

# Jonathan Poore

## For Re-election to Hamilton Planning Board



I am excited about the opportunity to be considered for your vote to serve another term on the Town of Hamilton Planning Board. I moved to Woodbury Street in Hamilton 10 years ago because our family loved the community, the school system, and the wonderful open space. Both of my children flourished in the school system and have since moved on through college and into their chosen careers. My wife and I continue to cherish our cozy little home nestled in the forest on Woodbury Street.

I understand it is an extremely delicate balance, in town, between funding amenities like a strong school system while following best practices of smart growth in order to preserve the character and natural beauty of the community. I have the skills to marry those seemingly disparate goals.

My interdisciplinary background in architectural design, historic preservation, site design, and planning combined with my acute listening and mediation skills allow me to navigate through complex problems often filled with strongly competing interests. **Professionally, my creative problem solving and collaborative group facilitation experience frequently results in mutually beneficial solutions rather than settling for compromises.** I have worked on both sides of the permitting process, as an applicant and as a regulator. Following is a sampling of my pertinent experience.

### Owner, President Poore & Company, Inc Integrated design services

*Architectural – Site – Landscape – Interior  
Historic Preservation – Color – Lighting*

For over 30 years Poore & Co. has provided architectural design and project management services. We have a unique approach to shepherding our design clients through complex regulatory permitting. The majority of our work is residential design, both new construction and renovation. We also design restaurants and other non-residential work. Our interdisciplinary design approach weaves green design, architecture, site, landscape, lighting, color, and the decorative arts into harmonious, cohesive environments. A visit to our website will reveal our **design care and sensitivity around weaving the natural and built environment into a seamless whole.**

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### Historic District Commission

City of Gloucester

- Past member for 15 years – Chairman
- Assisted in drafting HDC Design Guidelines Handbook w/ Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Architect
- Instituted informal, non-jurisdictional plan review prior to permit application (Promoted other boards to participate in this voluntary plan review outside of Historic District)
- Served on Mayor's Committee to Restore Old Town Hall

### Regulatory Permitting as Applicant

I have extensive experience, through my design work, in regulatory permitting with *Conservation Commissions, Historic District Commissions, Zoning Boards, and Planning Boards*. Poore & Company consistently follows best practices in planning and design to bring about a consistently high rate of permitting success. **My unique approach to permitting focuses on mutually beneficial strategies, which allow the applicants to achieve their goals while also meeting or exceeding the regulatory performance standards.** As a result, I have been asked by regulatory bodies to assist in updating regulations to promote best practice.

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## Gloucester Waterways Board

### Collaborative Project with Dale Pope to Redevelop Over 30 Public Landings

- Inventoried and mapped landings
- Developed signage and graphics
- Assisted in procuring, adapting, and installing decommissioned U. S. Coast Guard buoys as land-based place markers and info kiosks
- Designed comprehensive improvements to Town Landing at Saint Peter's Square and Solomon Jacobs Park
- Developed graphics for Public Landings guidebook for City of Gloucester

## Harbor Walk

Conceived and designed Harbor Walk for City of Gloucester as integral part of a restaurant development, *the first ever public pedestrian promenade access to the coastline of Gloucester Harbor at Harbor Cove*. Guided procurement of all local and state permits along with Attorney Michelle Harrison. This was a three-year collaborative process with all stakeholders and abutters. Permits included Ch 91, DPA, DEP, Con. Com., Zoning, Planning Board, and City Council.

## Provided Campus Planning at:

### Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, North Beverly

Provided campus master planning for Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, an historic Olmsted designed property. Member of five-person team that procured property and orchestrated the move. Served on School Board of Trustees and Advisory Board overseeing greater property at Moraine Farm along with Essex County Greenbelt, Trustees of Reservations, Project Adventure, and the Batchelder Trust.

### High Mowing Organic Seed Company Wolcott, Vermont

Currently working with High Mowing Organic Seed Company on corporate campus master planning.

## Publications

### Old-House Journal

Researched, wrote, illustrated, and created photographs for numerous historic preservation technical articles. Many articles and illustrations were reprinted in other publications including: *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Journal of Light Construction*, *Progressive Architecture*, *Yankee Magazine*, *Yankee Homes*, *Home Energy Digest*, and *Pope Associates Architectural Guide*.

### Design Work Published:

- Design New England Magazine
- Great Gardens of the Berkshires by Virginia Small (Down East)
- The Naturally Elegant House by Janet Marinelli (Little Brown)
- New York Newsday
- North Shore Magazine
- Old-House Journal

### Books

- *Interior Color by Design* by Jonathan Poore (Rockport Publishers, 1994).
- *Interior Color by Design* Vol. 2 by Jonathan Poore (Rockport Publishers, 2005) This practical book on color has sold as a trade book as well as a college textbook.

### Architectural Photography

Over 100 architectural photographs taken in Europe and the United States for Cengage Publishing have been published in a series of art history and art appreciation textbooks including 5 full page cover photos and jacket photos. Much of this work has been featured in *Gardner's Art Through the Ages*, by Fred Kleiner.

*I look forward to serving your interests through my skills in listening, distilling, and creative problem solving. Email me with any questions. I am counting on your vote in the spring election.*

*Jonathan*

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