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Reconstructing a Classic

The New Hampshire Seacoast is lined with beautiful historic homes, and nowhere is this more true than along Rye's picturesque coastline. And if you've ever done any remodeling, you can imagine the special care and considerations that must be taken when working with a home so exposed to the elements. That's where professionals like Jeff Andrews, owner of Piscataqua Construction Co. come in. For over 15 years, Jeff's company has specialized in large-scale remodeling and renovation of homes in close proximity to the ocean. In fact, as you drive up route 1A and the surrounding side streets, you'll find many homes that Jeff and his crew have worked on, including the remarkable transformation pictured here.

would open up the interior of the home, as well as add additional rooms. So, just after the Fourth of July holiday, the homeowners moved out, leaving Jeff to work his magic.

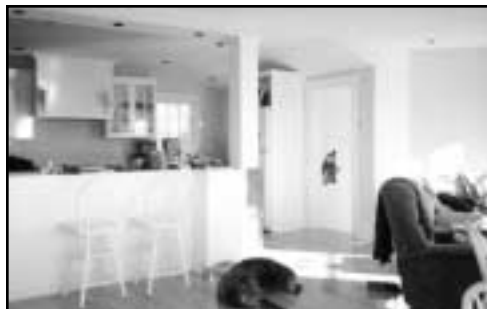
The original structure of this home is one of the oldest in Rye, built in the 1890's. This coupled with its



included re-wiring the home for a new heating system, and being extra cautious of proper flashing and placing tight siding to protect the home.

Jeff has been using Rand Lumber for nearly twenty years. For this project, he found Rand to be particularly helpful for the extensive finished trim located throughout the home which was fitting with its Victorian style. Rand's wide stock was also particularly helpful for the extra-high baseboards. Jeff has always enjoyed working with Rand because of their convenient location, and finds that they are always well-stocked with the supplies he needs.

Now the homeowners and their sweet golden retriever have moved back into their home, and could not be happier. This new version of their classic home allows them to fully enjoy their scenic ocean-front location, and they can rest assured that they can do so in warmth and comfort.



As can be seen by the photos, the home that stands on this lot today, with its picture windows, large open-concept living area, and romantic fireplace, is dramatically different than the home that stood in its place just a year ago.

The plan was to enlarge the home by adding about 1200 square feet in the form of two side additions. Also, they

ocean-front location made this a larger project than it might have been for any other home. The construction team gutted the home to its exterior walls and added new support beams. On the first floor, they expanded the kitchen, added a fireplace, and laid beautiful hardwood floors, giving the home a nice open feeling. On the second floor Jeff created a larger master bath and bedroom, and a bright, airy third floor children's playroom complete with skylights and a great ocean view.

However, as you can imagine, the remodeling of this home also included a lot of work to keep it warm and protect it from the elements. This process

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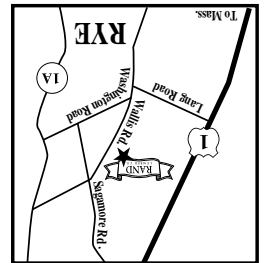
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