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## On the Market / The tale of two towns

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WESTPORT – Famed 19th century British author Charles Dickens is renowned for his classics, including “Great Expectations” and “A Tale of Two Cities,” the latter of which is set in Paris and London during the French Revolution.

The 3.93-acre estate at 315 North Ave. and 17 North Ave. is a Tale of Two Towns. The property straddles two towns. It has 1.22 acres in Westport and 2.71 acres in Weston.

No worst of times here; only “the best of times.” Great expectations can be met and exceeded on this resort-like compound, which boasts amid its magnificent manicured grounds a nearly 6,000-square-foot, 11-room clapboard and stone colonial contemporary house, a Gunite heated in-ground swimming pool and spa, and a 1,100-

square-foot pool house/guest house designed by award-winning local architect Peter Cadoux.

The house is listed as 315 North Ave. in the Coleytown section of Westport and 17 North Ave. in lower Weston. Walk into one room and you're in Westport. Walk into another room and you're in Weston. The homeowners pay taxes to both towns and as such, according to marketing material for this house, any children who reside there can go to schools in either town. They can take advantage of amenities in both communities since, technically, they are residents of both.

Enter the property through the semicircular driveway, both entrances of which are marked by stone pillars topped with lanterns. A wide stone and slate staircase leads to the covered and columned front entrance, where French doors flanked by sidelights open to the grand two-story foyer. It has a gracefully curved staircase, an element that serves as a unifying architectural feature throughout the house, which has arched entryways from room to room, Palladium windows and some curved walls. In the formal sunken living room its curved wall features a hand-painted mural depicting ancient ruins and statuary. Many other architectural details combine to create a unique residence, including the hardwood floor boards in the foyer arranged in a herringbone pattern and stately millwork and moldings.

The home was built in 1987 and has been meticulously maintained. Many of the rooms feature doors to the beautiful grounds, which invite indoor-outdoor living. This whole house and property invite luxurious daily living and entertaining inside and out.

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The living room has a fireplace, a door to a bluestone patio and a second door to the spacious screened sun porch.

The herringbone flooring is repeated in the formal dining room, which also features wainscoting on the lower walls. The two-story family room has a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and a bar area with a beverage refrigerator and glass-front cabinetry. There is an office in the main house with walls of built-in cabinetry and shelves. The pool/guest house has a second office, also with built-ins.

The newly painted chef's kitchen, which is open to a large breakfast room, features a limestone tile floor, a sizable center island, granite counters, tumbled marble

backsplash, large walk-in pantry, Thermador six-burner range and Sub-Zero refrigerator. The mudroom provides access to the laundry room, three-car attached garage, a half bath and rear stairs to the basement and upper floors.

On the second floor French doors open to the private wing that contains the master suite, which features a large fireplace with a stone surround, including a keystone made of stone. There is a vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan, cove lighting, a sitting area, built-in dresser drawers, a dressing room with a long window seat, and a stunning master bath with mosaic tile detailing. It has a steam shower, jetted tub and water closet.

### More Information

#### ABOUT THIS HOUSE

STYLE: Colonial contemporary

ADDRESS: 315 North Ave.

PRICE: \$1,799,000

ROOMS: 11

FEATURES: 3.93-acre level and sloping parcel, Gunite heated in-ground swimming pool, large pool house/guest house with a loft, spa, bluestone patio, temperature-controlled wine closet, pergola, partially fenced property, semicircular driveway, proximity to the Merritt Parkway, three fireplaces, audio system, front and rear staircases, central vacuum system, insulated windows, exterior lighting, porch, sprinkler system, skylights, ceiling fans, extra insulation, humidistat, attached three-car garage, well water, zoned heating and cooling system, cedar shingle wood roof, walk-up attic, ridge vents, partially finished basement, cedar closet, five bedrooms, four full and two half baths

There are three other bedrooms on this level and a loft area over the family room with a built-in desk and shelving to serve as a study nook. On the third floor there is a sizable fifth bedroom with a full bath that could serve as an au pair suite.

The lower level has a temperature-controlled wine closet, an exercise or yoga room and a playroom.

Nestled in this serene setting is the pool/guest house, which has a two-story living room with a fireplace, a full kitchen, loft, bedroom, the office, and full bath with laundry facilities. Numerous doors lead to the grounds, including the dining patio with wisteria-draped pergola and the private oasis of the pool area, both of which are surrounded by perennial plantings, their foliage and flowers providing visual beauty and privacy.