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TALLMAN BUILDING COMPANY

Stone is unforgiving. But when Tallman Building Company began its work on this century-old house known as Four Winds, the firm needed to figure out how to not only replicate expenses of the original stonework, but also dig a foundation beneath an existing stone expanse to fashion a finished basement. "We constructed a complete new skeleton of steel, engineered timber, and concrete within the 100-plus-year-old shell of this house," says Bill Tallman, the firm's principal. "And let me add, there's not a single crack in the stone." When asked how he also managed to completely replicate the original configuration of the stone walls, along with the colors, he says: "We did many mockups. We sourced local stone from Connecticut and New York, and we had the craftsmen able to put it together." Like many successful collaborations, Tallman readily cites the most satisfying aspect of the build. "I'm most proud of how well we all worked together—the client and the Rolfs Elert office—to help the client really realize their vision. A lot of craftsmanship was involved and that required an affair of the heart, so to speak. We put our heart and soul into this. Everyone involved did."

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