

September 30, 1996

To Abode and Beyond Construction,

I'm writing in regards to the rebuilding of our Island home.

Our home is one of the oldest on the island, (so old in fact, we found the original tent poles beneath the house) and had deteriorated to the point where some people had advised us to tear it down completely and put up a new house. The "tear-down" approach is a mixed blessing on the island as usually the new house is hardly ever in keeping with the older style of dwellings in the neighborhood. Instead, we opted for rebuilding what we had, with as few outward changes as possible.

The entire crew was hard working and concerned both for Janet and I, and also the community at large. I saw a lot of respect and appreciation between the crew and Steven... a good working relationship. The site was kept as clean as possible and the dumpsters kept well away from the community.

We're now back in our house with new foundations, framing, insulation, plumbing, electrical, drywall and roofing... and loving it. The job turned out so well and we figure it cost just less than half the cost of a total teardown/rebuild.

Steven, thank you very much, we are delighted with our new home and happy to tell anybody about Abode & Beyond and our very positive experience with you.

David and Janet

May 31, 2009

Fast forward thirteen years and we are preparing to embark on our final renovation. We have asked Steven, in collaboration with architect, Ellen Allen, to create a studio workplace for David, a storage mudroom and a quiet "tree house" room on the second floor with a view of the lake.

Island design has its unique challenges. Steven is creative and able to conceptualize how to achieve maximum use out of minimum space. We are very excited about this project and look forward to problem solving with Abode and Beyond to help create our dream home.