

CT Trust Resource ID: 2418

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY – BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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*Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

Inventory form modified for the Creative Places - Arts & Letters Project

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common): Erwin Hauer StudioOther Name(s) (Historic): Name UnknownStreet Address or Location: 440 Amity Rd., BethanyTown/City: Bethany

Village:

County: New Haven

Designation(s):

Owner(s): South Central Regional Water AuthorityPublic/Private: PrivateLatitude: 41.4195 Longitude: -72.9946

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Professional: studioHistoric Use: Agricultural: barnAccessibility to public: No Exterior visible from public road? YesInterior accessible? If yes, explain: NAStyle of building: vernacular Date of Construction:

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Structural Systems(s): Wood FrameRoof(Type): Gable (Material): Asphalt ShingleNumber of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions: 70' x 40'Structural Condition GoodExterior Condition: GoodLocational Integrity: On original site Moved, When: NAAlterations?: If yes, explain: NA

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

Surrounding Environment: Woodland, Woodland

Interrelationship of building and surroundings: This property consists of 38 acres of land on the east side of Amity Road. A short driveway extends to the southeast off the street and terminates in front of (to the north of) the barn. The property at 440 Amity Road is owned by South Central Regional Water Authority, located in New Haven. The barn sits within a large tract of wooded land. Surrounding the property are single-family dwellings with open fields to the west.

Other notable features of building or site: This is a one-story, gable-roof, New England style barn. It is sheathed in vertical wood board siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. The ridge line runs parallel to Amity Road, and the entry is on the north elevation. The entry consists of a sliding door. A series of single-pane windows runs along the elevation, just above the entry. The gable peak has metal paneling and vertical wood board siding. A series of windows run along the west elevation of the barn. Two metal ventilators sit atop the ridge line of the roof.

Architect: Unknown Builder/Maker: Unknown

Historical or Architectural importance:

Erwin Hauer was born in Austria in 1926, and he studied at Vienna's Academy of Applied Arts. He came to the United States in 1955 after receiving a Fulbright scholarship for his patented "Continua;" room dividers and light-diffusing perforated walls he had designed in 1950. Hauer was first at Rhode Island School of Design before being asked by Josef Albers in 1957 to join the faculty at Yale University. He taught at Yale until 1990. Afterwards, he worked as an independent sculptor, and continues to do so to this day. His works of art are in many museums and collections. As noted by interiordesign.net, '...Hauer's patterns, one evolving into another, became embedded in the modernist lexicon just as the latter was expanding its rationalist vocabulary' (Interior Design 2014).

Sources:

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View:

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Threats: None known

Subsequent field evaluations:



North view of 440 Amity Rd. Photo courtesy of Historic Barns of Connecticut

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