

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Linda Bremer
Linda Dickinson-Pancila
David Engebretson
Jennifer Engel
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent: James Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison (excused)
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis (excused)
Mary Fournier
Peggy Joline (excused)
Betty Reilly (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 August 7, 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." Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Whitney, the minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry read a letter that she wrote to Mr. Schatzle regarding painting and improvements to the Township Hall. A copy of the letter advising The Township Committee is made a part of these minutes.

Last week, Mrs. Burry and Ms. Terry installed a display of historic Colts Neck at the County Clerk's Office at the Hall of Records Outpost. The nine vignettes include a statuette of a polo pony, photos of Colts Neck polo, photos and a program from the Millennium Carriage Drive, and pictures of Montrose School, the Phalanx, the Reformed Church, Bucks Mill, the Colts Neck Inn and Lairds. Mrs. Burry lent a painting by Julie McGowan of the Colts Neck Inn, Mrs. Whitney lent a Laird's Applejack container in the form of a Revolutionary War soldier, and Mr. Engebretson lent some flour sacks for the Bucks Mill display. The polo pony statuette is on loan from Duncan

4. Mrs. Bremer reported that the House Tour will have six locations: the Montrose School, the DeSaye residence on Country Club Lane, "Point of View" (the Duncan Thecker barn), the Carey residence (formerly the Duncan Thecker residence) at 52 Hominy Hill Road, the Miller residence (formerly the Van Sickle residence) at 55 Mine Brook Road, and the former Gassert residence at 117 Muhlenbrink Road. Only the school and the Miller home have been shown on the House Tour before. Mrs. Bremer met some of the home owners by knocking on doors. Mr. Engebretson and Mrs. Whitney will serve cider and donuts at the Schoolhouse. The DeSaye home has a wood-burning pizza oven, and Mr. DeSaye will serve pizza. Mrs. Davis has completed the program. Tony Senk of the Colts Neck Journal has taken photos of all the sites and an article will appear in the September issue. Ads will also be placed in the Calendar, Living in Colts Neck, and the Asbury Park Press Calendar of Events. Mrs. Bremer will arrange notices on 101.7 and Channel 12. The road signs have been printed, and Mrs. Fournier will put them up early in September. Some will be put up in Holmdel and Freehold, in order to try to boost attendance. Hostess assignments will be announced later. All tickets must be signed out with either Mrs. Burry or Mrs. Bremer. Each ticket must be assigned to a specific person.
5. Mrs. Burry requested Mr. Engebretson and Mr. Kilbride contact Frank Baron and meet with him and Ms. Terry later in the week at the Montrose School to determine what work will be done there during 2007, using grant monies. Mrs. Burry instructed that the walls be painted first, so that the slate boards can then be installed. Mr. Engebretson stated that the alarm and electric panels can be moved farther up on the wall, in order to allow the slate boards to be installed across the entire front of the room. Mrs. Burry remarked that polyurethane on the floor would not be consistent with historic values. Mr. Kilbride suggested a light sanding followed by linseed oil cut with turpentine. Mrs. Dickinson-Pancila will coordinate landscaping with Eddie Brock. Mrs. Burry suggested that the Girl Scout troop that visited might be persuaded to take the weekly maintenance of the landscaping as a troop project.
6. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Dickinson-Pancila, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary