

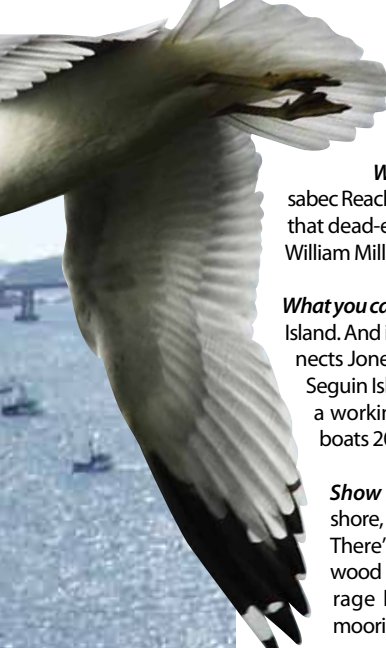
REAL ESTATE

# Diamonds in the Rough

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

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## 18 ROSEMARY LANE Jonesport, \$229,000

**Where:** "It's in the center of Jonesport Village, on Moosabec 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 connects 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 garage 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 expect 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:** \$2,609

## 818 SEASHORE AVENUE Peaks Island, \$445,000

**Where is it:** "Take a left on Island Avenue and follow it beyond Peaks Island Elementary School to Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Sailing Club. Turn right at Trefethen and go up the hill. Bear right onto Seashore Avenue and follow it by Ice House Pond," says Alyce Bauerle of Port Island Realty.

**What can you see from here:** "You have commanding water views of Hussey Sound and Long Island. You can see Cliff and Jewel Island and the open ocean. Pleasure boats and tankers come through here. You can also see Halfway Rock Lighthouse."

**Show me the magic:** "The screened-in porch for relaxing and eating dinner here is unforgettable. Step out the door and you're on the rocks. In summer, you can swim out to the raft in Spar Cove."

**Backstory:** "Peaks Island is a destination for people in the summer. It's also a great place for people to live year-round and still be able to commute to Portland for work."

**Special Consideration:** "The deed says you have the right to use the seashore. [The house] hasn't been mucked with. It's an original turn-of-the-century cottage, built in 1905."

**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 Frenchboro 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 Winfrey Show* as one of the three Unique Places to Live in 2009. Oprah's producer and camera crew interviewed the Lunts (the previous owners) 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:** \$1,076





## 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 shoreline 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

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**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 ■

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