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## **Weekapaug Inn project receives "Rhody Award" for historic preservation - New England Construction serves as construction manager**

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The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and Preserve Rhode Island bestowed a 2013 Rhody Award to Lang Wheeler for the historic renovation of the Weekapaug Inn. The Rhody Awards are chosen from nominations by the public and honor individuals, organizations and projects for their contributions to the preservation of Rhode Island's historic places.

The Weekapaug Inn, sister property to the Ocean House, reopened in October 2012 after a \$20 million historic restoration. New England Construction (NEC) served as construction manager, along with the team of designers including Arris Design Studio, Inc. of Providence and Taylor Interior Design. The team worked along with Lang Wheeler and Charles Royce restoring the Inn to incorporate many updated features, while preserving the character and historic charm of the original structure. "New England Construction was chosen as construction manager for the historic restoration of the Weekapaug Inn because of their depth of experience, quality of work and commitment to their clients. It was the right choice," said Edward Wetherill, owner's representative.

"When you have an opportunity to be a part of a project of this magnitude, there is a great sense of responsibility to protect and preserve the history of the building, while taking every opportunity to incorporate modern systems and amenities expected in a high quality seaside resort," said John Pignataro, NEC's president & COO. "Bringing this Inn back to life required a great vision, a creative design team and the best subcontractors, suppliers and vendors this region has to offer. It truly was a privilege and a pleasure to be part of a team who transformed this spectacular Inn; preserving and returning a century-old treasure and tradition to the village of Weekapaug and the Rhode Island shore."

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