



Borough of Chatham

Annual Report

2009

Sign Committee

SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Committee Members:

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Meetings:

Meetings are held on an as needed basis throughout the year (see page two). Committee reports were forwarded, as necessary, to Sign Committee Members, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Other Business:

At most meetings properties which were in violation were discussed and letters were distributed to rectify any violations.

At the meeting of February 26, 2009, discussions regarding how property owners and new tenants would be advised of the procedures and rules before they install new signs and awnings. Possibly by check list or website, also there was a discussion on how to enforce the rules according to the Borough ordinances.

At another meeting on November 24, 2009, there was a great deal of discussion regarding the revisions for the New Sign Ordinance. The committee reviewed and submitted their input to the Planning Board, also in attendance was the Historic Preservation Commission representatives, Janet Siegel and Eleanor Smith.

At such meetings, The Sign Committee reviewed several applications which did not meet the requirements and were advised to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for approval.

After reviewing all signage applications at meetings, letters were sent out to the applicants with our recommendations and changes. Almost always applicants are very cooperative and do meet the Sign Committee's recommendations.

Through this process we will continue to focus on signs throughout the New Year and at the same time create a visually interesting downtown through signage.

Approved Applications for 2009:

DATE	APP. #	APPLICANT NAME	ADDRESS
2/5/09	09-01	33 Chatham Medical	33 Main Street
2/5/09	09-02	Fuoco Restaurant	219 Main Street
2/26/09	09-03	HSBC Bank	407 Main Street
2/26/09	09-04	Spring Street Bank	249 Main Street
2/26/09	09-05	Taekwondo	453 Main Street
5/15/09	09-06	Farley's Place	233 Main Street
5/15/09	09-07	LSI	417 Main Street
5/20/09	09-08	CSM Art & Frame	25 Commerce Street
6/11/09	09-09	United Methodist Church	460 Main Street
6/11/09	09-10	Gravity Vault (rock climbing)	40 Watchung Avenue
6/29/09	09-11	Solu	228-236 Main Street
8/7/09	09-12	Coldwell Banker Realtors	135 Main Street
8/13/09	09-13	Chelsea	258 Main Street
8/13/09	09-14	Powerflow Kids Yoga	242 Main Street
8/13/09	09-15	Salon Athena	234 Main Street
12/17/09	09-16	Turpin Realtors	186 Main Street
12/17/09	09-17	Valley National Bank	375 Main Street
12/17/09	09-18	Town & Country Real Estate	127 Main Street

This is an advisory Committee with a goal to maintain and enhance the character and integrity of Chatham Borough, also to promote sources of economic development and growth. We will continue to review and monitor applications for signs, while improving pedestrian and traffic safety; and providing business enterprises with reasonable identification and visibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Maramonte