

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Linda Bremer
Jane Davis (excused)
Linda Dickinson (excused)
David Engebretson (excused)
Peggy Joline (excused)
Ann Rippa (excused)

1. Chairperson Burry called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, stating "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a news release to the Asbury Park Press on January 12, 2007, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on February 6, 2007 at 5:30 PM, at Town Hall. The notice requirements have been posted on the Township bulletin board and a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk."
2. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mr. Cerullo, the minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mr. Cerullo, Mrs. Burry was reelected Chair, Mr. Kilbride was reelected Vice-Chair, and Ms. Terry was reappointed secretary. Mrs. Burry welcomed Committeeman James Schatzle as Township Committee Liaison Member of the Committee.

Mrs. Burry announced that the Committee has qualified for an historic preservation grant of almost \$2,000.00 from the Monmouth County Historical Commission for repair of siding on the Montrose School. The Committee has approximately \$13,000.00 in a trust fund, including \$8,000.00 from a site specific grant, and \$1,000.00 donated by Mrs. Whitney on behalf of the Colts Neck Historical Society. Consequently, both exterior and interior renovations can be made at this time. The slate boards are awaiting installation. The fence has been painted. When

the front door and molding were replaced, termites were discovered and had to be treated.
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Mrs. Burry reported that the Township budget has been sent to the printer. There will be funds available for two or three additional historic site markers, and a locking filing cabinet.

Ms. Rippa has volunteered to coordinate the Spring Reception on Sunday, March 25, from 2:00 to 4:30. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Mitchell offered to assist. The location is to be determined.

Mrs. Burry has contacted the superintendent of schools about the Committee's annual historic re-enactor. The superintendent will set a date upon consulting with the principal and the history teacher of the Cedar Drive School. Mrs. Reilly reported that Dean Bennett will portray Benjamin Franklin. He portrayed Franklin at the Millennium Celebration in 2000 at the courthouse. This will be his first appearance at the school.

Mrs. Burry designed a tour depicting the history of Colts Neck for a Girl Scout troop. The tour features the Montrose School.

4. Mrs. Burry reported that the 2006 Williamsburg Christmas had the largest attendance to date. She thanked Mrs. Mitchell for providing the beverage.
5. Mrs. Burry requested that Committee members begin looking for houses to show at the Annual House Tour. She hopes that the DeSayses will be able to show their home this year.
6. On a motion by Mrs. Whitney and seconded by Mrs. Trost, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary