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Stamford colonial on 8.27 acres with paddock for 11 horses

By Robert Storace

This unique and stunning 127-year-home on Briar Brae Road sits on 8.27 acres and comes complete with a detached cottage and an 8,000-square-foot paddock nearby where up to 11 horses can run.

Although town records say the home was built in 1890, co-listing agent Robert Bloasio said some parts of the house are from the 1700s. And, he said, that is what gives this beautiful four-bedroom home its charm.

"It's all about the character of the home. It is unique in that it has been updated to today's style of living," said Bloasio, who along with Larry Palma are co-listing agents with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. Recent renovations include the new kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, a new high efficiency gas heating system with copper piping, a new boiler and new security system.

The house has three levels, and when walking into the home, guests are greeted by a grand entrance and a "beautiful old staircase," Bloasio said.

To the left is the main family room and living room and to the right is the dining room area. Both have large fireplaces. The family room, he said, also has wood beams, wide plank floors and a television is currently located in it.

"It could be used as a formal or casual living area," he said.

The butler's pantry is located between the family and dining room. To the left of the family room is a "four-season porch surrounded by windows overlooking the whole property," Bloasio said. Walk through the living room and continue to the left to see a wetbar and a few steps down from that is a beach-wood office with a fireplace and a nearby library.

The kitchen is accessed on the first level by walking through the dining room.

"The kitchen was completely renovated in 2016," Bloasio said. "It has stainless steel applian-



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Above: Hardwood flooring, a large fireplace and wood accents help highlight the living room at 284 Briar Brae Road in Stamford. Below: A chandelier hangs above the hardwood staircase leading to the master suite on the second floor.

es, granite countertops, white cabinetry, a spice rack and wood beams. And, the kitchen opens up to a large patio made of stones from the property on the grounds over the years."

The second level, he said, features the master suite, which has wide plank floors, a large fireplace, cathedral ceilings and a walk-in closet built by the current owners. The master bath has a brand new transitional-style tub, two vanities, a stand up shower and LED lighting.

"The large windows (in master) offer plenty of sun." The second level also includes two other bedrooms.

The cottage, Bloasio said, is steps away from the back patio. The cottage, he said, has a two-car garage attached to it, as well as the pool house.

"You could, potentially, have two bedrooms in the cottage," he said. "The cottage also has brick flooring throughout, which is really cool." The cot-

Details

Address: 284 Briar Brae Road, Stamford

Price: \$1.795 million

Features: This 8-plus acre property features a detached cottage and an 8,000-square-foot paddock for horses to roam.

Schools: Northeast Elementary, Turn of River Middle, and Westhill High School.

tage also boasts a kitchen, tall ceilings and a big family room and gathering area.

The basement is where the mechanical systems in the house have been updated. There is also a pull-down attic for storage.

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