Standing on the south side of Keyes Street, the Gaetano Lavolpicello House rests on a small lot located approximately 100 feet easterly from the intersection of West Avon Road. The surrounding residential neighborhood contains a variety of homes built in the early nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Erected in 1928 this modest, two-bay, early twentieth-century house features a cross-gabled roof. The facade exhibits a small gable-roof, an entry porch with tapered posts and simple balustrade. Six-over-one, double hung sash are found throughout the house. A single-story, hip-roofed sun porch extends from the west elevation and a small, single-story ell has been incorporated onto the east elevation. Note the diminutive central chimney.

On March 1, 1928, Harry Rosato purchased a large lot of land on the southeast corner of West Avon Road and Keyes Street from Atter Rosenberg (FLR 85:164). Rosato divided the piece into nine lots and sold lots four (4) and six (6) to Gaetano Lavolpicello on March 5, 1928 (FLR 84:380). The property was "subject to a building restriction that only single homes, to cost no less than $4500, shall be erected on said premises. None of them are to have a flat roof and have at least 15 feet of building line in front to street lines" (FLR 84:380). A mortgage deed from Lavolpicello to Rosato dated the same day stipulated that Lavolpicello "agrees to erect upon said premises, in accordance with plans of Daniel A. Guerriero Architect, Hartford, Conn., a single house, consisting of six rooms, together with sun palor at the end of the living room - said house to be not less than 24 feet in width and not less than 26 feet in length" (FLR 84:380-81). A native of Italy, Lavolpicello was employed as a laborer. Just three weeks after purchasing the land, Lavolpicello sold Rosato lots four and six "with improvements thereon standing" (FLR 84:573). Rosato sold it a year later to Angelo Bucciacchio (FLR 82:439). Born in Rome, Italy, Angelo (b. 1883) was employed as a machinist and later as a fireman. In 1917 he married Giovannia Dotorian (a.k.a. Jennie Mary), also a native of Rome and they had one daughter, Anna, born in 1919. Upon moving to Berlin, Connecticut, Bucciacchio quit-claimed the house to his daughter in 1959 (FLR 146:271-272). The house was sold to its present owners in 1961 (FLR 155:517A). (see below)

Although not individually distinguished this house makes a significant contribution to the early-twentieth century streetscape.

Threats to building or site:

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other

- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanation