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Dear Clerk Quast,

The YHPC provides the following comments regarding your June 14, 2024 Referral for the proposed Toll Brothers Development:

- 1) Protect the Structure's Historical Significance:** The structure is indisputably historic and protection should be considered at the local, state and federal levels.
- 2) Do Not Rezone Prematurely:** As the current proposal is to rezone the entire parcel, including the Field Home and the surrounding area to RSP-2 (Senior Citizens District, restricted to 55 and older), YHPC recommends that the Town Board hold off on any rezoning of the entire parcel until the Board knows how the Field Home will be used. Considering the adaptive reuse options that have been proposed, and that we do not know its ultimate use, rezoning it to RSP-2 makes no sense at this time.
- 3) Avoid Town Ownership:** Do not agree to the structure being owned and managed by the Town; the Bernstein House and the Yorktown Railroad Station are examples of "Town-owned" historic properties where town stewardship was / is neglected.
- 4) Form Stakeholder Working Group to Explore Future Options:** To this end, unlike what took place for the Underhill Farm historic property, the YHPC recommends that a stakeholder working group be formed to explore options and a master plan for the structure's protection and future use; suggested working group subject matter experts should include but not limited to real estate analysis, arts & culture, restoration architecture, adaptive reuse, housing, historic preservation, heritage tourism, and economic development and sustainability.
- 5) Integrated Plan Essential:** Most importantly, do not move forward without a plan for the structure's future, including: ownership, zoning, historic preservation protection, adaptive reuse decision, funding, master plan, schedule, identified management, accountability and enforcement provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

YHPC

On Friday, June 14, 2024 at 03:41:00 PM EDT, Maura Weissleder <mauraw@yorktownny.org> wrote:

This is an updated referral for the above-referenced project that was original email to you in November 2022. We respectfully request that you review the updated information and return any comments/suggestions to the Town Clerk (dquast@yorktownny.org) no later than June 28, 2024. Below is a link to the updated information:

 [Fieldhome Subm 5-24-2](#)

Thank you for your review.

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