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They matched the oak cabinets in the kitchen to the floor, as well as the oak doors and trim on the main floor. Amy wanted something different on the island, so they used old-fashioned bead board and liked that so much that they wrapped a nearby post with bead board, too.

With Max working on the house in addition to coaching and working at school, they were able to move into the remodeled house in December. His wife, according to Max, was well aware that working on the house was secondary to football during the season.

"Good," said Amy of the house so far. "It passes my inspection and meets my approval. Max does a good job with this. It's nice to have a handy man."

"She might have doubted me a couple times along the way," said Max with a grin.

All this work, though, was just the first phase. Phase 2, coming this spring and summer, includes adding a garage, incorporating the front porch into the house (making a master bedroom suite, main-floor laundry, and a sun room for Amy); and putting new siding and new shingles on the house. Then Max can build a deck off the patio door facing the driveway and work on the landscaping.

Phase 3 could include finishing the basement, and Amy wants to add a Phase 4...fixing up the attic and adding it to the living space of the house.



Photo by Michael Jacobson

The remodeling included all new interior walls, new windows, new wiring, new ductwork, and new fixtures (shown in the upstairs bath).



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The interior remodeling was just the first phase; this spring and summer, the Meaghers plan to add a master bedroom suite, build a garage, and reshingle and reside the exterior.



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In purchasing this old farm house, the Meaghers knew it would require a lot of work but had faith in the house's potential (size, space, and location).

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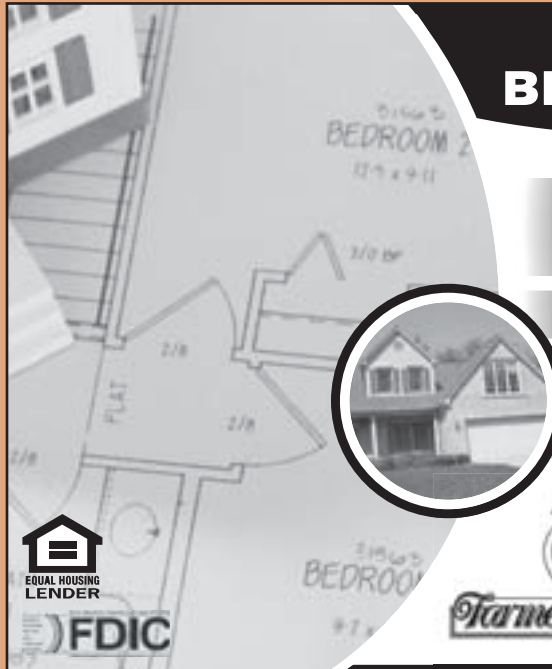
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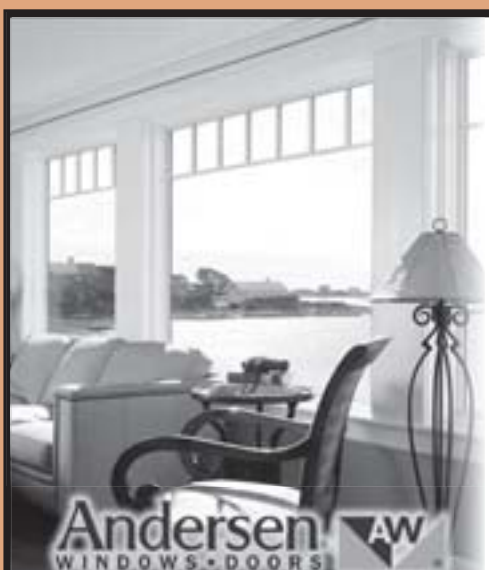
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