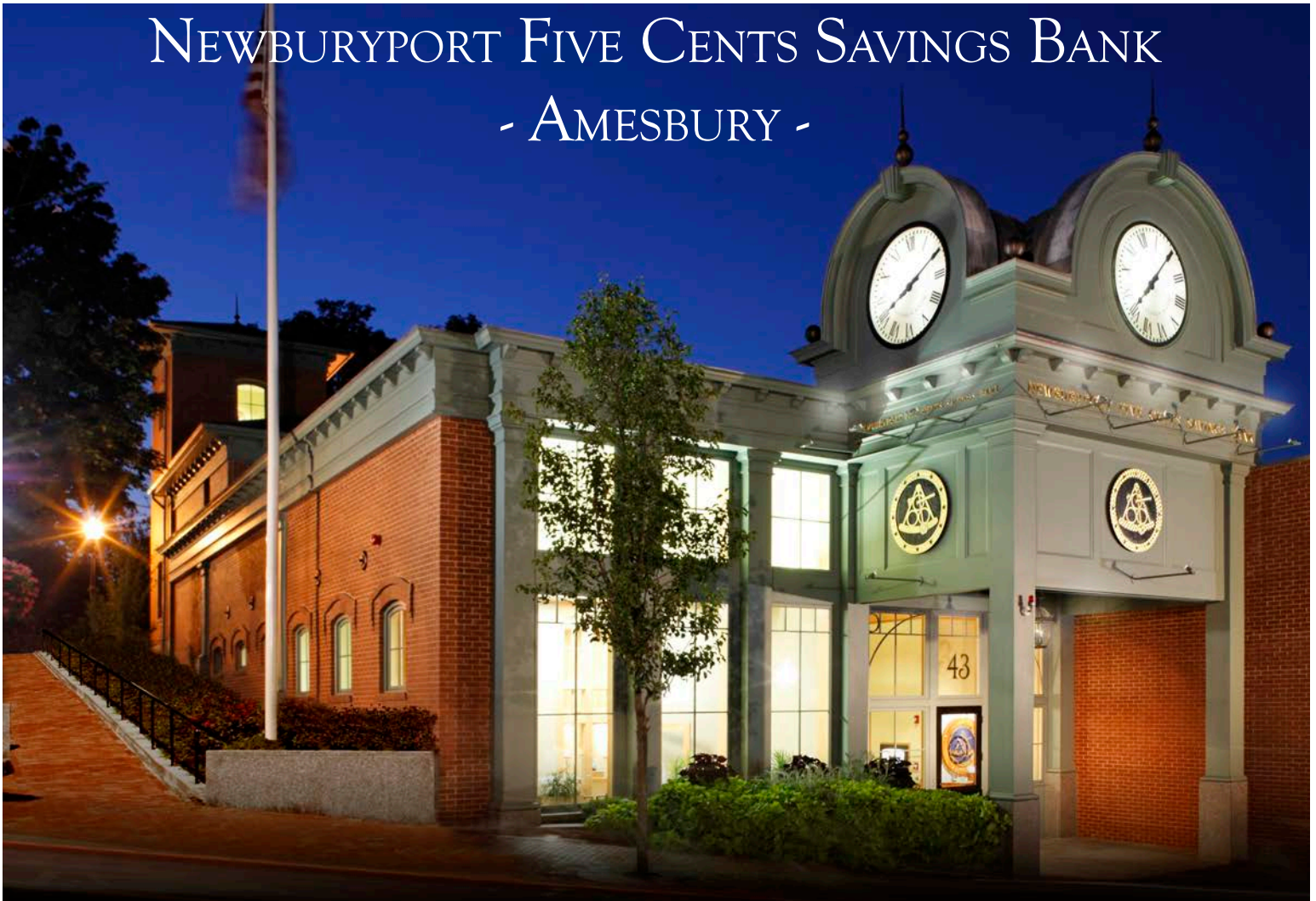


NEWBURYPORT FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK - AMESBURY -



The city of Amesbury, Massachusetts was settled in 1642, located on the banks of the Powow River. The new Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank branch now occupies a portion of an 18th century mill building that very likely manufactured nails, using the river's power to run the machinery.

The bank needed extensive renovations; repairs to masonry walls and water leaks were repaired immediately. The rear facade of the building faces Amesbury's historic mill yard while the front facade is located on the main commercial street. The challenge facing the architect was to design the rear facade to reflect the historic character of the mill yard while assuring that the main street facade blended with the other New England storefront



with their classical architectural details and large windows.

The distinctive clock tower draws its inspiration from the original mill building which had a five story clock tower visible throughout the historic downtown.

Project Information:

Location: Amesbury, MA

Size: 4,500 square feet

Program and Special Constraints:

To restore a portion of an old mill yard building to evoke the feeling of the original 18th century building while incorporating the requirements of a 21st century branch bank.

Site Description:

A corner portion of a historic masonry mill building from the mid-18th century in the heart of Amesbury, Massachusetts; a community founded in 1642.

Design Solution:

The front facade of the bank is an elegant, ornate clock tower, befitting its prominent location in the center of town while the rear facade of the building facing the historic mill yard reflects its industrial roots.

Unusual or Innovative Building Components:

The bank designed a second story addition on the rear of the building to incorporate a multi-purpose community room and kitchen that could be accessed after bank hours for community meetings or functions.

Sustainable Design Elements:

- Skylight for solar gain
- Recycled materials used in interior veneers and carpets
- High-efficiency mechanical system
- Auto shut offs in bathroom faucets
- Low water usage toilets
- White rubber roof membrane