

Agenda Item B. Review of National Register Status for Properties Proposed for Demolition

In addition to reviewing new nominations, the State Historic Preservation Review Board is tasked with completing evaluations of National Register eligibility for other specific properties when necessary to assist the SHPO.

In Connecticut, a State Historic Preservation Review Board opinion is necessary in some cases when demolition is proposed and action under Connecticut Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) is being considered. CEPA applies to properties that are listed on the National Register. However, there are many cases where lack of clarity in the original nomination or a change in the physical integrity of a property warrants re-evaluation of the property's designation status.

At the June 18, 2021 meeting, the SRB will be asked to assess whether or not one specific property, located within a National Register-listed historic district, retains enough integrity to continue to contribute to said district.

This package includes current information about the property and a copy of the nomination for the district it is a part of.

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B.1. Review of National Register Status for Property Proposed for Demolition, 157 Main Street, East Hampton, Belltown National Register Historic District (NR# 85003543)

Staff requests that the SRB evaluate whether the property at 157 Main Street continues to contribute to the Belltown Historic District. Please evaluate the contributing or non-contributing status of the property.

The Belltown Historic District was listed on the National Register on October 28, 1985 (NR# 85003543).

157 Main Street is listed as a contributing property on Section 4/7, Page 14, of the 1985 nomination, identified as 161 Main Street. The structure is described on Section 4/7 page 14, Inventory Number 129 as, "Charles A. Strong House, Italianate, 1858." Note: there is another structure located on the same property parcel. Only 157 Main Street is proposed for demolition.

The district is significant for its architecture (Criterion C), exhibiting, "a full range of historic resources which illustrate in their diversity of scale, function, or level of architectural style the social and economic development of the town," including well-preserved examples of Second Empire, Italianate, Colonial Revival, and, especially, Greek Revival.

The district is also significant under Criterion A in the category of Industry, "as the only mill town in the nation known to be exclusively devoted to bell making, a highly specialized industry which prospered for over 100 years."

Description

According to the assessor's card, 157 Main Street is a brick/masonry structure with a flat, rolled composite roof. The interior has drywall walls, carpet/laminate flooring, and oil heating. It is categorized as multi-family housing.

Demolition Delay

The Town of East Hampton does not have a demolition delay ordinance.

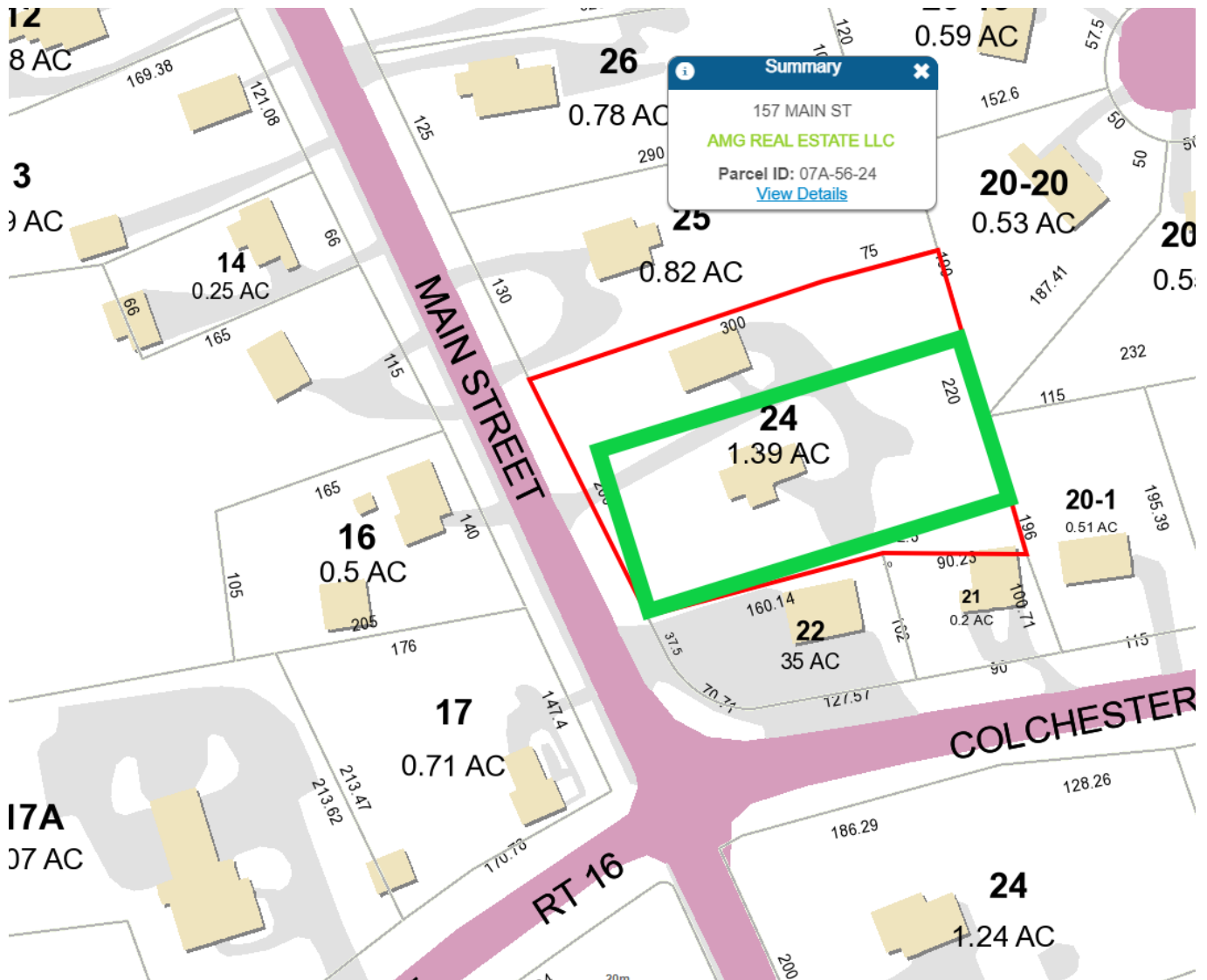
Photographs of current conditions are below:



Belltown National Register Historic District, listed October 28, 1985. 157 Main Street (identified as 161 Main Street in the nomination) in the lower right, in red (southeast). (Google Base Map 9/18/2019).



Location of 157 Main Street, map oriented north (Google Base map 9/18/2019).



GIS parcel data for 157 Main Street, East Hampton. Note: there are two structures on the parcel; the southern structure is the resource in question (outlined in green).

Streetview of 157 Main Street (Google, October 2018).



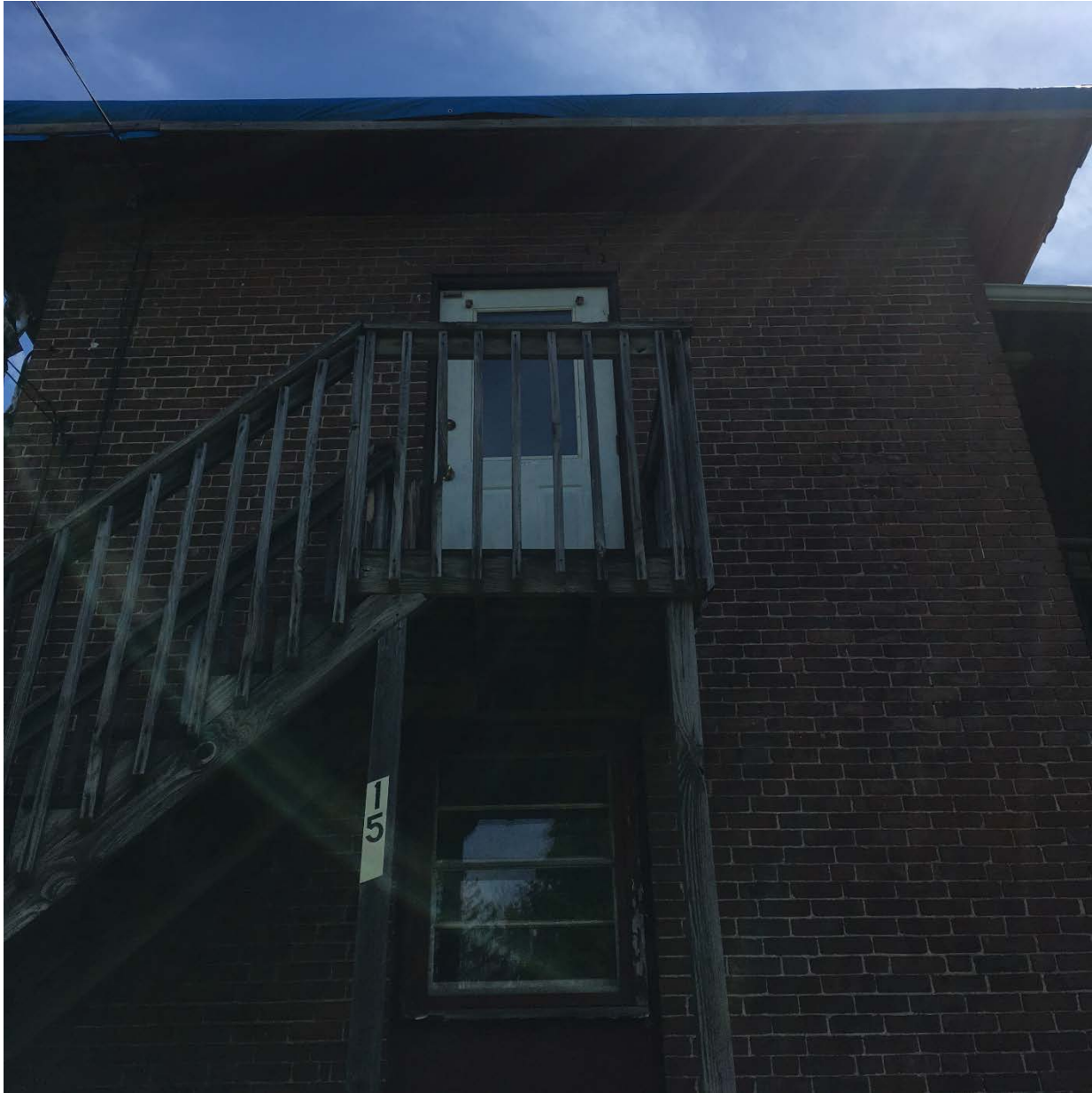
Assessor's Photo of 157 Main Street.



Photo of façade, camera facing east (May 2021).



Photo of north elevation, camera facing southeast (May 2021).



Close up of central massing, camera facing east (May 2021).



Rear ell, camera facing northwest (May 2021).