

**Now!**



**Taylor Tavern & Store**



651 & 661 Main Street

←*First Store in North Precinct!*

The Taylor Tavern was built in 1743 by David Taylor, one of the founders of the North Precinct of Shrewsbury (later known as Boylston). The building which opened its doors in 1760 contained a tavern, inn, and later the first retail store in the North Precinct of Shrewsbury. Taylor constructed and ran the inn where travelers could stop for a meal or overnight lodgings. The store was a retail operation located in the ell of the Taylor tavern. The tavern was a popular and lucrative operation which served as a favorite meeting place for the men of the Precinct who came to the store to purchase grain, fencing, and food to discuss politics and crops over a tankard. In 1897 the building came into the possession of Aaron White who operated it until 1821. The Tavern and inn closed its doors in 1810 while the store continued in operation until 1821. This ell structure was separated from the main building in the 1820's and moved to what is now 661 Main Street; while the tavern remained at the 651 Main Street location. Today both structures have been converted to residential homes in Boylston's Historic District.