

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Linda Bremer
Vincent Cerullo
Linda Dickinson-Pancila
David Engebretson
Harold Kilbride
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent: Jane Davis
Mary Fournier (excused)
Peggy Joline (excused)
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly

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 March 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. Whitney and seconded by Mr. Cerullo, the minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry attended the 18th Annual Monmouth County Historical Commission Awards Presentation with Ms. Terry on February 26. The Committee received an historic preservation matching grant of almost \$2,000.00 for repair of siding, windows and shutters on the Montrose School. Mrs. Burry received a letter of thanks from Chairperson Brooks Von Arx, for her presence at the awards presentation. Mrs. Burry remarked that all the grantees had important historic sites with interesting stories. She has been invited by the chairperson of the Freehold Township Historic Commission to tour the Freehold Township one-room schoolhouses on Wemrock Road and Georgia Road.

Mrs. Burry announced that the County Historical Commission is seeking nominations for the 2007 Monmouth County Preservation Awards. Anyone, including a property owner, may nominate a structure that has historic value and has undergone preservation work that was substantially completed in 2006. Mrs. Dickinson-Pancila won a Commission award for restoration of the roof and cupola of her home. Mrs. Burry suggested that she apply this year for restoration of the porch, and suggested Mr. Cerullo also apply. Mrs. Burry will assist them with the application process.

Mrs. Burry announced that a slightly modified budget was passed by the Township Committee. She pointed out that this Committee is unique in having both an annual budget, for general operating expenses, and a trust fund (the money is not raised from tax dollars for the latter). The trust fund is not intended for general operating expenses, and some of the money is from grants for specific purposes, such as the Montrose School. She also noted that the Welcome signs need refurbishing. The sign on County Route 537 eastbound has been removed for repairs.

Mrs. Burry announced that Dean Bennett will portray Benjamin Franklin at the Cedar School on Wednesday, March 21 at noon. Committee members are invited and should arrive by 11:45 a.m. One-half of the fee will be remitted with the contract. Mrs. Burry requested Mr. Schatzle have Mr. Bowden remit the contract and fee.

Mrs. Burry announced that a Girl Scout troop will visit the Montrose School on April 11 at 3 p.m. Mr. Kilbride agreed to be present to admit them. Mr. Engebretson remarked that there are ten slate boards at the school, and new bids should be sought for installing them. The 2005 bid for two boards was \$675.00. Mrs. Burry suggested that the installation could be a 2007 grant proposal. The walls need to be painted first. She will alert Tony Senk to include an invitation for bids in the article about the Girl Scout visitors.

4. Mrs. Burry announced that the Spring Reception would be held at Mrs. Bremer's home on Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. She and Ms. Rippa reviewed the guest list and about 50 invitations will be sent by the end of the week, including the Township Committee members and spouses, Tony Senk of the Colts Neck Journal, Virginia Amend of the Colts Neck Calendar, and a representative of the Asbury Park Press. Ms. Rippa had Committee members sign up to bring finger foods. Mr. Burry will request John Giunco provide wine as he did last year. Mrs. Bremer will order flowers.
5. Mr. Schatzle announced that the Township Committee had voted that the Committee Liaison member is not a voting member, and therefore an opening exists for this Committee. Mrs. Burry noted that Jennifer Engle expressed interest in this Committee. Mr. Schatzle will invite her to join, and if she agrees, put her name in nomination to the Township Committee.
6. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mr. Cerullo, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary