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William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Lists Restored Historic Bed and Breakfast Country Inn

Firm just listed a top-rated Connecticut shoreline inn with a rich historic past

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Westbrook, Conn. – February 12, 2015 – William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty (http://www.williampitt.com)announced today that the firm has listed a restored historic Italianate and Federal-style home that is well-recognized for its established bed and breakfast inn business. Known as Captain Stannard House, the inn is located at 138 South Main Street in the coastal town of Westbrook, Conn. Madison agent Cindy Gilhuly and Guilford agent Carol Cusano have the listing, which is offered at \$1,250,000.

The residence was constructed in 1872 by Elbert Stannard, a native son of Westbrook who went to sea at the age of 14, returning as Sea Captain. The house depicts Stannard's strong sea roots with its signature cupola architectural style, which reflects the dome-like structure of a lookout. In 2004, the inn was restored and reborn after being purchased by its current on-site owners and inn keepers, one of whom was a U.S. Navy sailor. From an architectural standpoint, the home, which rests on .97 acres of land, is transitional in nature with elements of both the Italianate and the Federal style.

Much of the building's original character is maintained with many architectural details including brackets and quoins, a fan light window over the original front door and, as mentioned prior, the cupola. Inside, the first floor contains a living room, dining room, bedroom, private bath and entry that are used as the innkeepers' residence, which boasts a total of four rooms. An additional room, serving as a home office, can be found in this section of the house. The balance of the first floor consists of a large commercial kitchen with keeping room, a

captain's room, multiple entry areas, a large recreational great room and guest dining room, both with fireplaces, and two restrooms. The level additionally contains what is called the "Imagination Room," a 12x12 area that offers potential opportunity for private meetings, yoga, dining and more. The second floor is accessed via two interior stairwells—one in the front and one in the rear of the inn. There is also a covered emergency egress that leads from the second floor to grade level. The second floor contains 10 guest rooms, eight of which have private baths. The remaining two rooms share one bathroom. Each guest room offers sitting areas, desks, individual climate control and wifi internet.

Throughout the years, the residence has served as home to various local businesses including inns, a tavern, restaurant and more. Proud town members always held great respect for the building, and even took possession of it to avert demolition in 1971 after a damaging fire occurred. The restored house was then tried again as an inn, and later an antique shop and rooming house before eventual abandonment. It wasn't until 1991 that the home re-opened as the now thriving, top-rated by Trip Advisor Conn. shoreline destination, Captain Stannard House Bed and Breakfast Country Inn.

"Everything about this property is truly remarkable," said Gilhuly. "From its lovely seaside location to its great history and natural, New England charm, both residents and visitors of this unique shoreline home experience an impeccably timeless lifestyle amid an undeniably beautiful atmosphere and rich history. I am honored to be representing such an established landmark of Connecticut's coast."

"Both its prime location approximately halfway between Boston and New York City and riveting history make this residence a definite find," said Cusano. "It's amazing to see the ways in which the home's past and close proximity to the sea have influenced its style, charm and overall offerings, and I am beyond proud to share its exceptional story with our clients."

For more information on the property, located at 138 South Main Street, visit the firm's website here. (http://www.williampitt.com/eng/sales/detail/205-l-656-xrq6d5/138-south-main-st-westbrook-ct-06498)

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