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**Portsmouth Advocates
Awards Night
Honors City
Preservation Projects
Discover Portsmouth 10 Middle Street
Thursday November 16, 2017 5:30-7pm**

Award presentations 6pm.
Light refreshments will be served.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire... Portsmouth Advocates, a key program of the Portsmouth Historical Society, is preparing for awards season! Since 1989 Portsmouth Advocates has honored individuals and projects that enhance the city's unique historic character and make Portsmouth a better place to live and work. On Thursday November 16 from 5:30-7pm at Discover Portsmouth, the Advocates will continue this tradition by presenting awards to exceptional individuals and projects completed over the last year.

Project-specific awards include the following:

- *Restoring the Integrity of a Resource:* **496 Middle Street**
- *Continued and Sensitive Maintenance of a Historic Property:* The **Masonic Hall** on Middle Street, and the **Warner House**
- *New Construction in a Historic Context:* **Islington Street Condos/Old Port Traders** site, and the **African Burying Ground**
- *Arthur J. Gerrier Memorial Award, which is presented to an individual who is committed to serving our historic community. Arthur Gerrier was a member of the Portsmouth Advocates Board and an outstanding architectural historian:* **Dick Adams**
- *John Grossman Memorial Award, which recognizes an individual who makes a reality of an organization's mission and bridging the theoretical and the practical. John Grossman was a*

*tireless supporter of Portsmouth non-profits and Chair of Portsmouth Advocates for many years: **Valerie Cunningham***

Portsmouth Advocates

Formed in 1980, Portsmouth Advocates was established to “promote the maintenance of the historical and architectural integrity of the structures and cityscape of the City of Portsmouth.” In 2012 Portsmouth Advocates became part of Portsmouth Historical Society.

Portsmouth Historical Society, founded in 1917, is a tax-exempt 501©3 nonprofit devoted to championing the history, arts, and culture of the Portsmouth region through acquisitions, preservation, museum exhibitions, programs, and publications. It operates two facilities: Discover Portsmouth and the 1758 John Paul Jones House and Garden, a national historic landmark open Memorial Day through Columbus Day + Veterans Day. Discover Portsmouth is a cultural gateway that houses a welcome center for residents and visitors; a museum of exhibitions and programs devoted to Portsmouth history, including Historic Walking Tours; and a museum shop of unique Portsmouth gifts and books. A gathering place for Portsmouth nonprofits, it is a popular location for event rentals. Located at 10 Middle Street, Discover Portsmouth is open daily from 9:30-5pm, from April through December, and remains open until 8pm for Art Round Town, the first Friday of each month. For further information, please call 603-436-8433 or visit PortsmouthHistory.org.