

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP (CHESCO)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MEETING, Monday, June 2, 2009**

Members Present: Chris Lang - Chairman, Dr. Anne Dzamba, Don Macpherson, Dr. Richard Webster, Molly Morrison, Tom Spackman

1. Minutes: May 4, 2009 meeting minutes approved unanimously with minor corrections.

2. Historic Resources Survey Project:

Activity for May summarized in Dorchester's month report. Activity limited due to her Cheyney National Register nomination work.

3. Cheyney Farmstead:

a. The Commission discussed the draft Action Plan for Private Ownership circulated by Chris Lang. The HPC will present to the Board of Supervisors the next night June 3, at the Board Work Session. The consensus of the Commission is that the best way to accomplish the objective of preserving the house and barn is to put conditions and restrictions on them and return them to private "vested" ownership.

We discussed the barn as the key issue that has to be addressed before any other action taken.

Tom Spackman advocated that an owner may want to use the barn and it should not be torn down without trying to find such a party that wanted to fix it up. The Commission felt that having a contractor proposal and price might help a prospect evaluate the barn. The Commission should define what the minimum preservation of the barn could be, even if just walls.

The HPC feels the Board needs to meet with Orleans as soon as possible to discuss, among other things subdivision of the 16.1 ac. Conservation Lot. The Commission is concerned that as houses are built in Orleans project, four underway now, the township has could have a liability for the barn and the barn would be at risk for burning, etc. There is a need to not delay action of the historic property.

4. Squire Cheyney Marker: Dick Webster said he was in contact with the marker maker and expected a pre-production proof soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Lang, Chair