REDEVELOPING WITHIN THE CONTEXT

When reviewing the site plans and variances within the Historic District and the Main Street Corridor, Mendham Borough’s Boards and Commissions not only consider whether the property and the location is suitable to the use, but work to assure that the ultimate development is in keeping with the historic nature of the community.

An example of this is the current Audi dealership on East Main Street that was originally the Gunther Service Station and then became Gunther motors. A fire devastated the old building, and in working with the Board of Adjustment, the new owners redeveloped the lot with a building in keeping with its location.
Located on the St. John the Baptist Property on West Main St., now in the Historic District, a bell tower stands along West Main as an integral part of the property. Through the efforts of the Board of Adjustment, a cell tower accommodating four carriers resides within the bell tower, and many today, do not even recognize its function.

When it came time to redevelop the Gateway to Mendham Borough, much effort was expended by the developer and the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission in the configuration and the architecture of the building. What was home to a deteriorating home and business building, became a state of the art office building including an affordable housing unit. While located in the Main Street Corridor, the historic character of the Borough has been maintained. The efforts were rewarded with the New Jersey Planning Official’s Achievement in Planning Award.