

# **COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL**

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
David Engebretson  
Jennifer Engel  
Mary Fournier  
Harold Kilbride  
Lucy Knipfing  
Patricia Mitchell  
Toni Morello  
Maggie Osmulski  
Ann Rippa  
Cathi Trost

**Absent:**

Vincent Cerullo (excused)  
Jane Davis (excused)  
Betty Reilly (excused)  
Louise Whitney (excused)

1. Mrs. 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 4, 2009, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on February 3, 2009 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.” Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. Mrs. Burry announced the resignation of Mrs. Dickinson-Pancila, who worked on several committees and whose home is a landmark. Mrs. Burry introduced Mrs. Osmulski, who will be sworn in the next Township Committee meeting, and Mr. Eastman, the new Township Committee Liaison, whose home is a replica of Monticello.

Mrs. Burry requested nominations for Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Mrs. Trost offered for nomination Mrs. Burry for Chair, seconded by Mrs. Morello. Nominations were closed and Mrs. Burry was elected without dissent. Mrs. Trost offered for nomination Mr. Kilbride for Vice-Chair, seconded by Mrs. Engel. Nominations were closed and Mr. Kilbride was elected without dissent. Mrs. Knipfing offered for nomination Ms. Terry as secretary, seconded by Mrs.

3. Mrs. Burry read a thank-you note from Mrs. Trost for the Danbury box and flowers sent to her during her convalescence. She reported that Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Fournier and Ms. Rippa have been reappointed to the Committee. She further reported that the Sgrois have accepted placement of a roadside marker at their home, Wide Horizons. The money was earmarked from the 2008 budget.

The second half of the grant monies for the Montrose School were received from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. This year's grant awards will be made at the Hall of Records in Freehold on Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Burry presented the grant check to Mr. Eastman, explaining that the monies should be deposited into the Committee's trust fund. She enumerated the improvements that have been made by the Committee, on behalf of the Township, since the school was acquired from the Historical Association. The next item will be installation of a dehumidifier. Mr. Engebretson wondered what had happened to the extra slates that were not installed at the school. Mrs. Burry will call the contractor. Mr. Kilbride and Mrs. Osmulski agreed to serve on the school subcommittee with Mrs. Burry, and Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Trost volunteered as well. Mrs. Burry initiated discussion of Committee programs for 2009.

The Spring Reception will be held on March 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. Ms. Rippa agreed to chair the event. Mrs. Osmulski and Mrs. Mitchell offered to assist. Mr. Cerullo will be asked to donate his home for the event. Homeowners who have shown their homes on previous House Tours will be invited, as well as those who might agree to do so in the future. All Committee members are expected to bring refreshments.

Mrs. Burry and Mrs. Reilly will chair the subcommittee that arranges an historic re-enactor for Cedar Drive Middle School. They will allow the school to select the character.

Mr. Engebretson, Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Trost agreed to be present at the Committee display at Archives Day in October. Mrs. Burry will arrange a special tour of the County Archives for Committee members. Mr. Engebretson described his use of county and state archives in tracing the history of a headstone that temporarily came into his possession.

Mrs. Engel will chair the House Tour, with subcommittee members Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Morello. Mr. Eastman will determine the date of the craft fair, as having the Tour the same day was beneficial last year. Profit from the tour in 2008 was \$4,567.55.

Mrs. Knipfing will chair the Williamsburg Christmas. Mrs. Mitchell offered to assist, providing hot cider and/or hot chocolate. This non-profit event is held in the spirit of the season. The choirs are so popular that there is not enough seating for everyone, but the quality of the experience might suffer in another venue. A sign announcing "Concert in Progress" might allow the door to be left open for standees in the foyer to listen. The date should be coordinated with the Friends of the Library, but not held the same date as the brass band and Santa Claus.

4. Mrs. Knipfing reported that expenses incurred for the Williamsburg Christmas event totaled \$431.45. Donations from Folio Art (\$100.00) and Mulberry Market (\$161.50) plus sales of

Christmas mugs with candy canes and cocoa (\$106.95) brought net expenses to \$63.00.

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5. The Historic Colts Neck brochure needs to be reprinted. The original has not been located. Mrs. Knipfing and Mrs. Mitchell will look for a printer who can work from a copy. Mr. Engebretson will look into whether the County Vo-Tech School could do the printing.
6. Mr. Engebretson initiated discussion regarding a possible Township historic museum. The Grange, itself an historic building and highly reminiscent of earlier times when the Township was chiefly agrarian, could be an excellent site. Mrs. Burry and Mr. Eastman will approach Committeeman Engel and Recreation Commissioner Hennessy. Mrs. Burry further suggested that the Grange would be a good candidate for an historic roadside marker.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Engel and seconded by Mrs. Trost, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary