



# Builder News

## Bob Wiedenmann Builds a Custom ADU in Wallingford

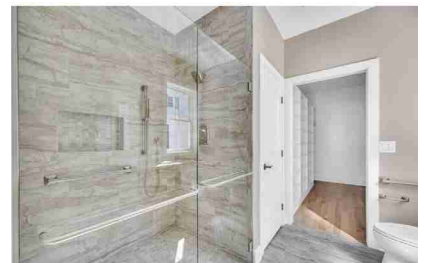
**B**uilder Bob Wiedenmann and his wife, Judy, have a new home, a detached ADU, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage and 1,500 sq. ft.

“We demolished an existing house and created 2 lots on North Main Street in Wallingford, 0.3 miles from the center of town. We really like being in the center of town, where we can walk to everything.”

Built in conjunction with a newly constructed Colonial-style main home, this detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) showcases Sunwood Development’s commitment to thoughtful, family-centered design. As a trusted custom home builder in

Wallingford. This project reflects one of today’s fastest-growing trends, multigenerational living, with a fully independent residence just steps away from the main house for their adult children. Designed for both comfort and accessibility, the ADU offers a seamless blend of style, function, and flexibility.

Just like the main residence, this detached ADU was built with long-term comfort and sustainability in mind. Every element, from insulation and windows to flooring and fixtures, offers durability and energy efficiency. With features like high-performance heating and cooling systems, energy-efficient lighting, and well-insulated exterior walls, this space remains comfortable year-round while keeping utility costs low.



## Office to Multifamily: What Actually Works



L-R Joan Barrett, architect Richard Granoff and Michael Murphy

**A**t a recent Dealmakers lunch, industry professionals gathered for a practical discussion titled Office to Multifamily: What Actually Works, focusing on the growing opportunity to convert 1970s office buildings into multi-family housing. The conversation cut through the hype to examine the real factors

that determine success, including design constraints, feasibility challenges, and the early decisions that can make, or break, a conversion deal.

The session was led by Rich Granoff, founder and principal of Granoff Architects, a Greenwich-based firm known for its expertise in adaptive reuse, mixed-use development, and complex redevelopment projects. Granoff shared insights from the front lines, emphasizing how architectural solutions must align with financial realities, regulatory frameworks, and market demand.

Dealmakers, co-hosted bi-monthly by John Barrett of RM Friedland and Michael Murphy of Murphy Brothers Contracting, continues to provide a forum for real estate conversations that prioritize both smart investment and lasting community impact.

## Michael Murphy, Murphy Brothers Contracting Heads Building Realty Institute of Hudson Valley in 2026



The Building and Realty Institute of the Hudson Valley (BRI) is continuing into 2026 with Michael Murphy of Murphy Brothers Contracting being elected to a second term as BRI president.

Also continuing to serve will be Stacey Tompkins of Tompkins Excavating as secretary and Christine McCabe, who has been reelected as treasurer.

Murphy told Westfair’s Westchester County Business Journal, “During the year ahead my focus is on four things: growing

our membership; developing the next generation of industry leaders; keeping the BRI a strong and trusted voice on issues like housing policy and other member-related issues; and marking our 80th anniversary by looking ahead. The industry is changing, and we’re focused on what our members will need to succeed.”

Murphy said that BRI will continue to deliver what he described as “real value through education, advocacy, and reliable information, such as offering our members information on preparing for ICE raids. The guidance we put out is about clarity, not politics.” ■



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