AT 10 YEARS

Impact On Net Contribution To Town's Total Debt and Annual Debt Service: UNKNOWN

Cost Per User (Or Per Use) Per Year: _____

Revenues Attached to Asset's Use, If Any: _____

SECTION #7 (What Happens If Not Approved?)

Alternatives To Request (Outsourcing, Rental, Leasing, etc.):

Ramifications To Delaying Or Denying Request: CANCEL GRANT APPLICATION – NO HYBRID VEHICLE PURCHASED

Signature

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: ELLIOTT LANDON
SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: NANCY J. HARRIS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS
AND
SANDRA EVANGELISTA
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: HYBRID BUS GRANT PROPOSAL

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2011

Cc: Transportation file

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has allocated grant funds to municipalities as an incentive to purchase/operate alternative/clean fuel student transportation vehicles. A grant application was made to the 2011 Connecticut Clean Fuel program and the Westport Public Schools received approval for funding to purchase a hybrid diesel electric school bus. The grant program is designed so that the municipality pays the full cost of the electric and ultra-low sulfur diesel hybrid school bus. The grant of \$63,584 will be paid to the municipality upon purchase of the bus. The lease between the municipality and the bus company provides for full reimbursement to the municipality in two (2) equal lease payments over the two year term of the lease. At the end of the two years, the municipality will convey title to the bus company for the sum of one dollar.

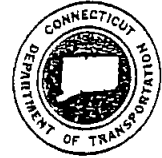
The state bid out the specific vehicle for this grant, the cost of the vehicle is \$145,931. The state grant funds the difference between a traditional school bus and the cost of the hybrid vehicle (\$63,584) upon the receipt of a properly executed sales agreement between the Town and the vendor. The Town of Westport would be responsible for the balance of the cost (\$82,347) which it would recover over two years. Dattco, our transportation provider, has agreed to make two annual lease payments to the Board of Education in the amount of \$41,173.50 to cover total cost of the hybrid bus after which they would assume ownership of the bus. Dattco has also agreed to pay all maintenance and insurance costs on the vehicle.

A non-binding program confirmation letter acknowledging a commitment to the grant was signed earlier in the year and forwarded to the state. A notice was sent to the Board of Education at that time informing them of the grant program opportunity.

In order to proceed with this grant, we will need to request Town funding of the \$145,931 for up front funding of the bus. The grant of \$63,584 would be paid to the Town after the bus has been purchased and Dattco would pay the Town \$41,173.50 per year in compliance with the leasing arrangement that is noted above. The Board of Education and the various town bodies, including the Board of Finance, RTM and Board of Selectman, would need to approve funding for this project. The lease for the hybrid bus, provided by the State of Connecticut, would be reviewed by the Town Attorney and be approved by the Selectman. This would allow the Town to purchase the bus in February for delivery and use in the 2012-13 school year.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546

Phone:

June 14, 2011

Ms. Sandra Evangelista
Coordinator Transportation &
Other Business Services
Westport Public Schools
110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

Dear Ms. Evangelista:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Department of Transportation (Department) has approved the Westport Public Schools request to receive funding under the 2011 Connecticut Clean Fuel program. The Department has approved the request for the following alternative fuel vehicle(s) at the following maximum incremental cost per vehicle:

One (1) IC Bus LLC, CE (PB105) Hybrid Diesel Electric School Bus @ \$63,584

Please complete and return the enclosed program confirmation form to the Department within 30 days. Also please make a copy for your records. The information on the program confirmation form will be used to prepare the project Agreement, which will detail the program requirements.

Program participants will be reimbursed only for the vehicle(s) specified in the Agreement at the maximum amount specified per vehicle in the Agreement. If the required dealer's invoice indicates a lesser incremental cost per vehicle, the program participant will be reimbursed that lesser amount.

If you have any questions, Mr. Kevin Peak, the Department's contact person for this program, can be reached at (860) 594-2807 or by e-mail at kevin.peak@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sanders".

Michael A. Sanders
Transit Administrator
Bureau of Public Transportation

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Town Meeting
From: RTM Finance and Education Committees
Date: February 29, 2012
Re: Appropriation of \$152,000 (with bond and note authorization) to the Education Facilities Fund (EFIF) Account, CMS Roof

The RTM Finance and Education Committees met on Thursday, February 28th to consider an appropriation request of \$152,000 (with bond and note authorization) to the Education Facilities Fund (EFIF) Account, CMS Roof. Presenting for the Board of Education was Assistant Superintendent for Business, Nancy Harris.

This funding request is to recoat the Hypalon roof sections at Coleytown Middle School originally installed in 1994. The roof which is made of rubberized material is now past its useful life. As it ages, it loses its elasticity, gets grainy and becomes like cheese cloth. It has not yet failed, but leaks are a regular occurrence. This project will recoat approximately 35,188 square feet of surface at a cost of \$3 a square foot and extend the useful life of the roof by an additional 10 years. The other option is to completely replace the roof at twice the cost (\$7 a square foot) which would last for 15 years. This second option will be necessary next year if it's not recoated now. The Town's Maintenance Committee has inspected the roof and strongly endorses this project. Also, the cost of this project is approximately \$100,000 less than what was in last year's Board of Education's Five Year Capital Forecast.

Both committees voted unanimously to recommend that the full RTM approve this request although the Education Committee lacked a quorum and only issued a sense of the meeting approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RTM Finance Committee

Allen Bomes, Reporter
Arthur Ashman
Dick Lowenstein
John McCarthy
Gil Nathan
Lois Schine
Cathy Talmadge

RTM Education Committee

Lou Mall
Jack Klinge
William Meyer, III
Stephen Rubin

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Town Meeting
From: RTM Finance and Education Committees
Date: February 29, 2012
Re: Appropriation of \$145,931 from the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund (C&NEF) Account to Purchase a Hybrid Electric/Diesel Fuel School Bus

The RTM Finance and Education Committees met on Thursday, February 28th to consider an appropriation request of \$145,931 for the purchase of a hybrid electric/diesel fuel school bus. Presenting for the Board of Education was Assistant Superintendent for Business, Nancy Harris.

Funds for this project are made possible by a Federal grant administered through the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation. The grant covers the cost differential between a hybrid bus and a conventional diesel bus. The Town will pay the full purchase price of \$145,931 upfront and is then immediately reimbursed the differential of \$63,584. DATTCO (the Board of Education's transportation provider) will enter into a two year lease with the Town for the remaining \$82,347 cost and will make two equal annual lease payments of \$41,173.50. At the end of the lease, DATTCO will make a final payment of \$452.90 (representing the estimate of the Town's interest cost on the invested capital) and will receive title to the bus. Overall, the hybrid bus will cost Westport nothing. All of the funds returned will go back into the C&NEF Account.

Both committees voted unanimously to recommend that the full RTM approve this request although the Education Committee lacked a quorum and only issued a sense of the meeting approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RTM Finance Committee

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RTM P&Z Committee Report on Westport converting to a Regional Council of Governments ("COG") March 1, 2012.

The Committee met on Tuesday February 28th at 8pm.

Attending - Committee: Don Bergmann, Diane Cady, Heather Cherry, Hope Feller, Jay Keenan, Paul Lebowitz, Gil Nathan, Lois Schine, Matthew Mandell (Chair)

Numerous other RTM members attended and participated. No members of the public or press were there, other than a photographer for a picture of the meeting.

Proposing adoption of the ordinance which would pave the way for Westport's participation in the COG was First Selectman Gordon Joseloff, also Chair of the South West Regional Planning Agency's ("SWRPA") Metropolitan Planning Organization. Also attending were Floyd Lapp, Executive Director of SWRPA and Jerry Ellis, Chair of SWRPA.

The issue in front of the RTM is whether Westport should change from SWRPA to a COG. Currently we are a member of SWRPA, which has two parts. The first part is the Board of Directors of SWRPA, a 22 person Board responsible for all SWRPA activities other than those dealing with transportation. This 22 person Board comprises volunteers appointed by the respective eight SWRPA towns. The second part is The Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") an eight member board which deals mainly with transportation issues. The vast majority of the budget of SWRPA, approximately 85%, is devoted to transportation issues. The MPO comprises the eight elected chief executive officers of the eight member towns.

The COG, provided for in CT. General Statutes 4-124i through j, essentially reorganizes these two parts of SWRPA and creates an organization headed by the elected chief executive officers of the eight member communities for our region, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Stamford, Norwalk, Wilton, Weston and Westport.

Mr. Joseloff reiterated what he had said to the full RTM a month ago, that moving to a COG would create efficiencies by consolidation, that no money would be saved, but that time and effort could be saved under a COG structure. He felt that a COG would get more recognition at the state level and that CEOs advocating for funding and change as a COG would get more respect. He was candid in saying that it was just his feeling and when questioned by RTM members he again said this was conjecture and not fact. He also said he felt more comfortable working with this newer form of organization to discuss possible mergers of services with or among any of the eight member towns, e.g. police or fire dispatch, but could not point to specific instances of this being the case.

Mr. Lapp reviewed a power-point, which all the members had received prior to the meeting. It outlined specifics about a COG, what it is and also what it is in comparison to SWRPA. Mr. Lapp was not there to advocate for the COG. He was there to explain and

The Committee along with remaining other members of the RTM discussed the issue at hand. The following reflects that discussion.

1. A majority felt there would be no harm to moving to a COG, some actively advocated for the change.
2. Some members felt it would indeed give the region more clout.
3. Some members felt that there was nothing wrong with SWRPA or present situation.
4. A COG was not a move to county government or a taxing authority.
5. Members felt the Westport P&Z Commission's reasons not to join the COG were not persuasive. While acknowledging the time demand issue, members thought not joining due to having to supply a standing member of the commission to serve on the COG Planning Council, due to lack of time, was something that simply had to be overcome. While not a fact, it is anticipated that legislation to modify that rule and allow an appointed member would be proposed
6. There still was missing information and opinions that would be forthcoming.
7. There was not a consensus as to whether or not the responses received from the seven member towns meant that their conflicting views expressed could be interpreted either way. It could be viewed as a toss up.
8. That essentially moving forward to a COG was as one member put it "a leap of faith" worth taking.

On a motion offered by Ms. Schine and seconded by Mr. Bergmann the committee voted 6-0-2 to recommend to the full RTM that Westport join the COG.

Yes - Bergmann, Cady, Cherry, Lebowitz, Nathan, Schine.

No -

Abstain - Feller, Mandell

Keenan, left before vote.

It should be noted that the abstentions were to allow more time for missing information to be gathered and presented.

Reporter

Matthew Mandell (Chair)

In consideration of the recommendations from the RTM Ordinance Committee, the First Selectman is proposing the following amendment to the Ordinance:

AMENDMENT

Regional Council of Governments

Adoption of state law; Authority to join

The Town of Westport hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a regional council of governments, and does hereby join such regional council of governments when and as such council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty percent of all municipalities within the Southwestern Connecticut planning region as defined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or designee, and upon certification by the Secretary or designee that a regional council of governments has been duly established.

Designated Representative

The First Selectman shall represent the Town on the regional council of governments. In addition, the Representative Town Meeting ~~may~~ shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the regional council of governments, which alternate shall serve a term of two (2) years or until the next election of members of the Representative Town Meeting.

Sunset Clause

This ordinance shall expire on November 19, 2013 unless a regional council of governments is duly established in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-124i through 4-124p.