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## **S+H CONSTRUCTION FOUNDERS ALEX SLIVE AND DOUG HANNA ANNOUNCE SUCCESSOR**

S+H Construction founders Alex Slive and Doug Hanna announced today that they have successfully come to an agreement with one of their own to purchase S+H Construction.

Sarah Lawson, a project manager who has been with the company for almost 10 years, will purchase the company and carry on S+H's proud design/build tradition.

“This transition is something that has been in the works for several years now,” Slive said. “We’ve worked hard over the last 38 years to build this company into something great. We didn’t want to just close up shop and retire. Around the time we started looking for a buyer, we were approached by Sarah. It was a good fit.”

Hanna adds, "Sarah understands what this company is – and what it could be. The work involved in making this deal happen only confirmed for Alex and me that there is no better person to take over our helm. We think Sarah will make S+H even stronger, and carry the company into the next 40 years.”

Lawson ran her own construction company before joining S+H. She comes from a business background and holds a BA in Political Science from Hampshire College and a Master’s Degree from Columbia University. Lawson quickly became one of S+H Construction’s most sought after project managers, winning the Preservation Award from the Cambridge Historical Commission in 2009. Also that year, Sarah created a quick reference guide for the complicated new state energy code, which is now used by a number of building departments throughout the state to educate their inspectors. More recently, Lawson spearheaded the company’s new estimating, budget-tracking, and project management systems.

The changeover will be gradual. As part of the agreement, both Slive and Hanna will stay with the company for at least the next three years.

The news of the transition falls on the heels of Slive and Hanna being named *Design New England's* Mentors of the Year at the 2016 MIDDIE Awards, an honor which salutes design professionals in interior design, architecture, building, landscape design, and related fields, who share their time, expertise, and wisdom with the next generation. This distinction is a fitting tribute to their years in the business.

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"Alex Slive's and Doug Hanna's reputation as mentors to their employees, subcontractors, and clients are well-known and admired in the design and building industry long before they were selected as *Design New England's* Mentors of Year," states Design New England Editor, Gail Ravgiala. "Beyond their personal generosity in sharing their knowledge and skills, they have created a company where mentoring is organic. Our selection panel was impressed with how, by example, they have made mentoring part of everyday life in the office and in the field."

## ABOUT S+H CONSTRUCTION

S+H Construction - collaborates with architects and other design professionals to offer residential renovations, custom building, historic restorations, site work and landscaping solutions. A multi-award winning firm – including seven Best of Boston awards and several honors from the Cambridge Historical Society – S+H provides a dedicated team who share a commitment to customer satisfaction. Their work is consistently featured in both regional and national home and design publications. S+H Construction is located at 26 New Street in Cambridge, MA. For more information, please call (617) 876-8286 or visit the company website at [www.shconstruction.com](http://www.shconstruction.com). Follow S+H on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/shconstruction](http://www.facebook.com/shconstruction) and Twitter, @shconstruction. Press inquiries; please contact Joanne DiFrancesco, JDCommunications, Inc., 781-828-0323 or [difran1022@gmail.com](mailto:difran1022@gmail.com).

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From Left to right: (Alex Slive, Sarah Lawson, Doug Hanna)

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