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On the market: Rebuilt home re-invents farmhouse legacy

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ABOUT THIS HOUSE

TYPE: Modern Colonial Farmhouse

ADDRESS: 95 Valley Road

PRICE: \$1,498,000

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 10

FEATURES: Minutes to the Saugatuck train station, close to Compo Beach, proximity to downtown, corner lot, 0.55-acre level property, partially fenced backyard, Energy Star-rated, radiant heat, ridge vents, tankless hot water, covered front porch, bluestone patio, two gas-fueled fireplaces, laundry/utility room, walk-up attic, five bedrooms, four full and one half baths

SCHOOLS: Saugatuck Elementary, Bedford Middle, Staples High

ASSESSMENT: \$409,700

TAX RATE: 17.94 mills

TAXES: \$7,403

Westport was, once upon a time, an agricultural community. The landscape was dotted with onion fields and other farms.

In a nod to that history, a house at 95 Valley Road that was originally built in 1955 was recently renovated and rebuilt as a modern Colonial Farmhouse. The 4,000-square-foot house sits in the Greens Farms section of town and it blends the amenities of modern style with the flair of a farmhouse.

As one person put it, "It's not your neighbor's new construction." It has one-of-a-kind features like streamlined barn doors that separate the formal living room from the sunken formal dining room, and one wall in the stairwell of weathered wood that resembles a paneled wall of reclaimed barn wood. There are 5-inch oak floors throughout the house.

What is now the dining room was originally the sunken living room and it features a radiant heated floor of Italian porcelain tiles. Other unusual features include the curved door to the master bedroom suite and the hammered nickel soaking tub in the master bath.

The house is sited on a on a level corner lot of just over half an acre. It has ample parking in the Belgian block-lined driveway. A stone path leads to the covered front porch. A paneled front door has old-fashioned hardware and is flanked by multiple paned sidelights. In the foyer, which is open to the dining room, there are three recessed alcoves built into the wall for displays of art, photographs or small sculptures.

Features in the gourmet kitchen include a large farm sink, center island, mini mosaic marble tile backsplash,

glass-front cabinets, a built-in desk area, eat-in section, granite counters and high-end appliances, among them an Italian five-burner Bertazzoni range.

There is a gas-fueled fireplace in the living room, which also has French doors to the side yard. The house boasts five bedrooms including a first-floor guest room with French doors to the side yard and a marble bath. Its floor is patterned in black, white and gray marble.

The master suite is a true retreat with cathedral ceilings and exposed beams, gas fireplace, an exceptional bath and shower, radiant heat floor, dressing room, and walk-in closet with organizers. The dressing room has a deep tray ceiling. In the bath, there are two sinks and a backsplash of honed porcelain arranged in a basket-weave pattern.

The finished third floor has a large bonus room.

The stone patio and backyard can be accessed via the French doors in the dining room and a door in the mudroom, which has Wainscoting on the lower walls, coat hooks, upper and lower cubbies and a bench. The backyard has fencing and a privacy scrim of arborvitae trees.

All this and just minutes to everything. The house is conveniently located a short distance from the Saugatuck train station, Compo Beach and downtown.

For more information or to set up an appointment to see the house, contact [Susan Vanech](#) of [William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty](#) at 203-685-2348 or email her at svanech@wpsir.com.

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