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JOINT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING
(Historic District Commission and Architectural Review Board)

Tuesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present:

Ward French, Co-Chair
Vesna Herman, ARB Member

Grayson Braun, Co-Chair
Ben Levites, HDC Alternate

Staff Present:

Donna Douglass, HDC Administrator

Notice is hereby given that the Joint Committee of the Historic District Commission and the Architectural Review Board held an electronic public meeting on **Tuesday, November 8, 2023**, at 7:00 PM for the following purpose:

1. To approve minutes from the September 5, 2023, meeting.
MOTION (made by French): To approve minutes from the September 5, 2023, meeting.
SECOND: Braun
SEATED: French, Herman, Braun, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
2. To approve minutes from the October 3, 2023, meeting.
MOTION (made by Springer): To approve minutes from the October 3, 2023, meeting.
SECOND: Braun
SEATED: French, Herman, Braun, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved.
3. To review and comment on the proposed façade changes, lighting, and signage at **35 Main Street (aka 51 Main Street)** (Parcel ID# C09/137/000) submitted Rick Hoag, Frederick William Hoag Architect LLC, for property owned by Winwest 3351 Main LLC. Comments offered at the meeting will be considered in anticipation of further zoning review and approvals.
MOTION (made by French): To approve the proposed façade changes, lighting, and signage at 35 Main Street (aka 51 Main Street) (Parcel ID# C09/137/000).
SECOND: Braun
SEATED: French, Herman, Braun, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved
4. To review and comment on the proposed front porch decking and foundations, front and rear stairs including foundations and railings at **75 Church Lane** (Parcel ID# D10/004/000) submitted Deirdre O'Farrelly, for property owned by Episcopal Diocese of CT. Comments offered at the meeting will be considered in anticipation of further zoning review and approvals.
MOTION (made by French): To approve the proposed front porch decking and foundations, front and rear stairs including foundations and railings at 75 Church Lane (Parcel ID# D10/004/000).
SECOND: Braun
SEATED: French, Herman, Braun, Levites
VOTE: Unanimously approved
5. To adjourn the meeting.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM

Grayson Braun, HDC Chairwoman
Ward French, ARB Chairman
November 9, 2023

Village District Overlay (VDO) Zone Westport Center §36;

The purpose of this Village District Overlay (VDO) is to protect the distinctive character, landscape, and historic structures and development pattern within this Village District while encouraging a mixed use, walkable district that is attractive to residents, employees, and visitors. New construction or substantial rehabilitation in the Village District should be compatible with the existing character of the district and reinforce both the existing development patterns and connections to the Saugatuck River. (See copy of Westport Regulations §36-2)

JOINT COMMITTEE
Village District Overlay (VDO) Zone / Westport Center
REVIEW and RECOMMENDATION

Date: 1/16/23

Property Address: 1 Main st

Owner of Record: Winwest Library LLC

Phone: 914 468 7300

Owner's Address: 1 Main St.

Email: _____

Applicant's Name (if different): Accent Signs & Awnings

Phone: 203 975-8688

Applicant's Address: 130 Lenox Ave #21 Stamford, CT 06906

Email: john@accent -signs.com

Attached

Property Owner's Signature

Legal Representative's Signature (As authorized by owner)

If the applicant is unable to obtain property owner's signature, please submit a letter of authorization signed by the property owner with this application, as per §43-3.3.

Required Review and Approvals for Properties Located in the VDO Zone:

- Certificate of Appropriateness (if property is located within a local historic district or designated a local historic property)
- Joint Committee Review and Recommendation of proposed design plans
- Compliance Alternative for Joint Committee Review (if applicant requests consideration of an alternative approach that satisfies the intent of the design principles but is not in compliance with design standards)
- Site Plan Approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission

Each application must be accompanied by:

- Completed application form.
- Narrative including description of the project, construction details, proposed materials and how the improvements are consistent with the style or how the improvements vary, a rationale of why the variation should be, approved under Sec 36-2.2.
- Historic Resources Inventory Form if applicable (*Available from HDC Office*).
- Site plan.
- Scaled building plans, including existing conditions plans and proposed plans.
- Photos showing the original historic building (if applicable), include photos of the buildings to either side of the proposed project and the view from across the street. A contrasting demonstration of the existing building in current streetscape and the proposed building within context of its surroundings
- Other materials deemed appropriate by applicant to enable the Joint Committee to evaluate the design.

One copy of the above required application and materials should be sent to the HDC office, Room 108 and digital copy emailed to the HDC Administrator, Donna Douglass, at ddouglass@westportct.gov. Hearings are typically held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. The deadline for applications is 2 weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Joint Committee Recommendation to Planning and Zoning Commission:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions about the procedures contact Donna Douglass at ddouglass@westportct.gov or 203-341-1184.



WIN PROPERTIES, INC.

10 Rye Ridge Plaza, Suite 200
Rye Brook, NY 10573
Tel (914) 468-7300 Fax (914) 468-7330

Thursday, January 11, 2024

VIA REGULAR MAIL

VIA EMAIL: West@westouteast.com

Mr. West Chin
West Out East, LLC
137 5th Avenue
12th Floor
New York, NY 10010

Re: **Notice of Landlord's Approval of West Out East Awning Sign Specs**
1 Main Street
Westport, CT 06880

Dear Mr. Chin:

Reference is made to that certain lease dated **August 11, 2023** (the "Lease") by and between **Winwest Library, LLC and Olneywood Associates, LLC** (collectively the "Landlord") and **West Out East, LLC** (the "Tenant") for the premises more particularly described in the Lease (the "Premises") on the property commonly known as **One Main Street a/k/a 19 Post Road East**, in the city or town of **Westport**, County of **Fairfield**, in the state of **Connecticut 06880**.

We are in receipt of West Out East's proposed awning sign specifications for its store located at the above referenced Premises. Upon review of the awning sign plans and specifications prepared by Accent Signs & Awnings submitted to Landlord on January 11, 2024, please consider this letter to be Landlord's approval subject to the following comments and conditions:

PLANS

Page #1 – Front Awning Valance and Side Awning Valance
Page #2 – Sunbrella Cloud (Color Selected)

COMMENTS

None.

CONDITIONS


1. Tenant shall bear the expense of all necessary permits, alterations and improvements and shall hold Landlord harmless from any expense in connection therewith and in connection with any claims for personal injury or property damage which arise in connection with the sign or awning installation, construction, or conversion.

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West Out East, LLC
January 11, 2024
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2. The sign or awning installation work will be constructed under a no lien contract if permitted under the laws of the State of Connecticut.
3. The sign or awning installation work shall be done in compliance with all applicable codes, laws, ordinances, and standards of good practice and shall be done by competent, licensed contractors in strict accordance with plans and specifications submitted to and approved by Landlord prior to submission to any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the sign installation work and before the commencement of the sign installation work at the Premises.
4. Landlord's approval of such plans and specifications shall not excuse Tenant from compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances or render Landlord liable for any incompleteness or design insufficiency therein.
5. All new signs or awnings and all alterations, additions, improvements, fixtures and controls (other than the portion of the sign panel which contains Tenant's logo and name which shall be removed at Tenant's sole expense and the structural integrity of which shall be preserved at Tenant's expense after removal of Tenant's logo) shall become the property of Landlord at the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease of the Premises.
6. All other terms and provisions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Rick Yarny
Senior Director of Property Management
Win Properties, Inc. as Agent for
Winwest Library, LLC and Olneywood Associates, LLC

Encl.

Cc: Gina Valenzuela (Via Email: Gina@wcarchitect.com)
West Out East
Project Manager

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front awning valance



west | out east

side awning valance



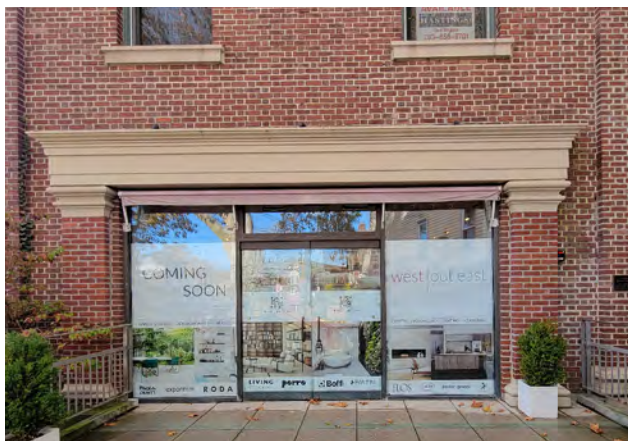
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west | out east
8.5"

letters will be white .25" thick acrylic

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) _____

Building Name (Historic) Westport Public Library

Street Address or Location 19 Post Road East

Town/City Westport Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Winwest Library LLC Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial

Historic Use: Library

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Neo Classical Date of Construction 1908

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

- Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding
- Fieldstone Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone Aluminum Siding
- Concrete (Type _____) Cut Stone (Type Limestone) Other _____

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
- Other _____

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
- Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other _____

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
- Built up Tile Other Not visible

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions _____

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: Use conversion

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

- Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden
- Other landscape features or buildings: _____

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
- High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

See Continuation Sheet

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

See Continuation Sheet

Architect _____ Builder _____

• Historical or Architectural importance:

See Continuation Sheet

• Sources:

See Continuation Sheet

Photographer PAL _____ Date _____

View _____ Negative on File _____

Name _____ Date 10/7/2011

Organization PAL _____

Address 210 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 _____

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
- Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____

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COMMISSION ON CULTURE & TOURISM
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

TOWN NO.: SITE NO.:
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PAL, Pawtucket, RI 02860

19 Post Road East, Westport, CT

Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The building is located on a level lot on the northwest side of the corner of State Street East and Main Street. It is set back from the street and faces south. A concrete terrace and handicap ramp with several built-in planters projects from the east elevation of the building. A low bed of hedges with large planters on either end runs along the south side of the building. A concrete sidewalk extends across the south and east edge of the lot.

Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*):

The building is two stories tall, three bays wide, four-bays deep and constructed in the Neoclassical style. It has a flat roof with a limestone parapet, copper coping, and a heavy limestone entablature with a denticulated cornice. The plan is comprised of a main block with two side wings set back on the west and east elevations. The walls are brick in Flemish bond and rest on a raised limestone foundation and watertable. The main block and side wings have wide brick corner pilasters with limestone Doric capitals. The main block has a recessed center bay with full-height Ionic columns that flank the entrance and a limestone belt course running between the first and second stories. The entrance is comprised of a pair of wood panel doors with a window in the top half below a filled transom. The opening has limestone quoins with paneled pilasters supporting scroll brackets and a pediment. A limestone panel with recessed carving below the pediment reads "Open to All." A second limestone panel is located in the entablature in the center of the facade and reads "Westport Library." On either side of the entry porch are limestone panels affixed to the side walls that read "Erected 1906" and "Jesup Sherwood Memorial." Windows consist of wood, one-over-one, double-hung sash with prominent splayed limestone lintels, keystones, and sills. The building was closed by the library in 1986 and converted into office and retail space. A two-story, glass hyphen connects the west elevation of the building to the brick addition constructed in the 1960s. A secondary entrance constructed on the east elevation in 1999 consists of a center glass door flanked by plate glass windows. It is set within an opening with brick pilasters and limestone capitals and entablature designed to mimic the original design of the building. The remaining components of the building all appear to be original, including the windows and finishes.

Historical or Architectural importance:

The building was constructed as the Westport Public Library in 1908. The library was made possible through the efforts of many Westport citizens, who began a reading room on the second floor of the nearby Hurlbutt Building as early as 1886. The library received a state charter in 1893, and three years later had moved into the ground floor of the Hurlbutt Building and begun a fund for a purpose-built building. The land and much of the funding for the new library was donated by local businessman and philanthropist Morris Ketchum Jesup. The building was dedicated to Jesup's grandfathers, Samuel Burr Sherwood and Ebenezer Jesup. After its completion in 1909, the library served its function through the mid 1980s. In 1986, the library moved to a new building on its current site on Jesup Road. The former library building was converted to retail and office space and is currently owned by Winwest Library LLC.

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View of the south and west elevations.



View of the south elevation.

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View of the west elevation.

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19 Post Road East, Westport, CT17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (*exterior and/or interior*)

The property at 19 Post Road East is a 2-story, Neoclassical-style building with a roughly rectangular floor plan. The building, which faces south, consists of a flat-roofed, cross-plan main block with a large, flat-roofed, rectangular addition to its west. The three-bay-wide main block rests on a stone-faced foundation and has exterior walls of Flemish-bond brick with stone trim. The stone cornice includes a wide, unadorned frieze with dentils. Flat, brick pilasters with simple stone capitals mark the corners of the main block. The main entrance, which is accessed by a set of six stone steps, is located in the projecting, center bay of the primary facade. The stone door surround includes a pediment supported by carved, scroll brackets. 2-story, Ionic columns flank the door. The words "OPEN TO ALL" are carved in the architrave above the doorway, while "WESTPORT LIBRARY" is carved into the frieze of the building's center bay. Fenestration consists of one-over-one, double-hung, replacement windows that feature simple stone sills and wedge-shaped, stone voussoirs and keystones. Alterations to the main block include the addition of a doorway on the east elevation, with a new surround consisting of modern brick pilasters and a stone entablature. The mid-twentieth century west wing of the library has exterior walls of common-bond brick. While most of the west wing is 2-stories in height, there is a 1-story section in the southwest corner. Fenestration consists primarily of plate-glass windows, though one-over-one, double-hung windows are present on the second floor of the south facade. The corridor linking the main block with the west wing features a glass curtain wall on its south elevation.

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The property at 19 Post Road East was dedicated as the Westport Public Library on April 8, 1908, shortly after construction was completed (*Bridgeport Telegram* 9 April 1908). The project was financed primarily by Morris K. Jesup, member of a prominent Westport family. In his 1922 *Westport, Connecticut: The Making of a Yankee Township*, Edward Coley Birge states, "Perhaps no family epitomizes the influence of the human element in the development of Westport more than the Jesup family" (Birge 1922:8) Ebenezer Jesup (1767-1851) was an early Westport merchant who built and operated a wharf on the Saugatuck River, and was a leader in the movement to construct the Connecticut Turnpike (present-day Post Road, or US Route 1) around 1807 (Birge 1922:9-11; Hurd 1881:816). His grandson, Morris K. Jesup (1830-1908), was a noted New York City banker and philanthropist who, among other things, was a founding board member and president of the American Museum of Natural History and helped finance Perry's expedition to the North Pole (*Bridgeport Telegram* 9 April 1908; Foster 1985:6-7).

During the second half of the nineteenth century, Charles LaCroix operated a saloon on the site of present-day 19 Post Road East. The establishment was surrounded by other commercial properties; at the end of the century, a grocery store, real estate office, department store, and hardware store were all located across the street, as was the "Hurlbutt Block," which housed a shoe store and druggist (Adams 1951:38; Westport Public Library, Local History Vertical Files). On February 4, 1886 the Westport Reading Room and Library Association was formed. A charter was granted by the state seven years later. The second floor of the Hurlbutt Block served as the organization's first home; at the turn of the twentieth century, the library moved to the first floor (Dort 1935:47-48).

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In the early 1900s, a movement began to expand the library's collection and to construct a building to house it. In 1905, Morris K. Jesup was asked for a contribution; he offered to pay for the construction of a new building, freeing the approximately \$6,000 that had already been raised to be used for an endowment and a book fund. Construction of the \$75,000 building began in 1906 and was completed in 1908, shortly after Jesup's death in January of that year. At the opening ceremonies on April 8, 1908, Jesup's widow presented the building, along with an endowment check of \$5,000, to the town of Westport as a memorial to Jesup's grandfathers, Ebenezer Jesup and Samuel Burr Sherwood (*Bridgeport Telegram* 9 April 1908; Adams 1951:38). Speakers at the dedication of the building included John E. Parsons, a New York lawyer and friend of Morris K. Jesup; William H. Burr, president of the Westport Library Association; and Governor Rolin S. Woodruff. Burr praised the "ornate, symmetrical, and beautiful" building that "bears over its portals the cordial welcome, 'Open to All.'" He continued,

What an inducement in that brief proclamation to enter! Its appeal comes not to those who love books alone, and whose homes are the receptacles of many treasured volumes; but its silent message will find a warm response in the heart of the toiler... Within this sanctuary will be the choicest treasures of the past, the ripest thought of the present, and here will be focused the wide world's activities and achievements (*Bridgeport Telegram* 9 April 1908).

When originally constructed, the building consisted only of the cross-plan main block. The *Bridgeport Telegram* described the building as "very beautiful... It is built of brick with granite trimmings and has two tall pillars of sandstone running up in front for two stories. The entrance and stairways are of marble, with marble wainscoting, as is also the foyer." Reading rooms occupied the east and west wings of the first floor, with the west one dedicated to children, while an auditorium was located at the second floor (*Bridgeport Telegram* 9 April 1908). The first librarian was Frances A. Gray (Dort 1935:47). Edith Very Sherwood served from 1916 to 1945. During her tenure, an extensive collection of materials related to art and illustration was developed. A reference collection was established in 1948 (Foster 1988:28; Kreger and Kaye 1976:33).

By the middle of the twentieth century, the library had begun to outgrow its original accommodations. The collection grew from 17,000 volumes in 1933 to over 25,000 in 1952 (1933 and 1952 Directories). Construction began on an extensive addition in 1955, at a cost of over \$300,000. The new west wing was opened to the public on July 8, 1956. The 1908 building was renovated as a part of this project, which tripled the amount of usable space in the library. By the mid-1960s, however, the library had again become cramped, and began renting 2,400 square feet of space from an adjacent property (Westport Public Library, Local History Vertical Files; Kreger and Kaye 1976:33). In the 1970s, a movement began to construct a new town library near Jesup Green. In 1984, a public referendum to fund the \$4.6 million project was passed by a close margin, and construction began shortly thereafter. The new, 30,000 square foot building opened to the public on September 3, 1986. The original library building was sold for \$2.8 million to Westport businessmen Drew Friedman and Alex Land. The building was then converted to retail space, as it remains at the present time (Westport Public Library, Local History Vertical Files).

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19 Post Road East, Westport, CT

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View showing the main entrance on the front (south) elevation.

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View from the southeast.



View of the south elevation of the west wing.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 REV. 6/83

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59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
	Westport Public Library			
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	
Westport		Fairfield		
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)				
19 Post Road East				
4. OWNER(S)				
1 Main Street Association Ltd Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private				
5. USE (Present)				
commercial (Historic) library				
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:				
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE		IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING				
Neoclassical				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
				1908
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board + Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone Type: limestone, granite				
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and Beam <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load Bearing Masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Iron or Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
10. ROOF (Type)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built Up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) not visible				
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2		136' x 60'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		(Exterior) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Original Site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		WHEN?	(Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
				see architectural description
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden				
15. SURROUNDINGS ENVIRONMENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Land <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Located on the north side of Post Road East (US Route 1), just east of the bridge over the Saugatuck River. The building faces south; occupies most of its lot; and is surrounded by commercial properties.				

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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

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18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

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19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Joanna M. Doherty

DATE

May 2000

VIEW

please see attached

NEGATIVE ON FILE

35:36, 37; 36:6

PLACE
PHOTOGRAPH
HERE

NAME

Joanna M. Doherty

DATE

June 2000

ORGANIZATION

PAL

ADDRESS

210 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None Known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
- Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

Tax Map # 5301 Site # 55
UTM: _____
QUAD: _____
District _____ S _____ NR
If NR. Specify Actual Potential ^X

203-226-8511 Ext. 210

IDENTIFICATION

1. STREET ADDRESS: 19 Post Road East

2. BUILDING NAME: Common: Westport Library Historic: Same

3. TOWN/CITY: Westport

VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Fairfield

4. OWNER(S): Town of Westport

PUBLIC X PRIVATE _____

5. USE:
Present Library Historic Same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Exterior Visible from Public Road Interior Accessible
X YES _____ NO X YES _____ NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN Public Use - Library

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Neo-classical

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1908 ded. 1908-Fable Site

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)

___ Clapboard ___ Wood Shingle ___ Board & Batton^c
___ Aluminum Siding ___ Asbestos Siding ___ Asphalt Siding
___ Stucco ___ Concrete Type: _____
X Brick ___ Fieldstone ___ Cobblestone
X Cut Stone Type: Limestone
___ Other (Specify): _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood Frame Post and beam Balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) _____

10a. ROOF (Type)

Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round
 Other (Specify) _____

10b. ROOF (Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt Shingle Built-up Tile
 Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: Two (2) plus attic

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: _____

12. CONDITION

a. Structural:

Excellant Good Fair Deteriorated

b. Exterior:

Excellant Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location):

On original site Moved _____ WHEN?

ALTERATIONS: Yes No

If yes, explain: One window bricked, doors closed to use

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage
 Carriage House Shop Garden
 Other landscape features or buildings (specify) _____

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open Land Woodland Residential
 Scattered buildings visible from site Commercial
 Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Site located on the east bank of the Saugatuck River and the library was built on the site of one of Ebenezer Jesup's businesses. It is unique in design and ornamental in size compared to its nineteenth century neighbors. The 1960's addition was built when land was filled in along the River and Parker Harding Plaza was created.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDINGS OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

Architecturally significant. Many decorative elements were used to create the Neo-classical revival style for this public building. Flamboyant keystone lintels are over the 1/1 windows on the three bay facade. Six marble _____ stairs lead to the pedimented doorway which is flanked by three-quarter Ionic columns in antis. The building is capped by a moulded cornice with modillions and has a flat roof.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Then Governor, Honorable Rollin A. Woodruff spoke at the dedication for the new library in 1908. Three hundred Westport residents heard he and the Reverend Warren P. Randers of the Congregational Church praise learning and the library. Named in honor of its principal donor, Morris K. Jesup, the Memorial Library was built as a result of the culmination of efforts by local residents who, as early as 1886, had initiated a reading room and Library Association. A State charter was obtained in 1893. The original reading room was housed across the street from the Morris K. Jesup Memorial Library in the Hurlbutt Block on the second floor above William Edgar Nash's pharmacy - later called Achorn's drugstore.

Morris Ketchem Jesup, whose family had lived in this area for two centuries, was born in Westport in 1830. He was a banker and philanthropist, one of the founders of the YMCA of New York City and was president of the Museum of Natural History in New York City for many years. He died in 1908 a few months before the library was dedicated in memorial for his grandfathers Ebenezer Jesup and Samuel Burr Sherwood. It was built on the site of one of Ebenezer Jesup's businesses.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None Known Highways Vandalism X Developers
Renewal Private Zoning Deterioration
Other _____
Explanation _____