

**Approved MINUTES
THORNBURY TOWNSHIP (CHESCO)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday January 5, 2009

Members Present:

Chris Lang - Chairman, Dr. Anne Dzamba, Don Macpherson, Molly Morrison

1. Reorganization - Election of Officers for 2009: By vote of 3 for, 0 against and 1 abstention, Lang was elected Chairman for 2009, and also Secretary

2. Minutes Approval; The Commission approved the minutes for its Nov. 3 and Dec 5, 2008 meetings.

3. Historic Resources Survey Project:
 - a. The Chairman noted he had forwarded to the Commission members Dorchester's Dec. Report.
 - b. Lang described the award Dec. 16 by the Board of Supervisors of the Cheyney and Dallett Properties National Register Nomination to Jane Dorchester, Arch. Historian.
 - c. Revised Project Schedule – The HPC reviewed the revised schedule submitted by Jane Dorchester. The HPC acknowledged the insertion of the Cheyney nomination into January would push back the schedule. See Attached. The Commission decided it wanted the public presentation of the first 3 phases to be in September, not July or August. HPC will place article on project in Summer "Gander." Project will finish late in 2009 including Comp. Plan revision.
 - d. Chair Lang gave each member the Historic Resources spreadsheet printed on 2 11x17" pages. We reviewed Dorchester's format and column codes.
 - e. Decision on Classification of the Resources – The Commission discussed a draft of four classes. This will be used in County GIS mapping of historic resources. Class I is on National Register or determined eligible. Class is considered by Thornbury to be of state or Federal significance. The HPC agreed Class IV is over 50 yrs old but has a minimum of significance. Final decision was deferred to Feb. meeting.
 - f. The Commission reviewed a list of proposed Class I or II sites. We selected 15 sites to give to Jane Dorchester to do Property Researches, excluding ones all ready done or to be done by Thornbury, as part of the Project.

4. Cheyney Farmstead: Chris Lang informed HPC about recent work being done by Orleans on the Cheyney house. The Board has had issues with Orleans making an agreement on preparation of the property prior to turnover to the Township. Lang briefed HPC on info from T. Manager.

5. Cheyney Marker: Molly Morrison described the design and text of the proposed Squire Cheyney marker. The Commission voted unanimously to finalize and make the sign, subject to final text approval by Richard Webster. The sign is expected to cost about \$1400. HPC recommends placement along Cheyney Rd.

6. Cheyney Farm Recommendation to Board: HPC decided to devote most of February meeting to making a specific recommendation to the Supervisors re future plans on the historic property.

Meeting was adjourned,
Respectfully, Chris Lang, Chair