



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Chatham, Massachusetts 02633



Town of Chatham
Historic Business District Commission



2014 Chatham Preservation Awards



The Mayflower Shop was built in the Queen Anne Style in 1885 by Marcus Howard as a commercial one and a half story building to house the Marcus Howard Store which offered “furnished goods and clothing” as well as tailoring and later newspapers and periodicals. It also served as the local Post Office. Howard’s widow, Susan, sold the store to Charles Smallhoff and Robert Ennis in 1925, and the exterior was modified with large display windows to become the Mayflower Shop. Prior to the present owner, the Mayflower Shop was owned and operated for many years by Dan Ward.

475 Main Street LLC purchased the store and recognized immediately that the entire structure was badly in need of renovation. The building was carefully measured and documented, so as to preserve as many of the existing features as possible. Because of wear and tear, the shingles were replaced in the original style. The scrolled brackets and original signs were also preserved. All windows in the second floor were replaced when it reverted to its original use as a living unit. The current owner intends to continue to operate the Mayflower Shop as a retail store.

475 Main Street · The Mayflower Shop
Owner: 475 Main Street LLC, David Oppenheim, Principal

Architect: Architectural Designs Inc. Orleans, MA
Contractor: Handren Brothers, Harwich MA