

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Linda Bremer  
Vincent Cerullo  
Jane Davis  
Mary Fournier  
Peggy Joline  
Harold Kilbride  
Patricia Mitchell  
Ann Rippa  
Louise Whitney

**Absent:**

James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison (excused)  
Linda Dickinson-Pancila  
David Engebretson (excused)  
Betty Reilly (excused)  
Cathi Trost (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 April 10, 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. Mrs. Burry welcomed Jennifer Engle as a new member, and wished her good fortune on the birth of her daughter, expected this week.
3. On a motion by Mr. Cerullo and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.
4. Mrs. Burry remarked on the resounding success of the spring reception held at Mrs. Bremer’s home, and thanked Mrs. Bremer as hostess, Ms. Rippa as chairperson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Trost for their assistance, and all who contributed. Mr. Burry obtained the wine. Mrs. Burry stated that this event helps to develop a sense of connection with the community. John Blackburn sent her a cordial letter of congratulations for her many years of service to the community, and thanks for welcoming the Blackburns to the event. Ms. Rippa announced that 60 invitations were sent, and approximately 40 people attended. She suggested in future that all Committee members be required to participate so that the burden is shared equally, but Mrs. Burry disagreed because there are funds in the committee budget for this event.

Mrs. Burry announced that the Welcome to Colts Neck sign on Route 537 has been repaired and hung back up.

Mrs. Burry announced the very successful performance by Dean Bennett who portrayed Benjamin Franklin at the Cedar School on March 21. Both the school officials and the youngsters in the audience were very happy to have him.

Mrs. Burry announced that the visit by a Girl Scout troop to the Montrose School has been changed to Wednesday, May 9 at 3 p.m. Mr. Kilbride will serve as official greeter for the Committee. The Scouts will also visit Laird's Distillery, the old St. Mary's Church and other sites in the Township. She gave them the historic sites brochure.

5. Mrs. Burry announced that funds have been received from the Monmouth County Historical Commission for repair of siding and shutters on the Montrose School. This is a matching grant. Mr. Engebretson obtained slate boards, gratis, from a school district, and they need to be mounted and hung. The interior walls will be painted prior to hanging the boards. Bids will be sought from the Tewksbury Construction Company, which is the contractor that is restoring the Colts Neck Reformed Church. The owner, John H. Rivell, lives in Colts Neck.
6. Mrs. Burry led a discussion of the 2007 House Tour. It will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Mrs. Bremer and Mrs. Mitchell agreed to be co-chairs. Mrs. Joline will coordinate the luncheon. Mrs. Davis will produce the tickets. Mrs. Fournier offered to serve on the tour committee. The DeSays, who withdrew from the tour last year, have agreed to participate this year. Mrs. Burry suggested the Montrose School be prepared to be part of the tour this year. Mr. Kilbride and Mrs. Mitchell agreed to solicit other locations.
7. Mrs. Burry announced that the Colts Neck Reformed Church has donated two copies of "Celebrating the Journey. 150 Years of Ministry of Colts Neck Reformed Church" to the Committee. She requested that Ms. Terry assemble additional artifacts and photographs, and design a display for the display case at the office of the County Clerk.
8. On a motion by Mrs. Whitney and seconded by Mrs. Burry, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary