

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
Linda Dickinson
Mary Fournier
Peggy Joline
Harold Kilbride
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Vincent Cerullo
David Engebretson
Meredith Janssen (excused)
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly (excused)
Ann Rippa (excused)
Patrick Ambrosio

1. Chairperson Burry called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 December 1, 2005, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on September 5, 2006 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. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. Trost, the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that a check in the amount of \$6,500.00 has been received from the Monmouth County Historic Commission, for deposit into the Trust Fund. A plaque dedicated to the late Jim Gary, sculptor of the Colts Neck 9/11 memorial, will be installed in the Garden of Remembrance in front of Township Hall at 6:45 PM on September 6. Tony Senk has written a three-page article about the upcoming House Tour and an article about the historic plaques for the Colts Neck Journal.

5. Mrs. Joline reported that a quarter-page ad for the House Tour, as well as Tony Senk's article, appeared in the Colts Neck Calendar. She requested Mrs. Burry contact the Freehold Reporter for an article. Luncheon plans are under way. Mrs. Davis completed the design of the program/ticket, and Mr. Ambrosio has had it, and the luncheon tickets, printed. The floral arrangements have been ordered and Mrs. Burry will assign them to each home. Hostess assignments were discussed. Mrs. Whitney will serve cider and doughnuts at Mrs. Janssen's home. The directional signs are being made. Mrs. Burry remarked that the DeSaye's wanted to drop out, but that she informed them that the programs had been printed. They feel their home is not complete, but she assured them that between the carriage house and the lower level with the wine cellar that there is a great deal of interest at their house even though some details may not be complete.

6. Mrs. Dickinson announced that her brother visited the Montrose School to assess the needs for restoration. His estimate for repairs will be forthcoming, and she will obtain a second estimate as well, in order to complete the application for a Monmouth County Historic Commission grant. He recommended that the walls be treated with a coat of plaster over screening, because it helps preserve the walls, which would require preparation prior to painting anyway. He also recommended that the floor be given a light sanding, followed by satin polyurethane, as he did to the floors in Mrs. Dickinson's home. The appearance of her floors is that of recently waxed and polished wood, yet the surface holds up much better to wear. He noted that panels had been added to the shutters in lieu of repairing the rotted spots. The shutters can be removed and repaired in a work shop. The window sashes do not need repointing. Her brother noticed some water damage on the ceiling. Mrs. Whitney affirmed that the roof has been repaired within the past ten years. It is an asphalt roof installed in such a manner as to appear to be a slate roof. Mrs. Burry remarked that she had seen the Howell one-room school house, and that its roof is wood shingle. She suggested that estimates for a new wood shingle roof be obtained. Mrs. Burry has sent letters of inquiry regarding old slate boards to school boards in New Brunswick and Ocean Township, but received negative responses. Mr. Engebretson has mentioned that he will forward names of administrators in Maplewood and Perth Amboy so that the quest for old slate boards can be continued. Mrs. Whitney remarked that she has a source for newly mined slate in Pennsylvania.

On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. Whitney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary