

Borough of Chatham

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**Members of the Commission who served in 2007 were:**

Janet Siegel, Architect	Joseph Murphy
Eleanor Smith, Secretary	Colleen Foley
Lee Nordholm	Isobel Mitchell
Mindy Pitonyak	

*The Commission also benefited from the attendance of Cory Fuller, Council Liaison, and Sally Deatly, Historical Society Liaison.*

**Our 2007 agenda included the following:**

- 1. 407 Main Street:** The Krauss House was torn down in the first week of January 2007. This was the only remaining historic home in that block. The Historic Preservation Commission worked with HSBC Bank to make their off-the-shelf plan appropriate to the site and to the context of the neighborhood. Although HSBC made many of the adjustments which we requested, they were unable to change the proportion of the building which would have allowed more landscaping to relieve the large expanses of abutting asphalt and brick especially on the Kings Market border. The Planning Board granted Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval on December 5, 2007 with conditions in the resolution that require HSBC to return to the HPC for a final review.
- 2. 221 Main Street:** Although in 2006 the Alviggi family had presented their plan for the development of the old Chatham Diner property which included retail space on the first level with two condo units above, they were asked to resubmit their project to the Planning Board in 2007. Changes recommended in the first Review were addressed. HPC requested that they bring a contextual streetscape drawing to the Planning Board. Because this property would be developed for a new retail space, the owner was asked to provide 9 new parking spaces to accommodate customers. (Four parking spaces had already been provided underneath the building for the condo residents.) On May 9, 2007 the Planning Board granted Preliminary and Site Plan Approval with a parking condition to be resolved with the Borough Council.
- 3. Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church, at Elm Street and Main Street:** At our June and July meetings, Dale Dealtry, along with other church officers and representatives, submitted several versions of landscape/hardscape plans in an attempt to create more parking places for the Church, and to ensure the safety of the children who are dropped off for programs held during the week in the building. HPC objected to turning the front lawn into a parking lot, but approved increased side yard parking, the driveway loop relocated in front of the bell tower, and some five or so new parking spaces angled into the North West corner of the front lot and screened with shrubbery. Janet represented our view at the August Planning Board Meeting.
- 4. 74 North Passaic Avenue:** HPC members agreed that so many changes had been made to the house that it did not qualify for HP distinction.