

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

March 2, 2004  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Nancy L. Boylan  
Vincent Cerullo  
Jane Davis  
David Engebretson  
Harold Kilbride  
Meredith Janssen  
Peggy Joline  
Carol McCoy  
Patricia Mitchell  
Ann Rippa  
Cathi Trost  
Louise Whitney

**Absent:**

Betty Reilly  
Julie McGowan

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 February 3, 2003, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on March 4, 2004 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. The minutes of February 3 contained three errors. The bid from CSS is \$372.00 instead of \$585.00. Mrs. Janssen is unavailable on the second, not the first weekend, of October. The word "lot" is misspelled in item #7. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. McGowan, the minutes of the February 3, 2004 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that the Historical Preservation Committee's 2004 budget of \$4,000.00 plus salaries was fully approved by the Township Committee. An additional "Welcome to Colts Neck" sign was approved for Five Point Road. The sign will be expensed to the capital budget.

The visit of Abraham Lincoln (by interpreter Christian Johnson) to Cedar Drive School on February 11 was a resounding success. Mrs. Burry saved articles from the Asbury Park Press and Colts Neck Journal for the Committee press clippings book.

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Mrs. Burry announced that the Committee received the grant for the Montrose School from the Monmouth County Historical Committee. The school subcommittee (Mrs. Burry Mr. Engebretson, Mr. Kilbride, Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Whitney) will decide to which project these funds will be dedicated. She remarked that the flagpole is being replaced because that is actually less expensive than re-painting it. A light is being installed so that the flag may be flown 24 hours a day.

Mr. Engebretson reported that he called Mr. Bowden regarding the bids for the alarm system. The bids were for a complete security system, and he met with both companies to ensure they both knew the full details of what they were bidding on. The package includes 110 Db horns with strobe lights, for both the interior and the exterior. It is a redundant system, requiring two phone lines installed prior to installation of the security system. Mr. Cerullo wondered if the Township code allows for the horns. Mr. Engebretson will ask Mr. Bowden, and coordinate all security details with him.

Mrs. Burry announced that the date for the house tour has been set for October 2, so as not to conflict with the Yom Kippur holiday the previous weekend.

4. Mrs. Trost reported that the signs for the Huddy homestead, Montrose School and Phalanx were ordered on December 8, but a correction to be made may have caused a slight delay. She was told the signs would take 4 to 6 weeks to manufacture. She will call to see if they are completed and ready for Mr. Burry, Mr. Cerullo and Mr. Kilbride to pick up.
5. Mrs. Joline reported that Mrs. McGowan sent the invitations for the reception at Mr. Kilbride's home. Mrs. Boylan and Mrs. Joline devised the menu. Mr. Burry will shop for the wine. Mrs. Janssen will be at Mr. Kilbride's home to set up at 1:00 PM on the day of the reception. Mrs. Boylan will obtain flowers from the market. Mr. Cerullo will bring wine glasses. Mrs. Burry requested that Laura Kolnoski and Virginia Amend be invited.
6. Mrs. Joline asked Mrs. Burry if it would be possible to complete the list of houses for this year's House Tour by mid-April. Since she will be away for the entire month of May and Mrs. McGowan will also be away some time during the spring, this would enable Mrs. McGowan to take photographs of the houses and work with Mrs. Davis to produce the tickets early.

Mrs. Burry responded that it would be too short a deadline. Mrs. Joline suggested that a "save the date" postcard could be sent in May to all historical preservation committees in the county, thereby postponing the need to have tickets printed so early. Mrs. Burry added that the major publicity should then be done starting on Labor Day, and include press releases, news articles and posters in local establishments.

7. Mr. Cerullo reported that he is looking for fifers in a town of few fifers and many drummers. He remarked that the last fife and drum corps in the Township was a reenactment group, and as such was required to bivouac. Because bivouac was unappealing to some members, the new group he is forming will not bivouac. He is trying to get Cal Thayer involved as drillmaster, and hopes to get the Marine Corps as sponsor. Mrs. Burry suggested that he contact Lynn Lewis, who is active in the music ministry of the Reformed Church, and also gives music lessons and plays in the Community Band.

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8. Mrs. Boylan presented a letter from Maggie Tripold of the Colts Neck Reformed Church, thanking the Committee for its donation given to the Jubilation Choir and Bell Ringers who performed at the Williamsburg Christmas celebration. Mrs. Burry reminded Mrs. Boylan to invite Mrs. Tripold and the choirs for December 5, 2004. Mrs. Boylan reported that \$136.00 of Mulberry Market items were sold, and \$75.00 of that returned to the Committee. The \$150.00 cost of the musicians was split with the Friends of the Library, who included mention of the Williamsburg Christmas celebration in their publicity. Mrs. Boylan suggested the Committee might wish to have cookies and beverage for guests this year.
9. Mrs. Burry reported that Mrs. Joline has done substantial research toward the history book. She asked Mr. Kilbride to seek old photographs from Lairds. She stated that Mr. Severini is married into the Dorn family, which has a basement full of old photos, and that should help pull the book together. He will also edit our literary work. Mrs. Burry has an old photograph of the Village, which she had lent out and will seek to retrieve for use in the book. She stated that there is money in the budget for publishing the book, and that reserve funds can be tapped because they would be replaced from proceeds of sales of the book.
10. Mrs. Burry confirmed that it is permissible to sign the contract with CSS for a security system. Mr. Engebretson should check with Mr. Bowden.
11. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. McGowan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary

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