

Amagansett Life-Saving Station Earns A Spot On The National Register



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The Amagansett Life-Saving and Coast Guard Station has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. announced on Friday.

Recently restored and relocated to its original spot at the end of Atlantic Avenue, the station was built at the beginning of the 20th century, along with others along the coast, to rescue shipwreck victims when the Atlantic was thick with shipping traffic.

The men stationed in Amagansett, mostly experienced local fishermen and shore whalers, also used the facility to do practice drills with surf boats and to patrol the coastline.

The U.S. Coast Guard eventually took over what used to be called the Life-Saving Service, and one of its seamen foiled a Nazi plot on the coast in 1942. After the Coast Guard closed the station, it was moved to Bluff Road and used as a private residence, then donated to East Hampton Town and returned to its original spot.

The late Ben Krupinski was instrumental in helping the East Hampton Town Life-Saving Station Committee return the building to its original appearance.

State and National Register listings can make buildings eligible for grants and tax credits. The Life-Saving Station was named to the New York State Register of Historic Places in June. There are more than 120,000 historic buildings, structures and sites throughout the state listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as components of historic districts, according to Mr. Thiele's office.