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Stone Welcomes Clients Home

CHALLENGE: Complete the first phase of a renovation to the office building and company headquarters at Fallon Custom Homes & Renovations, a custom builder of luxury homes in the greater New England area.

CRITERIA: When Peter Fallon, the company president, began the building's exterior facelift, he wanted to create a look that reflected the caliber of luxury homes that his company is known for constructing, especially as many clients frequent the office to review and finalize construction details. Additionally, Fallon wanted to utilize an environmentally friendly material that provided the enduring beauty of natural stone and required minimal maintenance.

INFLUENCES: The application included full wainscoting around the entire building, accessible ramp, custom steps, and two columns with dry-set New England Fieldstone and Bluestone capping throughout. For traditional stone construction methods on this type of application, a mason would have a pile of stones delivered on-site and begin sorting through them one by one for weeks. "With our office building renovation, time was a factor as we wanted to complete the whole exterior phase before December," says Fallon. "We knew that deadline would be impossible using a traditional mason with on-site cutting techniques."

SOLUTION: Fallon selected the **New World Stoneworks'** Natural Stone Facing System for more than 300 sq. ft. of exterior cladding on his commercial property. By utilizing the company's facing system, Fallon was able to preview the entire project before any construction began, and installation was completed in a matter of days.

"We are very familiar with New World Stoneworks, as we are using their system on current custom residential projects," says Fallon. "What is so amazing about their system is that it arrives on the project site perfectly cut, numbered, and ready to install."

"Plus, the New World Stoneworks Natural Stone Facing System was shipped with each stone pre-shaped to fit the ramp angles, so all the mason had to do was install the stones by the diagram that was delivered with the system," explains Fallon. "What was very impressive was the angled ramp was constructed flawlessly by one mason in 60 minutes, which would have taken a mason with traditional stone-cutting methods two days."

With phase one of the renovation project completed on deadline, Fallon is now planning the second phase of renovation. "The entire process is remarkable and this is the reason why New World Stoneworks is without a doubt the future of building with natural stone." Visit newworldstoneworks.com or Circle 442

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