



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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2019 Chatham Preservation Awards



33 Sears Road - The Harding House
Owner: Eric & Gwyn Brittigan

The “Harding House” is historically significant, in that it was thought to be built in 1762 for members of the Isaiah Harding family. Wilbur Patterson purchased the house in 1885 from Priscilla Harding for \$200. Judge Albert Early, a friend of Joseph Lincoln, acquired the house in 1905 for \$700. The house sat just west of Champlain Road with a marvelous view of Stage Harbor. Recently, the house was purchased by the Lund family and they found that the old house did not meet the needs of their family. The Lund's applied for the right to demolish the house. Eric and Gwyn Marden Brittigan saw the “Harding House” as an opportunity. As a member of the Marden family, Gwyn had a long history with the traditions of Chatham. The Brittigan's hoped to move the house to Sears Road and preserve it. The Lund's were very supportive of the move and the Brittigan's hired Rick Roy as their general contractor. The house was skillfully moved by the Sylvester Moving Company on May 31st, 2017 up Champlain Road and down Sears Road to its new home.

The Brittigan's made a few modifications to the old house and added a garage and addition to the rear of the house. A screened porch allowed for an attractive entertainment area. The old “Harding House” now sits on Sears Road with its historic front porch an important feature of the house. This move is a wonderful example of what can happen when buyers of a home have patience and vision. Certainly, foremost to the Brittigan's, who now have an historic home with modern features and to the Lund's for their cooperation in addition to Rick Roy Construction and Sylvester Moving.

Contractor: Rick Roy Construction, LLC
Building Move: Sylvester Moving Company
Design: William Kwaak