

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Sheppard's Tavern, Arthur Murray Dance School
 Building Name (Historic) Norton Brick Block
 Street Address or Location 11 Water Street (Formerly 17 Water Street)
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Lombard Gilbert M Jr Revoc Trust Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Retail
 Historic Use: Retail/Theater

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

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain Public Store

Style of building Commercial/Greek Revival Date of Construction c. 1888 (Helander)

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

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>B. V. Solid</u> | | |

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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 86' x 70'

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: 1901- Added second story

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:

Located on a .18 acre parcel, this building is near the intersection of Whitfield Street and Water Street, and around the corner of the Guilford Green. It is among a high density of many residences and commercial buildings. A parking lot surrounds the building on three sides.

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

Built c. 1888, this south facing, two story building has always had commercial uses and has some Greek Revival decorative features. The side gabled building also has a hip and flat roof, covered in asphalt shingles, with a chimney at the west end. A thick cornice of dark green trims the roof line with a pediment in the middle of the front facade. Dark green round decorative spots are located near the roof peaks. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Darwin N. Benton

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This building was constructed c. 1888 by Darwin N. Benton, a proprietor of a meat market. He then sold the building in 1897 to Julius E. Norton, who continued the market and grocery store for three generations. The building was called the "Norton Brick Block." in 1901, R.H. Norton and Sons added the second story and leased it to the Shore Line Times newspaper. When the paper left in 1909, the top floor was used for a roller-skating rink and the town's first movie theater.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7237> accessed on August 1, 2015

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View South, camera facing north Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.281046
Longitude: -72.682146

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

11 Water Street

Notable Features

The lintels and a dotted line belt course across the middle of the building are the same dark color. White vertical thin boards are located about the windows and below the lintels. The siding is of white painted brick and the front facade has ten modern, one over one windows across the second story level. Three entries, one recessed, for commercial businesses with windows are on the first floor. A thick band of horizontal wood siding is attached to the building right above the first floor entrances.

