

**Chatham Borough
Historic Preservation Commission
2012 Annual Report**

Members of the Commission who served in 2012 were:

Colleen Foley, Chair
Patti Gavalakis
Mindy Pitonyak
Eleanor Smith
Bill Tackaberry
Laura Fields
Jim Greener

The Commission also benefited greatly from the participation of Gerald Helfrich, Council Liaison.

Our 2012 agenda included the following activities:

- 1. Applications:** In 2012, the Commission continued its work on the application to make significant changes to the former Parrot Mill Inn. The Commission has had continuing conversations with the applicants regarding aspects of the proposed project, and anticipates that these discussions will continue throughout the course of the project in 2013.

The Commission also reviewed an application by Investors Bank to make changes to the rear elevation of the existing bank building, as well as to install a drive-up ATM in the current teller drive-thru. The Commission made a number of recommendations regarding the appearance and details of the new addition, which the applicant appears to have adopted. Investors Bank has agreed to continue to consult with the Commission on the choice of materials used in the exterior construction of the building for the purpose of assuring the new construction is a seamless match to the existing structure. The Commission has also provided its recommendation regarding the extensive signage proposed at the Bank.

- 2. Signage:** The Commission reviewed and commented on numerous applications seeking approval for signage in the Historic District.
- 3. Jan Westfall Preservation Flag Award:** Commission members identified and discussed several candidates for the Flag Award, which recognizes efforts to preserve older structures in the Borough. The Commission also solicited nominations from Borough residents and businesses. Ultimately, the Commission reviewed three very strong nominations and selected a winner. The Commission will make a public announcement of that winner in early 2013 at a Borough Council meeting.

4. **Long-Term Projects:** In 2012, the Commission took the initial steps to organize a comprehensive inventory of historic structures located in the Borough and the Main Street Historic District. The last survey of Borough structures was done in 1989-1990. This is a significant project that will consume most of 2013.