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Sylvan Hill

From the outset, the homeowners envisioned a high-performance home rooted in Maine's architectural vernacular, blending historic charm with modern sustainability. The design features steeply pitched roofs, dormers, cedar shingles, and white-trimmed windows, reinforced by a welcoming porch and barn-inspired garage—hallmarks of classic New England architecture.

While grounded in tradition, the home is meticulously detailed to reflect modern craftsmanship and efficiency. Intricate millwork, refined trim, and historically inspired proportions elevate its aesthetic while maintaining warmth and familiarity. The open-concept living, dining, and kitchen areas seamlessly connect to outdoor spaces, ensuring both functionality and timeless livability. A first-floor primary suite supports aging in place, ensuring accessibility and adaptability for generational living. Sustainability was seamlessly integrated without compromising the home's traditional essence. A tightly sealed thermal envelope, wood fiber insulation, and sheep's wool enhance efficiency while preserving the home's natural materials palette. A rooftop solar array, energy recovery ventilation system, and ductless heat pumps further reinforce its low-carbon footprint. Cork flooring, hardwoods, and locally sourced stone maintain authenticity while prioritizing occupant health.

The landscape architecture continues this balance between historic character and ecological responsibility. Locally quarried granite is used for patios, walkways, and terraces, anchoring the home within its natural coastal setting. Native plantings and pollinator-friendly gardens not only enhance biodiversity but also provide a low-maintenance, seasonally rich landscape that evolves harmoniously over time. The design respects the site's natural topography, ensuring a seamless integration between the built and natural environments while preserving the timeless charm of traditional Maine homesteads.



ARCHITECT, INTERIOR DESIGNER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT + BUILDER:

Knickerbocker Group

LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION, SITE WORK + EXCAVATION:

Back Meadow Farm

ELECTRICAL: **Woods Electric**

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BUILDING SUPPLIES: **Hammond Lumber Company**

COUNTERTOPS: **Morningstar Stone & Tile**

FURNITURE: **The Studio by Knickerbocker Group**

SOLAR PANELS: **ReVision Energy**

TILE: **Old Port Specialty Tile Co.**

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