



McMillan Electric Company

PRECISION ELECTRIC MOTORS

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter on behalf of Rick Straus. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with Rick on two extensive renovation projects.

The first took place fourteen years ago and lasted nearly one year. My wife Ann and I purchased property on the St. Croix River which was in need of extensive repair. Wainscoted ceilings; dormers; roof line changes; new floors, doors, cabinetry, locks, latches; and more; this house was truly in need of thoughtful renovation.

The second project occurred this fall and involved the demolition of an existing 30' x 40' shed. The plan included rebuilding the structure with 18' clear ceilings in order to accommodate an indoor basketball court. The installation of a large number of windows; fabrication of a custom built 12' door and wainscoted ceilings were the high lights of the project.

You could not find a better partner than Rick Straus to work on projects of this magnitude. Not only is Rick an exceptional carpenter and craftsman, he also is endowed with exceptional design capabilities. Time and time again Rick offered intuitive solutions to construction questions. Where should these windows be placed; how large should they be; what is the most elegant roof design; what colors compliment the surrounding environment; how can you make a 12' door both light weight and sturdy. Literally, these and hundreds of questions that are not on the blue prints were quickly and expertly dealt with by Rick. Working with Rick each day was like having a master carpenter as well as an architect on site. He is honest and patient, he is talented and most of all he cares about the outcome of the job. I simply can not recommend him more highly.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please call me at 715-698-2488. I would be happy to speak further on Rick's behalf.

Sincerely,

Douglas McMillan
Chief Executive Officer