

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2004
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
David Engebretson
Meredith Janssen
Carol McCoy
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa

Absent:

Nancy L. Boylan
Peggy Joline (excused)
Harold Kilbride (excused)
Julie McGowan
Louise Whitney (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 February 3, 2003, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on May 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. Mrs. Janssen observed that a correction is required in paragraph 5 of the minutes of April 6, 2004, omitting "1" from July. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Janssen, the minutes of the April 6, 2004 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Mrs. Burry presented a letter from Gregg Hauser, Superintendent of Schools, in which he conveyed his thanks for the support of the Township schools by this Committee, and accompanied by a copy of the school newsletter with an article about the visit by "Abraham Lincoln" in February.

Mrs. Burry reported that this Committee's display at the Meet the Mayor reception was "best in show." It inspired many inquiries regarding the Committee. She expressed her thanks to Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Trost.

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Mrs. Burry reported that she met at the Montrose school with Mr. Engebretson, Mr. Kilbride and Mrs. McGowan, thinking that restoration might start with the shutters or the roof. Eddie Thompson was there, and looking carefully at the structure, announced that the foundation is in poor condition. He has gone out for bids for repairs to the foundation, and so far has received one for \$16,000 that would include installation of concrete piers 24" to 36" deep. Additional bids will be sought. Meanwhile, additional money needs to be allocated from the dedicated tax. Already \$20,000 has been spent, including fencing, flagpole and electric. Mr. Engebretson suggested that before the foundation repair begins, the floor might be pulled up to check the beams for infestation and determine the integrity of the flooring.

Mrs. Burry announced that a third home has been secured for the Annual House Tour. The Sheehy home, "Valhalla," on Conover Road and Crine Road will join the tour, along with Vince Cerullo's and Linda Dickinson's homes.

4. Mrs. Burry announced that the historic markers should be installed within the next two weeks. Another "Welcome to Colts Neck" sign has been ordered, and will be installed on Five Point Road, near Primrose.
5. Mrs. Burry reported that Mrs. Joline has the names for mailing the save-the-date postcards for the Annual House Tour. Mrs. Janssen agreed to design a poster if Mrs. McGowan is unable to complete one before July.
6. Mrs. Reilly stated that it is not too early to consider inviting another historic personality for a presentation at the school next year. Since the weather was rather poor for the first visit by the Ben Franklin re-enactor, many people may have missed his performance. She will call to find out when he might be available, and the cost for his appearance.
7. Ms. Terry presented a response from Harold Nolan to a memorandum requesting publicity in the Recreation Department calendar for the Annual House Tour and the Williamsburg Christmas. Mr. Nolan requested that the program be held from 12-3, so as to not interfere with the Recreation Department music program. A response will be sent to him agreeing to that schedule.
8. Mrs. Burry reported that information is still being gathered for the history book. She believes a professional should compile and edit it.
9. Mrs. Burry stated that she would like efforts to achieve commission status be made this year. Randy Gabrielen will be contacted for advice on having a master plan element written.
10. Mr. Engebretson remarked that he had met a couple who are in their 90s. She is originally from Scobeyville. He suggested that they be interviewed. He agreed to meet with and interview them.
11. On a motion by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Ms. Rippa, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2004, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary
(REVISED MINUTES)