

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Old Town Garage  
 Building Name (Historic) C. E. Norton's Garage  
 Street Address or Location 78 Boston Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Town of Guilford  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial Garage  
 Historic Use: Commercial Garage

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

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Brick Industrial Date of Construction 1916 (Helander)

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

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|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <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 type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 125' x 55'

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: Addition on the east elevation

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)****Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

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

**Surrounding Environment:**

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

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This parcel is 0.35 acres of land on the north side of Boston Street, and on the corner of Boston Street and Graves Avenue. It is less than a mile to the east of the Guilford Green, and less than a mile to the northwest of the Guilford Fair Grounds. A short driveway extends to the north and leads to the overhead doors on the south facade. Another access driveway extends to the east off Graves Avenue, and leads to the rear (north elevation) of the building.

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

This is a one-story commercial garage used by the Town of Guilford. This brick building has a stepped front-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The main entry is located on the south facade, facing the road. It appears this portion of the building is an addition. To the east is a window and in the original portion of the building is an overhead garage door and just to the east is a large window. (see continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Clarence E. Norton was the original owner and when it was first built, the garage was called C. E. Norton's Garage. The sale and maintenance of automobiles were at this location until 1939. During its time, this was the largest auto repair shop between New Haven and Old Saybrook. At this location, Norton custom built motorized fire apparatuses here. For example, in 1919, Guilford's first fire engine was adapted from a 1910 Pope-Hartford pickup truck.

- Sources:

"The Hyland House," Dorothy Whitfield Historical Society. Helander, Joel; "A Treasury of Guilford Places"; Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Guilford Tax Assessor property cards found at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=8850> on March 29, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015  
View Southeast view, camera facing northwest Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 3/29/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.282667, -72.678429

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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**Other notable features of building or site**

To the west of the overhead garage door is what appears to have once been a large window but has since been filled in with brick. Above the overhead door is a louvered vent.

