

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP (CHESCO)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MEETING, Monday, April 6, 2009**

Members Present:

Chris Lang - Chairman, Dr. Anne Dzamba, Don Macpherson, Dr. Richard Webster,
Tom Spackman. Note: Meeting held at Macpherson (1885 Dallett) house
Attending: Jane Dorchester, Architectural Historian Consultant to HPC

1. Minutes Approval for Jan. 5, Feb 2, and Mar. 3, 2009 – Approved by vote of members
2. Historic Resources Survey Project:
 - a. Revised Project Schedule - Jane Dorchester presented her revised project schedule reflecting later completion due to shift of her time to write for the township historic national register nomination for Cheyney property. Project must be completed by end of November 2009. The schedule now shows starting Phase 4, Comprehensive Plan revision in June so there is enough time for required public hearings and Commissions and Board decisions. Chris Lang asked to move completion and delivery of the resource forms up from end of November, starting in the summer and submitting a portion each month. We discussed the need to put back in the schedule a public presentation this fall describing the project progress and findings.
 - b. Refinement of Class Definition - Dorchester recommended some minor adjustments of the class 4 definition that had been approved last month. Webster endorsed these changes. The HPC unanimously approved these changes.
 - c. Designation of Resources by class – Chris Lang showed the members photos of the historic resources inventory and indicated the proposed class designation that the sub-committee (Lang, Webster, w/ Dorchester) had chosen. Don Macpherson stated that he understood the College Hill Drive residences were built in the late 1950s, and if so, they should be in our inventory. Webster, Dorchester, and Lang will investigate and inventory them if old enough. As far as Thornbury Estates, Webster will be grouping them into four building form types that were built. Dorchester stated that the final inventory must be sent in April to the County Planning Office, so they could create the GIS mapping in time before the Comprehensive planning phase begins. The Commission members approved the class designations and authorized Jane Dorchester to forward it to the County.
3. Cheyney Farmstead:
 - a. National Register Nomination - Dorchester now resuming work on this. She reported she is meeting with Dale Frens April 7 to summarize the building history findings. The goal is to resubmit with in next month well in advance of the October review.
 - b. Board Request for Plan in May – At the end of the meeting the Commission discussed the need to meet in a work session format in order to provide some action recommendations to the Board in May. We will try to schedule via email.
4. Squire Cheyney Marker: Dick Webster presented final text draft. The Board discussed a minor change and he will send draft around one last time. Chris Lang said we must purchase before June due to grant deadline. The HPC authorized him to talk to sign manufacture and to order the marker.
5. Ridley Park Colonial Plantation Visit – Chris Lang reported he was meeting on April 7 with Ridley Park officials and Rick Miller of TT Delco Historic Comm. about the operation and expenses of this house museum. He will report findings to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Lang, Chair