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NAME: Peter Greene House
LOCATION: 1124 West Shore Road,
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hebert
1124 West Shore Road
Warwick, R.I. 02889
CONDITION: Fair; Altered; Original Site

DESCRIPTION:

The Peter Greene House is prominently located on a bend on heavily-traveled West Shore Road (State Route 117) in a suburban neighborhood with a mix of commercial and residential structures varied in age. It is a typical rectangular, two-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed, timber-framed colonial dwelling with shingle-covered exterior walls, a brick center chimney, a fieldstone foundation, and a one-story rear ell. Originally a single-family residence, it is now divided into two flats in the main block and a separate apartment in the ell. The house has a five-bay facade (southwest side) with an unornamented central doorway. The entrance opens into a small entry and stair hall in front of the chimney with a staircase which is missing its balustrade but retains a heavily molded closed stringcourse.

The house follows the standard five-room Colonial plan. Cased posts are visible throughout, evidence of the building's timber structure. The original kitchen fireplace is covered but those in the southwest and southeast parlors and chambers are still open. The fireplace in the southwest parlor has a one-story Federal mantel; the fireplaces in the southeast parlor and chamber have two-story colonial mantels with bolection molds around the fireboxes and beveled panels above (the southeast parlor mantel is now partly covered with modern plywood paneling).

PERIOD: 1700-1799
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
SPECIFIC DATE: ca 1751
BUILDER/ARCHITECT: Unknown

SIGNIFICANCE:

Though somewhat altered, the Peter Greene House is one of the few remaining eighteenth-century structures in Warwick, and it retains enough original features to make it a representative example of Colonial domestic architecture. Its significance could be enhanced markedly with some minor restoration work. The house's readily perceived Colonial character and highly visible location make it a historical landmark familiar to local residents. It defines the northeastern limit of Old Warwick, site

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of the original town center, the core of which has been obliterated by modern development. Together with three or four other structures (see inventory entry for the Greene-Durffee House), some more greatly altered than this one, the Peter Greene House serves as an important indicator of early settlement and development in this part of Warwick.

ACREAGE: less than one acre
QUADRANGLE NAME: East Greenwich, R.I.
UTM: 19 302340 4620680

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The nominated property is coextensive with lot 100 in Assessor's Plat 333, as defined by the City of Warwick, and measures slightly over one-half acre. This parcel encompasses the cultural resource and its immediate surroundings.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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