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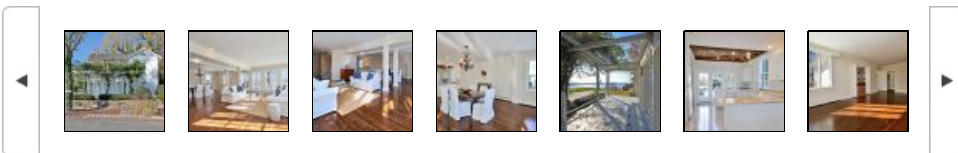
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The property at 1088 Harbor Road is on the market for \$3,685,000. Photo: Contributed Photo



An antique [Colonial house](#) at 1088 Harbor Road in the Southport neighborhood has spectacular, unobstructed views of Southport Harbor and Long Island Sound. However, the water was not always in sight from the windows of this 3,010-square-foot house.

Originally, it was a farmhouse built in 1800 on Greenfield Hill and was later moved by a team of oxen to its current waterfront location on a private portion of a public road. Only residents who live along this stretch of Harbor Road are

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**More Information****ABOUT THIS HOUSE**

TYPE: Antique Colonial

ADDRESS: 1088 Harbor Road

PRICE: \$3,685,000

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 9

FEATURES: water community, beach rights, direct waterfront, unobstructed panoramic harbor views, only steps away from Southport Harbor and Long Island Sound, walking distance to Southport Village center and the Pequot Library, walking distance to Southport Railroad Station, located on a private portion of a public road, 0.21-acre level and fenced property, Japanese Zen garden with pond and fountain, wood deck, wrap-around porch, patio, interior and exterior balcony, skylights, one fireplace, stone wall, butler's pantry, wine-covered porch and pergola, exterior lighting, one-car detached garage, four/five bedrooms, four full baths

SCHOOLS: Mill Hill Elementary, Roger Ludlowe Middle, Fairfield Ludlowe High

ASSESSMENT: \$2,065,000

TAX RATE: 24.4 mills

TAXES: \$50,386

allowed to travel this far down the road. No turnaround is allowed. Other vehicles can go only as far of a local parking lot for the municipally owned Lower Wharf, a public park that sits directly across the street from this house. It is the site of the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

When the house was relocated to the harborside property it was accidentally done with the intended front door facing the backyard and the rear wrap-around porch, patio and vine-covered pergola on the front lawn. It hardly matters. What is of most value is the home's water views and waterfront lifestyle, neither of which is altered by the orientation of a door.

Although this house has historic bones its open layout accommodates contemporary life. The great room comprises the living and dining rooms, and two of the walls have numerous French doors that lead to the wrap-around porch and pergola from which to take in sunrises and sunsets over the harbor. The fireplace in the dining room has a marble surround.

The kitchen has a two-story vaulted ceiling with exposed beams, two peninsula preparation counters -- one topped with marble and one with ceramic tile, two sinks, skylight and

breakfast bar. One peninsula houses the Jenn-Air range and grill.

A pass-through space with built-in glass shelving and lower cabinets could serve as a butler's pantry. This space sits between the kitchen and foyer. Rounding out the first floor is a flexible room that is meant to be a library or office with built-in bookshelves, but it has a closet and its own full bath so it could be used as a bedroom if necessary.

On the second floor, the master bedroom suite has its own sitting room with two sets of French doors to a private balcony. The master bath has three-toned, scalloped ceramic tile flooring and backsplash and a soaking tub. A second bedroom has an interior balcony that looks down into the kitchen.

The third floor has two rooms -- another bedroom and a sitting room with a skylight and a specially constructed window seat that allows someone to sit back, relax, and watch boats pass from the harbor to the Sound.

Properties located this close to the shore often lack sufficient parking. This house has ample parking with a spot in front of the house and a long paved driveway to the detached, one-car garage.

For more information or to set up an appointment to see the house, contact [Melissa Mack](#) of Mack Miller Homes, an affiliate of [William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty](#), at 203-803-8637 or email her at [mmack@wpsir.com](mailto:mmack@wpsir.com).

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