

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 7, 2006  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Vincent Cerullo  
Jane Davis  
Linda Dickinson  
Mary Fournier  
Meredith Janssen  
Patricia Mitchell  
Ann Rippa  
Cathi Trost  
Louise Whitney

**Absent:**

David Engebretson (excused)  
Peggy Joline (excused)  
Harold Kilbride (excused)  
Betty Reilly  
Patrick Ambrosio (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 17, 2006, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on March 7, 2006 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 Mrs. Dickinson, the minutes of the February 7, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that Laura Kolnoski is working on the Colts Neck history book. Mrs. Trost will write a section for the book from her interview with Duncan Thecker. Mrs. Kolnoski is doing further research and would appreciate input from other Committee members.

Mrs. Burry brought the Muriel Rogers painting of the Flock Farm, which will be presented at the Township Committee meeting of March 8. The Flock family has been invited. Mrs. Rogers will attend the presentation. Mrs. Janssen's sketches of the House Tour homes will also be presented. The home owners have been invited to attend.

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4. Mrs. Burry announced that the Abigail Adams reenactor will appear at the Cedar Drive School on April 4. Committee members should be present at the school by 12:30 PM. Ms. Terry provided Mrs. Burry with a tape of a PBS show about Mrs. Adams.
5. Mrs. Burry reviewed the list of invitees to the March 19 reception and asked Committee members to follow up with phone calls to those who have not yet responded. Ms. Rippa reported that she visited Linda Bremer to determine the layout of the home. She also requested additional donations of desserts. Mrs. Burry will send flowers to Mrs. Bremer.
6. Mr. Cerullo reported that Jesse Thompson, president of Jersey Central Septic, has volunteered a tank to fit inside of the outhouse that was rescued from Holly Bush Farm, so that lavatory facilities can be provided at the Montrose School. It will need a concrete base and the inside needs power-washing. The inside of the outhouse has exposed 4x4's, and the outside has shakes. It has been painted, and the paint should be scraped off. Mrs. Burry requested that Mr. Thompson be invited to the March 19 reception. She reported that letters have been sent to some school administrators asking whether they have old slate boards, but no responses have been received so far. Mrs. Davis stated that she and Mr. Engebretson will meet with Nancy Plumfield at the school.
7. Mrs. Trost reported that the three roadside signs for Lairds, the Probasco-Dittmar Farmstead, and Colts Neck Village, are expected by the end of April. The cost is \$4,461.00. The price includes poles and delivery.
8. Mrs. Dickinson announced that she is updating the list of historic homes in the Township with the current owners. She intends to meet with Mr. Kilbride and determine how the houses were dated, so that a permanent record can be made of this important information.

On a motion by Mrs. Janssen and seconded by Mrs. Whitney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary