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Woodbury named 'Most Charming Small Town'

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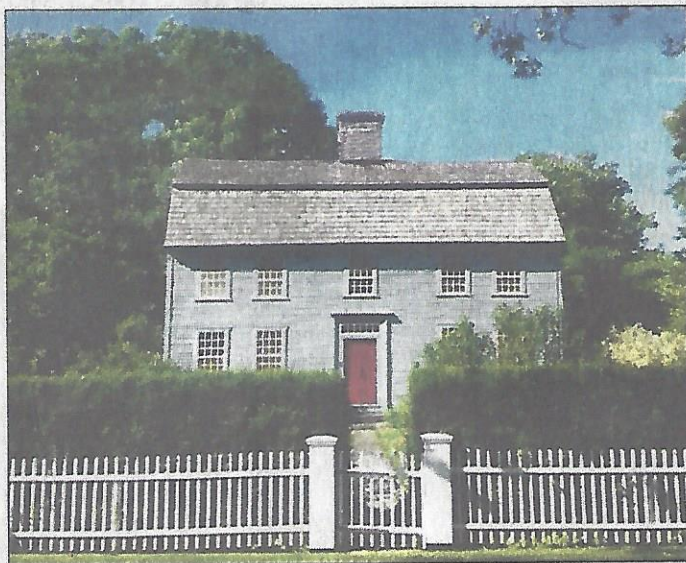
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WOODBURY — The picturesque tree-lined Main Street and abundance of antiques shops have helped Woodbury earn Reader's Digest magazine's Most Charming Small Town in Connecticut designation.

The publication's travel section features a rundown of "The Most Charming Small Town in Every State," with a photo of the historic Glebe House for Woodbury.

Woodbury is referred to as a "quintessential New England town," near the Litchfield Hills with old-growth trees and even older homes that date back to Colonial times. It also plugs local restaurants like Dottie's Diner and the Good News Cafe, and features tips from the experts for navigating the vast number of antiques shops along the state trail.

Woodbury was a contender for this designation thanks to



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The historic Glebe House in Woodbury.

efforts of the former Business and Economic Development Committee, which was working with the state Office of Tourism to promote the town.

Karen Reddington-Hughes, who was BEDC chairman, said state tourism represen-

tatives help gather content from local advocates and officials to give to travel writers of various publications.

She said notification of the designation came from the state Office of Tourism and that she was proud to hear

Woodbury was featured in Reader's Digest.

"I think it's really wonderful to be able to share the town with tourists and visitors," she said. "People can come here to look at history, for fine dining and to utilize the trails system. There's something for everyone."

First Selectman William J. Butterly said he was notified of the honor by a friend, and that it came as a total surprise.

"There's a lot of very pretty towns in Connecticut, no doubt, but if you look at ours, there's a lot to see. Everything is tastefully done, the houses are in good condition, the roads are in good shape, the parks look better than ever and the merchants seem happy," Butterly said.

"There are 169 towns in the state, and a lot of people talk about Litchfield and Kent, or New Haven, and I don't want to take anything away from them, but things have come a long way here," Butterly added.