

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 3, 2006
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
Linda Dickinson
David Engebretson
Mary Fournier
Meredith Janssen
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Peggy Joline (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 October 3, 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 September 5, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that Monmouth County Archives Day will be held at the County Library in Manalapan on Saturday, October 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Mrs. Trost and Mrs. Whitney will oversee the Committee display, which will emphasize the inclusion of the Dittmar Farmstead onto the National Register, accompanied by a copy of a 1978 "Antiques" magazine featuring the Dittmar home. Mrs. Burry was instrumental in assisting the family with the application. Mrs. Burry was asked to attend by Claire French, County Clerk. Ellen Terry will also be in attendance.

Mrs. Burry announced that the DeSaye family decided, at the last possible moment, that their house was not ready to be shown on the house tour, and she was fortunate to be able to convince Paul Parmar to show his home at Colts Gait. The home is a classical mansion that was featured in the Fall 2006 issue of Colts Neck Living. The lower level is more modern and contains a billiard room, a bowling alley, and a hotel-sized indoor pool. The grounds are fantastic and include an infinity pool, six black and six white swans, and a beach with a slide that ends at multiple tiki bars.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Department of Public Works has hired a contractor to repair the door of the Montrose School. The Department will power-wash the fence. She has requested that they either repair or replace the gate. She offered the suggestion that the Committee look into obtaining the services of a restoration architect to guide decisions on restoration of the school. Mr. Engebretson announced that he located some slate boards at a school in Garfield, which is willing to donate them for the Montrose School. Due to their fragility, they must be transported in a special vehicle similar to a truck that is designed to transport large pieces of glass or mirrors. Mr. Cerullo offered to locate someone who could transport the slate boards.

5. Mrs. Burry reported that to date 91 house tour tickets and 46 luncheon tickets have been sold. Mrs. Janssen and Mrs. Joline will bring the mums to the houses on Friday. Four directional signs for each house will be put up on Friday. The cider and donuts will be picked up on Friday. She urged that there be two people at the entrance to each home, one person to greet visitors and one person to mark their ticket.

On a motion by Mr. Cerullo and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November *14*, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary