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PRECONSTRUCTION DECONSTRUCTION — Demolition began yesterday on the Maritime Motors building on West Avenue, one of the last remaining obstacles for the long-proposed Reed-Putnam redevelopment area in South Norwalk. The work comes after a four-year court battle that ended in April when the state Supreme Court upheld the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency's right to seize Maritime's two properties under eminent domain. Before the decision, the dealership agreed to sell to the developers, 95/7 Ventures LLC, and the city for \$4.8 million. Plans for the property call for 550,000 square feet of office space, 125,000 square feet of retail and 250 housing units.