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Our house had to have beams, real beams, no fake wood, no screws or nails, no aerosol pine to make it smell right...real wood beams. So the search started and we went from company to company looking for design, texture and cooperation. Not all wood is alike and not all companies listen, not all timber framers will talk about "hybrid". Finding you was a perfect match. You sparked the imagination with what could be and you knew how to build our trusses to make the house happen. The pictures were, well, amazing. The beams were huge, and then came a sample of the wood. It was beautiful and so aromatic. The price followed and it was affordable. You sent more pictures of king posts and queen posts, capes, prow rooms and more to study and learn about. Questions flew back and forth about the designs, the hybrid details. Lancaster and Amy became a part of the family tree, so to speak. Pictures of the truss construction arrived on the computer and were sent all around for the family to see. Our trusses were being made and we were ankle deep in mud. New Hampshire has a fifth season called simply "mud". We knew you would be done, but would we be ready for them to be shipped? More phone calls and e-mail to get them here. Our Code Officer wanted a professional engineer stamp on the plans...what, for real wood trusses! We tried to explain they were 8" by 12" beams with 6" by 8" purlins all pegged together. He insisted, well, our engineer did his calculations and found that ONE truss could support the whole house, not just the family room. They arrived carefully wrapped so they would not be damaged. They were beautiful against the sky...who wants a roof anyway. We kept building and the roof happened and chimney, soapstone woodstove and now we are all moved in.

It was never just a house, it was home and the hand crafted trusses give it charm and warmth and their own special quality of uniqueness. Well crafted wood has a beauty all its own. You were so special to work with and we look forward to meeting you. As soon as we are done sweeping up the wood chips and putting down the rugs, a trip will be planned to Lancaster County.

Thank you so much, Chip and Susan Hastings