



CLIENT: TAUCK

TOUR: WESTPORT WIGGLE

SEGMENT: 21 NATIONAL HALL

Length: 0:45 Driver: 0:30 Writer: Thom Rying

VIDEO	AUDIO
	<p>VOICEOVER:</p> <p>OVER THE YEARS, AS THE TIDES OF CHANGE HAVE SWEEPED ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, WESTPORT HAS MANAGED TO HOLD ONTO ITS HERITAGE...</p> <p>...LIKE THE STATELY BRICK BUILDING ACROSS THE RIVER ON YOUR RIGHT, NATIONAL HALL.</p>
	<p>BUILT BY HORACE STAPLES FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WESTPORT IN 1873, THE BUILDING HAS BEEN USED OVER THE YEARS AS EVERYTHING FROM A TOWN MEETING HALL TO A FURNITURE STORE.</p>
	<p>NATIONAL HALL WAS COMPLETELY RESTORED, THIS TIME AS A FOUR DIAMOND LUXURY HOTEL, BEGINNING IN 1987 THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY AND FORESIGHT OF ARTHUR TAUCK.</p>

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<p>RON MALONE INTERVIEW (14 seconds)</p>	<p>RON MALONE (00:25:58): “It was at one point going to fall down and the Tauck family, who still lives in this community, did something about saving that for other people to see, use, and hear about, and its role in the history of this community.”</p>
	<p>SAVING THE BUILDING WASN'T EASY.</p> <p>TIDAL WATER WAS SEEPING INTO THE BUILDING TWICE A DAY, TURNING THE BASEMENT INTO A SWIMMING POOL. THE FLOODING TOOK ITS TOLL ON THE FOUNDATION.</p> <p>ARTHUR HAD THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE STRAPPED TOGETHER AND RAISED WHILE WORKERS BUILT A NEW FOUNDATION UNDERNEATH IT.</p> <p>TODAY IT STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO WESTPORT'S AMAZING HISTORY.</p>
<p>DRIVER BULLET POINTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Inn at National Hall, a world-class luxury hotel, occupies most of the building. • The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. <p>The whole street became a Historic Design District 1994.</p>	