

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

September 7, 2004
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
David Engebretson
Meredith Janssen
Peggy Joline
Harold Kilbride
Carol McCoy
Julie McGowan
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Vincent Cerullo (excused)
Linda Dickinson (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 February 3, 2003, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on September 7, 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. The name David Barclay should be replaced with the name Carroll Barclay in the minutes of August 2, 2004. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mr. Kilbride, the minutes of the August 2, 2004 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Mrs. Burry announced that the Township Committee has signed a contract with Chris Dean for foundation repairs to the Montrose School, for approximately \$17,000.00. Mrs. Burry wondered whether the wooden fence around the schoolyard should be treated. Mrs. McGowan declared that stain would be good, but paint would require more maintenance. All present agreed that a grayish weathered-cedar-like stain would be appropriate. Mrs. Burry will confer with the Public Works Department regarding stain for the fence. Mr. Engebretson will inform the alarm system vendor that it must await foundation work before installation.

Mrs. Burry announced that an interim report on Montrose School repairs is due. The Committee was forced to deviate from the original plans, once informed that the condition of the foundation put the entire building in jeopardy.

Mrs. Burry reported that there will be a service of remembrance of the 9/11 attacks at the Fountain of Remembrance in front of Township Hall, at 1:45 PM on Sunday, September 12. Mrs. Janssen suggested something be done to get rid of the wasps there prior to the service. Mrs. Burry will speak to the Public Works Department about wasp removal. She stated that she had met someone who wrote a new song about the 9/11 attacks, and he has agreed to have it played at the service. Refreshments will follow at the courthouse. Mrs. Burry also stated that the Committee is now responsible for the fountain.

4. Mrs. Joline reported that Mrs. Janssen did an excellent job getting ready for the House Tour while Mrs. Joline was away. The only task left is selling tickets. Mrs. Burry asked that each Committee member take 5-7 tickets to sell, and keep track of the people to whom they are sold, plus the ticket numbers. When luncheon tickets are sold, the time for which each is sold should be circled on the ticket. Checks should be made payable to the Historical Preservation Committee. Mrs. Burry displayed the advertisement that was placed in the Rumson, Lincroft and Holmdel papers. Mrs. McCoy sent notices to the Two River Times and the News Transcript. Mrs. Burry will ask the Asbury Park Press reporter to write a special column for the Freehold Reporter section of the paper. Mrs. Burry will contact Channel 12. Mrs. Joline will order cider and donuts for 150 only, as there have always been much left over when more was ordered. She will also obtain cups and napkins. The refreshments will be served at the Axelrod house. Mrs. Joline read the volunteer assignments. Mrs. Burry will set up meetings with homeowners this week. Each hostess should be present at the meeting. There will be written descriptions of the homes at the front door of each one.
5. Mrs. Burry and Mrs. Reilly agreed that all that is left to do for the Benjamin Franklin re-enactment performance next year is to set a date. Mrs. Burry said the school principal asked the Committee to set a date. The date selected is February 17, or February 10 as second choice. Mrs. Reilly will ask the re-enactor, Mrs. Burry will then ask the principal, and finally Mrs. Reilly will confirm the date with the re-enactor.
6. Mrs. Trost remarked that interviews with some older citizens of the Township had been published in the Colts Neck Journal. She and Mr. Cerullo have not had an opportunity to meet with Duncan Thecker regarding the history book. Mr. Kilbride stated that the Laird family has agreed to help with the book.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. McGowan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary