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STYLE

TACKLING CHALLENGES AND
SOLVING PROBLEMS

When Frank Anzalone started his own architectural firm in 2004, he knew he wanted to work closely with his clients to create outstanding designs. Previously, he had worked for small, medium, and large companies, and while he enjoyed working on projects of all sizes, the relationships with clients were sometimes cold.

Today, he is the owner of Frank Anzalone Associates, a three-person firm located in New London, New Hampshire, that works closely with its clients to overcome challenges and create beautiful, enduring buildings.

“We look at a project as a problem that needs to be solved,” says Frank. “Good design is good design, but we love a challenge, and the more difficult, the better. We love tackling tough jobs,





The placement of the doors and windows is designed to unite the inside and outside spaces as one, creating views and a natural path to the lake and giving homeowners the best opportunity to enjoy the beauty of New Hampshire's seasons.



Above and left: When installed correctly, natural products cannot only be low maintenance but also retain their beauty for years to come.

Center: The bright kitchen features black granite with a leathered finish.

Right: The double-sided fireplace was built with local stone.



and when people say something can't be done, we smile and go to work."

THE HOLLINGER RESIDENCE

A recent example of his firm's work is the Hollinger residence on Pleasant Lake in New London. A seasonal home built in the 1960s previously occupied the narrow lot. Initially, Frank hoped to save or reuse portions of the home, but its lifespan was over.

The Hollinger family wanted a home with indoor and outdoor spaces where

they could enjoy each other as well as the lake but still allow the owners to get away within the home. It needed to be comfortable, energy efficient, and low maintenance, and it had to work for their large family—now and in the future when children and grandchildren would visit.

"Every lakefront property has setbacks and other restrictions, plus natural features that can be challenging," says Frank. "There is a large, natural rock outcropping the family had named Turtle Rock that we had to preserve and work around."

Frank designed the home to fit around these restrictions by angling it and providing lake views from nearly every room. By making efficient use of the available space, he was able to design a home that met his clients' needs while harmoniously fitting into the natural space.

NATURAL AND EFFICIENT

Because the site was chosen for its nature views, Frank also wanted the home to minimally impact the lake

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and water quality. The new home is designed to manage and store rain and snow runoff on-site.

“We used natural materials wherever possible to make the home low maintenance, including stained cedar shake siding, and for the roof, long-lasting cedar shakes and copper sheets where ice can form,” says Frank. “For the patios, we used stone from Northern Massachusetts that will last forever.”

A propane-fired modulating boiler with 98 percent efficiency keeps track of indoor and outdoor temperatures, and an in-line on-demand hot water system significantly reduces energy costs. High-efficiency Pella windows further improve comfort and performance.

“A good building envelope is key, including spray foam and cellulose insulation. A liquid-applied air barrier seals out moisture and drafty winds yet lets air pass over to dry the exterior wall so it lasts longer with less maintenance,” adds Frank. “It’s a beautiful, comfortable home that will serve the Hollinger family well for many years.” TW

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