

FROM REVERIE to reality



Down a long, winding driveway in Brewster, secluded from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, lies the spectacular piece of property Deborah and Gary LaFave purchased in 2014. The picturesque view of the pond and the home's rustic wood floors were just two of the features that sold the future owners.

The attractive four-bedroom home was previously used primarily as a seasonal rental. To make it a functioning house for year-round living, Deborah, an interior design coordinator, had a vision to transform the house.

To bring that vision to life, the LaFaves tapped McPhee Associates of East Dennis, co-owned by Rob McPhee and his father, Bob. McPhee Associates focuses on new homes, renovations, additions, property management, and land development on the Cape.

"In working with the homeowners, it was really their vision and us executing it for them," Rob McPhee says. "We gave the whole place a facelift to suit their lifestyle and décor."



McPhee Associates redesigned this Brewster home with client's dreams in mind

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of a cavernous great room, but the kitchen within the great room was small. McPhee enlarged the space, allowing the area to truly be the heart of the home. Glazed, cream-colored cabinets, installed by Superior Cabinets of Gardner, added storage and a vintage accent to the room. A gorgeous 10-foot granite island is an inviting space for family and friends to gather around.

Off the great room, a covered porch was converted into a heated dining area with a bar. McPhee raised the floor, took out the French doors, and installed windows, transforming the room into a cozy, four-season space with cream wicker furniture. A 12-foot sliding door opens up to masonry steps extending down to a massive rear patio with nothing but water in view.

“I had a specific vision as to how I wanted the house to look,” LaFave says. “McPhee got it. They understood exactly what I was looking for, and they followed through on it. They’re into detail,

and that’s exactly what I was looking for. I’m very pleased with how the house turned out.”

“We took a nice home and just made it that much nicer,” McPhee says. “We’re in the relationship business. We do everything we can to complete every project right for each person we work with. We take care of them and hope they call us back whenever they need anything in the future, big or small.”

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The following businesses also contributed to the remodel of the home featured in this article:

Framing: *SDP Builders*
Plumbing: *Abbey Plumbing & Heating*
Electrical: *MAC Electric Cape Cod*
Landscaping: *McNamara Bros.*