

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOTES FOR COMMITTEE

1. Minutes were approved for the January 20, 2021 meeting

### 2. AQUA OPTIONS

Aqua has said that they cannot move the booster across the street. They proposed 2 options.

#### Option 1

- Things would remain basically the same.
- They would replace the existing pumps and they would be underground.
- The generator would stay where it is.
- The shrubbery would remain.
- Modified pull-up

#### Option 2

- Would be 18 inches above the ground and more changes would be made.
- The panels and generator would be moved.
- The trees would be taken down.
- Modified pull-up

Aqua obviously wants option 2 but the board is leaning towards option 1 with some suggestions. The generator should be painted a color that blends in with the landscape and the fence should be taken down. Trees should be added such as upright evergreens and holly trees. Randall Spackman suggested others and will provide a list to Judy Lizza.

If things need to be replaced in the future, Aqua would need to have further discussion with the THC and approval by the supervisors.

3/4. Proposed newsletter: The newsletter discussion ended up merged into agenda item 4, "review events". The members agreed that there was no need for a printed newsletter, rather emails to residents when there was an interesting/appropriate event or news items related to historic preservation. There was a discussion about holding another zoom meeting with topics to be determined; one suggestion was a virtual house tour featuring interested residents and their houses. The end of September seems to be a reasonable time for such a meeting. Judy Lizza agreed to send out updates when/if the board members sent her relevant events. It was agreed this would not be a scheduled occurrence, but only done when/as appropriate. The members agreed to think about ways to have a more regular schedule to promote the HPC, the farm and historic events, and to consider ways to expand the HPC section of the website to be more informative and engaging;

5/6. Michele Thackrah suggested adding an historic map of the township to the Thornbury website, and this led to a discussion of maps in general, genealogy, and the need to find ways to reproduce old maps so they could be readily accessible/legible. If Chadds Ford Historic Society's scanner is not sufficient, then the room-size scanner at the Philadelphia Athenaeum can be used for a fee. Randall Spackman noted there will be several upcoming events/reenactments members should be aware of: April 17 a small fundraiser featuring the Sea Dogs at Thornbury Farm and a "School the Soldiers," practice skirmish on April 18 with musket fire, etc. to ensure they are ready for future reenactments which are

planned for September 10: Occupation of Kennett Square, and September 11, Battle of Chadds Ford. Randall Spackman updated the members on the ongoing efforts at Thornbury Farm to trace the former owners, catalog archeological finds, and recruit interns to work on projects. His end goal is a full-fledged colonial education program housed at the Farm. He ended his comments with an apt quote, "The first duty of a historian is to be on guard against their own sympathies."

6. The next THC meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 7:00 p.m.