

Personalized touches, de rigueur amenities at Hemlock

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Couture, as one example of the homes to be built in Hemlock II.

Many things about nice, new homes in the early 21st century are becoming almost standard.

Open floor plan? Check.
Gas fireplace? Check.
Recessed lighting? Central air? Check.
Check.

Stainless steel appliances and granite countertops? Well, Winebarger and Levesque chose a nice soapstone for the counters, but you get the idea.

Set back a good distance from the road, this 2,340 square-foot house had all the amenities you'd expect in a colonial priced at \$500,000, but a few less noticeable aspects were what made it stand out.

Take, for example, Sue's home office. In what might have been a spare bedroom off of the main kitchen area and great room, the office is one example of how Superior Builders, the developer, works with owners to exacting specifications. In place of what would have been a closet is a slightly recessed computer area, with shelving along the sides. The office desk sits neatly inside, allowing the room its full space for movement and comfort.

Another example of this approach to home building isn't as visible — so long as it's not being used.

Levesque and Winebarger's children are deaf, so to accommodate them in the event



Several of today's popular home features are seen in this area: the open floor plan, with kitchen and living room seamlessly connected, the abundance of windows, stainless steel appliances, and a mudroom with laundry in the distance that connects to the garage.

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of an emergency, an electrician installed flashing lights with control panels in several convenient locations — Chris admits it gets more use as a call to dinner than anything else.

The most visually appealing aspect of the house's exterior is a wraparound porch with several access points: the front door, French doors from the dining room, from the great

room, and from another ubiquitous 21st century feature, the "mud room," where the washer and dryer hook up, between the house and the garage. A Dutch door was a nice touch for the entry to the home, not to mention a handy barrier for the dogs.

The garage, too, is worth a mention as we explore the theme of 21st-century phenomena. The preferred style is to not show the

front of the garage towards the road, and so the driveway wraps around the home. Above the garage, accessed by an attractive stairway from the back deck, is a storage loft.

The home sits on almost 2 acres of land, and if Hemlock I is any indication, the neighborhood will be quite pleasing when completed.

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