

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, May 13, 2008  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Jane Davis  
Linda Dickinson-Pancila  
Jennifer Engel  
Mary Fournier  
Harold Kilbride  
Lucy Knipfing  
Patricia Mitchell  
Toni Morello  
Betty Reilly  
Ann Rippa  
Cathi Trost  
Louise Whitney

**Absent:**

Vincent Cerullo  
David Engebretson (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 May 1, 2008, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on May 13, 2008 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." Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Dickinson, the minutes of the April 1, 2008 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry expressed her gratitude for the generous expressions of concern offered to her after the injuries she sustained in a fall. Although the injuries kept her from attending the spring reception, she declared it had been an outstanding success and thanked the committee, and Peg Joline, who pitched in to assist them, and the Giunco family, who provided the wine.

Mrs. Burry announced that a mural of Emanuel Leutze's painting of Washington rallying the troops (at the Battle of Monmouth) was installed at the County Clerk's Office as part of the celebration of the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Monmouth County. The painting is owned by the Von Steuben Society. A smaller version hangs in the County Historical Society headquarters.

Mrs. Burry reported that Steven Edenbo, the Thomas Jefferson interpreter from the American Historic Theatre in Philadelphia, visited the Cedar Drive School and spoke to the sixth grade students. Muriel Smith wrote an article about the performance for the Two River Times.

Mrs. Burry announced that a book entitled *A Horse and Buggy Boyhood* is being offered for sale by the Battlefield Historical Society. The author, Dr. Carl Woodward, formerly of Rutgers University, grew up in Monmouth County at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Mrs. Burry introduced Vincent Domidion, who demonstrated the products of a mapping project he has developed in conjunction with the Monmouth County GIS staff. Mr. Domidion uses combinations of different map overlays to illustrate relationships of data in time and space. For example, he combined historic maps with topographic maps and with maps of soils types. The results help explain the early development of the Township. The earliest settlement was resource-based. That is, farms tend to be located on fertile soils, but 18<sup>th</sup> century village settlements are located upon ridge lines and 19<sup>th</sup> century village settlements on sandy soils. Mr. Domidion plans to expand upon this work.

Mrs. Burry mentioned an NJN program, "Our Vanishing Past," which showed many historic buildings in disarray. The Committee will purchase two copies. Mrs. Burry announced that the New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference will be held at Rutgers on June 4.

4. Mrs. Dickinson reported that about 40 people attended the spring reception. Ninety-four invitations were sent, with 31 acceptances received. She and Mrs. Mitchell led a discussion regarding invitations and responses. It was decided that a save-a-date card should be sent early in the year. Mrs. Burry urged that all invitations be followed up by phone. Mrs. Dickinson remarked that the Millers, who hosted the reception, were very hospitable and gracious, despite a flooded basement and temporary loss of electricity. Expenses for flowers, paper goods and miscellaneous food totaled \$166.45. Mrs. Dickinson and Mr. & Mrs. Fournier completed the enormous task of updating a master list of invitees.
5. The House Tour committee met at Mrs. Morello's home to plan strategy. Three historic homes have been secured, including Swan Song Farm and Long Lane Farm, and Mrs. Burry will work on arranging for a newer but heritage-quality house. The tour price will remain at \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for seniors. Mrs. Reilly agreed that the price of luncheon at Huddy's would remain at \$15.00. A larger number of tickets will be printed, as they sold out early last year. A save-a-date card will be sent in July. Mrs. Burry will have the event placed on the County web site calendar. Mrs. Burry will be hostess for Long Lane Farm, and Mrs. Mitchell offered to be hostess for Swan Song Farm. Mrs. Morello suggested that the high school Key Club be enlisted to assist with parking. David Barclay will be asked to donate pumpkins.
6. Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Dickinson and Frank Baron, contractor, met at Montrose School to review progress on restoration. The floor is finished. Mrs. Burry requested that Mr. Baron purchase and install a dehumidifier at his earliest convenience. She requested that he submit an estimate for repairs to the siding. She remarked that the date on the historic plaque is incorrect.
7. Discussion was held regarding the merits of participation in the Colts Neck Fair, especially in regard to publicity for the House Tour. This will be further discussed by the House Tour committee at their meeting next week.
8. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Whitney, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary