Diamonds in the Rough

What do you get when you fall in love?
A dreamy fixer-upper!

BY KIM MORSE
818 SEASIDE AVENUE
Peaks Island, $445,000

Where: “It’s in the center of Jonesport Village, on Moo-
sabec Reach, right across from the marine supply store. The road
that dead-ends at the water. The property is on the right,” says
William Milliken of Jonesport Realty.

What you can see from here: “When you look south you see Beals
Island. And if you look west, you see Beals Island Bridge that con-
nects Jonesport to Beals. East is open ocean, Mark Island, and
Seguin Island. You see working boats; Jonesport is very much
a working harbor. The lobster boats outnumber pleasure
boats 20-to-1.”

Show me the magic: “This house is the last built on the
shore, so you see what you want to see, not what you don’t.
There’s great craftsmanship—granite counter tops, an all-
wood interior, and two baths. The bunkhouse over the ga-
rage has a bath, too. Did I mention it comes with a
mooring? You’ll be looking out at your own boat.”

Backstory: “We have the largest fleet of lobster boats in eastern
Maine. We also have a huge July fourth celebration where we
host the world’s fastest lobster boat races.”

Special consideration: “What we lack here is what you would ex-
pect to have in, say, Boothbay. When you go to our coffee shops,
you get two choices: regular or decaf. But we’re happy about that.

Taxes: $6,041

34 OCEAN VIEW DRIVE
Frenchboro, $209,000

Where: “You get off the Captain Henry Lee ferry from Bass Harbor,
drive off the boat ramp, and take a right onto Ocean View Drive,” says
Mark Ross of Realty of Maine. “Go around the harbor about two
tenths of a mile, and it’s on the left-hand side. The road runs between
the dock and the house.”

What you can see from here: “It’s spectacular. You have the French-
boro Congregational Church across the harbor and the Frenchboro
Elementary School. Then you look up the gut and see the ferry pier.”

Show me the magic: “It used to have a restaurant out of the basement
called John’s Coffee shop, and it was in business for 32 years when it
closed in 2009. The lobstermen went there every morning to plan
their day, and they were very upset when it closed down.”

Backstory: “The island of Frenchboro was chosen by the Oprah Win-
frey Show as one of the three Unique Places to Live in 2009. Oprah’s
producer and camera crew interviewed the Lunts (the previous own-
ers) in their home. They later interviewed via Skype with Oprah.”

Special Consideration: “It takes 35 to 40 minutes on the ferry.
The ferry only runs once a day off season and two different boats
in season.”

Taxes: $2,609
1410 RIVER ROAD
Calais, $234,900

Where: “It’s eight or nine miles south of town, just before St. Croix Drive,” says Billy Howard of Due East Real Estate.

What you can see from here: “You’re looking toward St. Andrews, New Brunswick. You see a lot of fishing and pleasure boats. Now and then you’ll see big tankers going to the Canadian side called Port of Bayside. They have ships from Canada to Cuba steaming in here.”

Show me the magic: “It was built in 1850. It has 300 feet of shorefront and almost four acres of land. The interior has hardwood floors, big open windows looking out to the water, and a wrap-around porch.”

Backstory: “They used to ship granite all over the world from this area of red beach in Calais. Down on the beach everything is red: red rock and red soil.”

Special consideration: “We have a huge amount of Canadian traffic coming through here. When the American dollar is strong, they come here. If the Canadian dollar is strong, we go there.”

Taxes: $2,900
893 NORTH LUBEC ROAD
Lubec, $169,000

Where: “It’s four miles exactly after you turn from Route 189 turn onto North Lubec Road. It’ll be on the right-hand side,” says Greg Walston of Due East Real Estate in Lubec.

What you can see from here: “You can see Eastport and Cooper Island. You can see the ship traffic into Eastport at the freight pier and lobster and scallop boats in the bay during the season.”

Show me the magic: “It’s one of the older homes in North Lubec, built in 1900. It’s an old farmhouse, with a lot of its rustic charm.”

Backstory: “The SummerKeys Music program is probably the most prominent activity that goes on in the summer. It gives adults who have an interest in music on an amateur basis a chance to hone their skills and meet other musicians their own age. They have world-class instructors. Every Wednesday there’s a concert at the Congregational Christian Church, and it’s well attended.”

Special consideration: “We have all kinds of skills, interests, incomes. We’re quite an eclectic town.”

Taxes: $2,010.73