



Town of Chatham Historic Business District Commission



2018 Chatham Preservation Awards



540 Main Street - The Mayo House Owner: Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc.

The Mayo House was built by Josiah Mayo sometime between 1818 and 1820. Mayo was a blacksmith and was a very prominent local citizen. He was Postmaster for 40 years, Town Treasurer for 27 years, and a Selectman for 2 years. The building originally stood further back from Main Street. It was occupied by Mayo family members until 1938. The Mayo House is a three-quarter Cape and much of the original hardware on the doors and windows was fashioned by Mr. Mayo. The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank bought the building in 1974 and in 1976, donated it to the Chatham Conservation Foundation. The old home has had a complete renovation, including a new red cedar roof, new white cedar siding, new storm windows and new gutters. The trim has been repainted in historic colors and the glazing around the windows has been redone. This authentic building allows visitors and local people the opportunity to see an early 18th century building that was important in the history of Chatham. The Mayo House serves as the office of the Chatham Conservation Foundation.

Contractor: Stello Construction, Inc.