

**Gloucester Historical Commission**  
**April 20, 2015 Special Meeting -- Minutes**

Present: David Rhineland, Tom O'Keefe, Bob Whitmarsh, Amanda Nash, Leon Doucette, Mary Ellen Lepionka

Members met at 16 Pine St. in Gloucester for the purpose of nominating and approving proposed recipients for the Gloucester Historical Commission's 2015 Gloucester Preservation Awards. The awards program will be held at the Cape Ann Museum on Sunday, May 17, at 2PM.

To start the program, David Rhineland and Mary Ellen Lepionka, co-chairs, will briefly talk about the Commission's mission, activities, and desire for public participation. Award recipients will be introduced by different members of the Commission and may speak for up to 5 minutes.

Commission members will contribute to a slide presentation that Mary Ellen will create from images, text, and screen grabs. David and Mary Ellen will write news releases promoting the event.

Award certificates will be made by Tom O'Keefe and Kurt Bradley for the following recipients:

Robert Apse for *The Stones of the Quarries* video on the preservation of the history of Cape Ann's granite industry. Leon Doucette will introduce Robert as a recipient in the category of Education and Outreach, and portions of the video will be shown.

Jacqueline Jameison for her work leading to the restoration of the Meetinghouse Green park on Ashland Place by the Gloucester DPW. Bob Whitmarsh will confirm Jackie's participation and will introduce her as a recipient of the Preservation Award. Slides will be shown of the restoration.

Rachel Meyer, Joshua Gerloff, Crystal Daley, and Kathryn Khanwalkar for their volunteer work as a subcommittee of the Gloucester Historical Commission on restoration of the First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery. Mary Ellen will introduce them, and slides will be shown of their activities.

Steve Pardee, retired former member of the Gloucester Historical Commission will receive a Lifetime Achievement award for his many contributions to Gloucester's historic preservation. David Rhineland will introduce Steve and present the award.

Pam and Fred Grote for their restoration of the William Haskell House at 11 Lincoln St., an authentic First Period Colonial house on the National Register of Historic Places. David will confirm their participation and present their award in the category of Restoration, and slides will be shown of the property.

The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck, in the Rocky Neck Cultural District, for Adaptive Reuse of a historically significant property. Amanda Nash (and/or Tom O'Keefe?) will introduce the award, and slides will be shown.

Joe Roman, the private owner, developer, and agent for his restored Victorian house at 1 Tolman Street in Gloucester. Mary Ellen will introduce Joe and present a Restoration award, and slides of the property will be shown.

*Enduring Gloucester*, a blog featuring Gloucester-themed oral history, essays, art, and poetry by contributors such as Peter Anastas, Lois McNulty, Patti Page, Laurel Tarantino, Bing McGilvray, and Jim Tarantino. Amanda will present the award, for Education and Outreach, and slides will be shown.

The decision was made to postpone consideration of Maritime Gloucester, the Lane's Cove Fish Shack, Martin Ray's blog, and the T. S. Eliot House at 18 Edgemoor Rd. until next year's award cycle. Also for consideration next year will be authors of new books (2013-2016) about Gloucester past and present.

The next regular meeting of the Gloucester Historical Commission is on Monday, April 27 at 6:30 in the third floor meeting room at City Hall.