

REAL ESTATE

HOT PROPERTY

Custom home with New England charm has luxury features

By Pamela Brown

Magnificent custom, high-end finishes and the ultimate in superior craftsmanship make this colonial farmhouse stand apart from all others.

"The owner, who custom-built the home, went well above and beyond with special details," said Lorraine Amaral Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage. "This is a rare interior private lot with a main home and a detached, three car, two-zone heated garage with a separate entrance to a partially finished 910-plus-square-foot grand loft."

Built in 2005, the 3,708-square-foot, three-level home is located on 2.29 level acres at 45 Middle River Road in Danbury.

"This is a property of privacy, set back from the road, with gorgeous distant views of Marjorie Reservoir," she said.

The property shines with endless features, including unsurpassed millwork, white oak hardwood floors, interior solid barn-style three-quarter inch doors with dark rich bronze door knobs, centralized surround sound speakers on the main level and electrical outlets every 6 inches that are attached to wall switches.

"All of the trim is extra wide painted wood, and all of the floors throughout are stained white oak wide planks sawn and rift cut which is done in a pattern of 9-, 8- and 7-inch to capture New England style," she said.

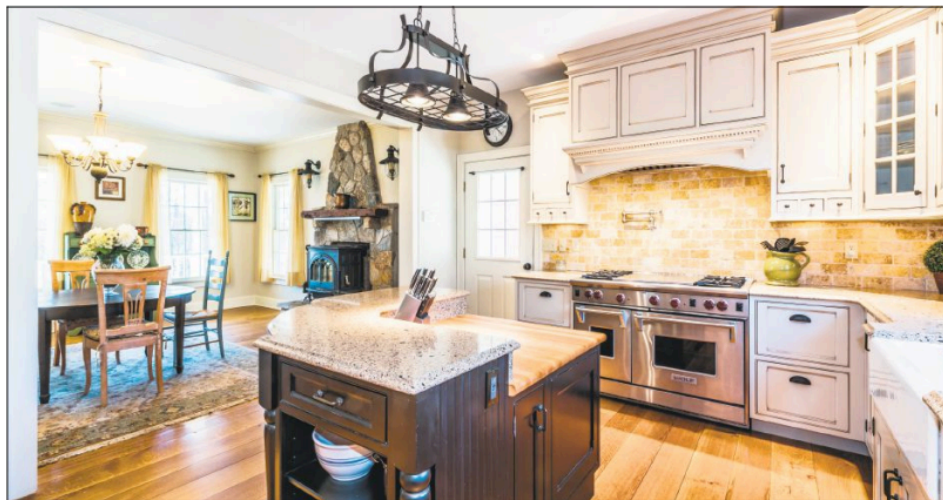
A large front door opens into this breathtaking home that's detailed with sophisticated millwork.

"The wainscoting is enhanced with sage and cream characteristics, which flow throughout both levels of the home," Amaral said.

The open design allows for easy living. Cooking is pure joy and so easy in the ultimate gourmet, eat-in kitchen.

"This is any chef's dream kitchen — the heart of the home where guests gather. It has an elegant yet comfortable feeling," Amaral said.

First-class amenities include neutral Italian quartz countertops with a tumbled backsplash, custom



C.Saelens Photography

The kitchen at 45 Middle River Road in Danbury has neutral Italian quartz countertops with a tumbled backsplash and custom Mouser crème cabinetry with soft close apothecary drawers and inlaid glass.

Mouser crème cabinetry with soft close apothecary drawers and inlaid glass, a contrasted onyx center island with butcher block, dark rich bronze handles and a functional hanging pot rack and recessed lighting. High-end stainless steel appliances include a Thermador refrigerator, a double Wolf oven, a French gas cooktop complete with water filler, a hidden cupboard microwave and a Miele dishwasher with matching cabinetry.

A variety of warm shades are enhanced in the tumbled marble backsplash with under cabinet lighting. Enjoy the view of the home's private serene backyard through the triple kitchen window. A butler's pantry with a quartz counter and black bead-board offers more storage space.

The kitchen is open to a casual dining area. Center stage is a unique floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace with a solid distressed wood mantel and stone hearth. Additional details include soft white trim, windows and oak hardwood floors.

Open to the kitchen is a comfortable living room. The formal living room boasts a stone floor-to-ceiling fireplace with a dark stained distressed wood beam mantel and wood-burning insert for optional

heat. Special details include custom trim work, wide hardwood flooring, a neutral palette and windows offering a view of the front yard.

"The living and family rooms create a cozy atmosphere, perfect for entertaining guests," she said.

The family room also has a similar stone wood-burning fireplace with a distressed beam mantel and ample windows that add to the room's bright, inviting interior, in addition to surround sound, hardwood floors and custom trim.

The dining room has a sophisticated country ambiance with its custom built-in wood desk with cream cabinetry and open shelving, crown molding, soft white trim and a hanging chandelier. Elegant French doors open to a level cement patio dotted with rock cascades.

Step to the upper level on a wide wood staircase that's enhanced with off-white spindles, an oak-stained banister and sage stain wainscoting. Here you'll find a sensational master bedroom suite.

"It's situated at the end of the balcony/hallway, which is adorned with deep wrought iron lantern sconces lighting the way for peace and tranquility," Amaral said.

The wheat-colored room is bright and spacious and features a

customized cherry wood-styled walk-in closet with wood built-ins, pendant and recessed lighting and a window. A luxury master bathroom is just as stunning. It's detailed with custom cabinetry and fixtures, a double vanity with sinks and granite countertops, decorative sconces, a stand-alone white soaking tub beneath a large window, recessed lighting and a walk-in shower with a seamless glass doors and fully-tiled with tumbled marble in a variety of tan shades.

"Decorative mirrors and lighting enhance this peaceful theme," she said. A laundry closet is located on the upper level near the bedrooms.

In addition, there are two spacious guest rooms with large customized closets.

"One has a soft bluish-grey wall palate, white oak floors and custom moldings; the other is a lighter shade of the sage green wall with custom moldings and hardwood as well which is carried throughout the home," Amaral said.

The bedrooms are serviced by a full bathroom with a mocha granite counter, designer wood cabinetry with walls of polished white brick layered ceramic tile, a full tub and decorative sconces and pewter accessories.

The home also has a full-sized walk-out unfinished lower level. "This abundance of space is waiting for any buyer who would like to finish it if they require more living space," Amaral said.

Additional amenities include central air conditioning, a dual-central vacuum system, a security system, an attic with pull-down stairs, Anderson Dual Pane windows, extra insulation and a programmable Thermostat. A special highlight is a three-car detached red barn-like garage complete with a 1,000-square-foot loft above. This voluminous space, with a heating system, furnace and oil tank separate from the main residence home offers numerous possibilities.

The home's beauty begins with its professionally landscaped property, a large wraparound covered front porch with cedar railing and white-wash cedar shake-style shingles with complementary red shutters and red barn-like garage.

"Extensive stone walls and stone steps keep with the natural country charm of this home. Even the lower level walk-out features a stone staircase," Amaral said. For outdoor entertaining, there's a covered deck. "The spacious yard is perfect for kids and pets," she said. "There is also a large red barn-styled shed on the property for storage and a wood covered area for the wood pile."

The property is a custom masterpiece.

"The buyer will be someone who appreciates privacy, high-end millwork, and all of the custom special features throughout this home. The abundance of exterior and garage space is an added bonus," Amaral said. "The quality and custom details are what makes this home so special and rare. So much thought has been put into every aspect of the home."

The home is offered at \$699,999.00. To view the virtual tour, visit www.WilliamPitt.com; MLS#170054943.

Listing agent: Lorraine Amaral, William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage, 112 Federal Road, (203) 796-7700, L.Amaral@wpsir.com.