



450 Boston Post Road is an office complex constructed on a trapezoidal site fronting on Boston Post Road, a busy commercial thoroughfare. The rear of the parcel is across the street from an established residential neighborhood along Boston Street. The design objective, beyond maximizing net rentable square footage, was to produce architecture highly visible from the commercial street while blending with the adjacent residences. A saltbox style was chosen to reduce the scale of the 14,000 square foot building and to relate the office complex to the adjacent residential architecture. A steel and wood structural system is faced with wood clapboard siding and a patterned asphalt shingle roof.

The resultant architecture reduces the large floor area to a human scale. The use of traditional shapes and materials allows the structure to relate to the non-commercial architecture of the historic Guilford community. The building, constructed in the 1980's, has since received several upgrades to provide elevator service for the second level accommodating the several medical suites that now occupy the structure.