

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Westville

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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| Town No.: | Site No.: |
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| QUAD: | |
| DISTRICT | IF NR, SPECIFY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

IDENTIFICATION

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| 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | | (Historic) | |
| Foam House | | Wadim & Valerie Botorewicz House | |
| 2. TOWN/CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY | |
| New Haven | | New Haven | |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) | | | |
| 137 Laurel Road | | | |
| 4. OWNER(S) | | | |
| Arthur & William Moulton | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |
| 5. USE (Present) | | (Historic) | |
| Residential | | Residential | |
| 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: | EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE | IF YES, EXPLAIN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |

DESCRIPTION

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| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION | |
| Brutalist | | 1972 | |
| 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: | |
| 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame | <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam | <input type="checkbox"/> balloon | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Isocyanurate Foam</u> | | | |
| 10. ROOF (Type) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Composite shed and curved</u> |
| (Material) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt | <input type="checkbox"/> Tin | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Built up | <input type="checkbox"/> Tile | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| 11. NUMBER OF STORIES | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS | | |
| 2 split | 25' X 40' | | |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
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| 13. INTEGRITY (Location) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| IF YES, EXPLAIN | | | |
| 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | |
| 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open land | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density |
| 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS | | | |

Located on the east side of Laurel Road near Marvelwood Road in a neighborhood dominated by residential architecture dating from the mid-20th century.

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| DESCRIPTION (Continued) | 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior) | |
| | <p><u>Building:</u> A 2 story wood frame foam split level Brutalist Style house with a composite shed roof and curved roof shape, and stucco siding. The house shape is a combination of geometric forms of triangles and semicircles. Those geometric shapes are echoed in the shapes of the window openings. Note the use of large picture windows and the curved recessed area on the facade.</p> <p><u>Site:</u> The house is built into a hill and is surrounded by trees. The area parallel to the driveway has been terraced and fieldstones have been used to make the walls.</p> | |
| SIGNIFICANCE | 18. ARCHITECT Valerie Botorewicz | BUILDER |
| | 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE | |
| According to Brown, 137 Laurel Road was designed by Valerie Batorewicz. "On a wood frame, isocyanurate foam reinforced with fiberglass forms the walls and roof; a model house for a system patented by the architect and designed for mass production of factory-made shell (called satellites) which can be assembled at the site to make a variety of spaces and forms." | | |
| SOURCES | New Haven Assessor's Records New Haven Building Department Records Brown, <u>New Haven</u> p.60 | |
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| 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS | | |
| 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | | |



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