



Sellars Lathrop Architects



Designed by the Westport-based architecture firm Sellars Lathrop, this beautiful 3,500 square foot residence is an Energy Star rated addition and renovation project designed to fit the vernacular of an established historic district in downtown Westport. The firm is known for expertise in creative, stylish and cleanly designed projects executed with efficiency, both in terms of fees and final energy use. Together with Chard Builders of New Fairfield and

structural engineer DeStefano Chamberlain, Inc of Fairfield, Sellar Lathrop worked within the confines of setbacks and tight coverage requirements to create a modern-day cottage house.

The original 1,800 square foot, 1940's hybrid colonial was charming, but lacked essential elements for a growing family (most notably, insulation in all the exterior walls!) Although the house doubled in size, based on the final HERS score of 54, the owners have seen a 60% energy performance improvement over what ex-





isted prior to the renovation. Much of the form and style of the front of the house was maintained, and an inviting new front portico was designed. First floor renovations/additions included an expanded kitchen that opens onto a brand new family room addition, new entry designs, and a new two-car garage and mudroom addition. This connects to the updated kitchen by Domestic Kitchens of Fairfield. When it came to the selection of materials for kitchens and baths, the owners “tended toward the more traditional approach, in keeping with the house.” Granite, stainless steel, and stained and painted wood make the kitchen feel inviting and timeless, as does the use of white Caesar Stone, ceramic porce-

lain, and a custom wood vanity in the master bathroom executed by Ceramic Design of Westport. Over the garage is an expansive new master suite on the second floor, with direct access to updated hallways, and a new laundry room close



to second floor bedrooms. Expansive windows and skylights create natural daylight throughout the house, which reduces the need for artificial lighting, accentuates

the warm and simple materials, and draws the eye to the lovely exterior at every turn.

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