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Contemporary Farmhouse *with a Twist*

Kevin Browne Architecture is working with the clients on this piece of land in a desirable part of Falmouth. This location was very appealing to them because it is located only a few streets away from where they currently live. Their goal setting out was to create a farmhouse with a contemporary flair that would be open and comfortable for their family and entertaining. They also wanted to maximize the solar orientation to the south and create sun-filled spaces that would naturally warm up those areas. The design answer to these goals has developed into a plan that has a few twists because of the challenging building envelope of the site and the desire to maximize southern exposure. The house is situated close to the street side of the lot to preserve the backyard for family sports and outdoor living spaces. The massing of the home will be broken into a few forms reminiscent of the farmhouse

vernacular. The mix of cedar shingles, white clapboards, and standing-seam metal roof will help define these forms and style. The deep covered "farmer's porch" is a defining element of the house that will help visually connect the garage end of the house to the rest of the house. The open-concept floor plan on the first floor will create comfortable areas for the family and will be well suited for entertaining. The back of the house will create a "summertime haven" for the family with a screened porch for dining and relaxing and an open patio area with fire pit. The second floor of the home will feature four bedrooms and three bathrooms. This includes a generous master suite and also features a bedroom suite between the rooms of the clients' two daughters, who are close in age. Once built, this family of five will have a home that will be the center of many lifetime memories. **MH+D**



Location: Falmouth
Architect: Kevin Browne Architecture
Builder: Home Construction Inc.
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