

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Linda Bremer
Jane Davis
David Engebretson
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Vincent Cerullo
Linda Dickinson-Pancila
Jennifer Engel (excused)
Peggy Joline (excused)
Patricia Mitchell

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 May 1, 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 congratulated Jennifer & Jarrett Engel on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte. She sent flowers on behalf of the Committee.
3. On a motion by Mrs. Whitney and seconded by Mr. Kilbride, the minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.
4. Mrs. Burry confirmed that a Girl Scout troop will visit the Montrose School on Wednesday, May 9, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Burry and Mr. Kilbride also will be at the school.

Mr. Engebretson reported that he had met with architect Michael Califani, who inspected the loft and declared that because there is no insulation present there, the loft has not been altered since the school was built. Mr. Califano said the clapboards have knots, so are probably not original. He stated that the replacement of the door and sill that was done by Paulson Brothers was satisfactory. He will write a letter with recommendations for repairs, and will recommend the school for the State and National Registers. Mrs. Burry noted that inclusion to these registers requires a great deal of research and money.

Mrs. Burry announced that she has appointed Mr. Kilbride and Mrs. Trost to work with her on a committee to plan two new historic markers. Suggestions for markers were the Colts Neck Inn, the Colts Neck Reformed Church, Bucks Mill and Heyers Mill. Colts Neck Inn was chosen as the oldest, and the Reformed Church in recognition of restoration work being done on the building this year, and their anniversary.

5. Mrs. Burry reported that the Committee will have a display of Colts Neck history in the large display case at the Office of the County Clerk. The case measures 51 inches high by 90 inches wide. Illustrative artifacts will accompany photographs of historic places in the Township. Mrs. Burry will ask Duncan Thecker to lend a bronze horse statue. Mr. Engebretson will lend a flour sack to go with a photograph of Bucks Mill. Mrs. Trost will look for a polo trophy. Mrs. Bremer will lend an ink well to be displayed with a photograph of the Montrose School.
6. Mrs. Bremer reported that she has devised a timeline for the House Tour. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Joline and Mrs. Mitchell will serve on the Committee. Mrs. Reilly will coordinate the luncheon at Huddy's, with the same menu as last year, at the price of \$15.00. Mrs. Bremer expressed concern with the diminishing number of visitors last year, and will emphasize publicity this year, asking radio and television to broadcast public interest stories, sending brochures to surrounding communities, and putting up large road signs with large letters, 30 days in advance. An article for each site will be published. An article about the Montrose School will be published next week. She expressed the importance of all members taking responsibility for selling at least five tickets each.
7. Mr. Schatzle announced that the Township Committee plans to repaint the main meeting room in Township Hall and wants the input of this Committee for the plans. Ms. Rippa will furnish the name of someone who does historic carpet reproductions. Mrs. Burry urged that the paint colors remain the same, because they are historically accurate as well as attractive. Mr. Schatzle remarked that the Township Committee is looking for a portrait of Abraham Lincoln.
8. Mrs. Reilly suggested that a greeting card be sent from the Committee to Governor Corzine, who was released from the hospital yesterday, 18 days after a serious auto accident.
9. On a motion by Mrs. Fournier and seconded by Mrs. Bremer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary