

SUMMER HOURS**Monday – Friday****7:30 – 5:00****Saturday****7:30 – 2:00**

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Up, up and away!

A historic barn is transformed, not destroyed.

The 200-year old barn was a beautiful fixture on Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton. It had a great history...previously a fire station, and a building of the O'Kane family for generations. Casey O'Kane purchased the property and decided to make it his home with partner Bradley Anderson.

There was one giant problem to the plan. The ceilings in the first floor were only 6' high; nowhere near a comfortable height for living. Casey O'Kane employed the help of Mark Normman of Renovation Solutions in Cape Neddick, Maine. Casey met Mark when Mark was working on other projects in the area, hiring him first to build the beautiful stone wall located in front of the building (see photo).

Mark and Casey quickly decided that while it would have been cheaper and simpler to destroy the building and start from scratch, it was imperative that the history of the building be saved. The challenge of the low ceiling had to be dealt with while preserving the integrity of the building.



The building was held up on cribbing while Mark replaced rotten beams and installed new posts.

Mark and Casey decided to raise the building 13 inches to accommodate the needed ceiling height. By raising the building, they were also able to put in a full cellar with a new foundation as well as a first floor deck.

Renovation Solutions' crew (including Dick Leverone and Mark's son Tyler) started on site last fall, and has been there ever since. Although the builders used plans from an architect, much of



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the creation and creativity has been the brainchild of O'Kane and Normman combined. When completed this fall, the barn will be a colonial-style 2-bedroom home.

Mark came to Rand for 6"x6" pine beams first, knowing Rand's reputation for stocking such items for post-and-beam construction. He also has purchased almost all of the lumber for the project from Rand, citing ease of delivery and availability of quality materials as his primary reasons for the choice. Even with large retailers in the same vicinity, Mark feels he gets higher quality materials and quicker delivery from Rand (thanks Mark! We certainly try!).

As the building progresses towards its completion, Mark will be looking to Rand for cedar siding. He will also be adding shiplap pine flooring to compliment the rustic, historic feel the building will continue to display.



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