

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL**

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
Jennifer Engel
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Maggie Osmulski
Ann Rippa
Louise Whitney

Absent:

David Engebretson (excused)
Lucy Lennox
Toni Morello (excused)
Betty Reilly (excused)
Cathi Trost (excused)

1. Mrs. 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 4, 2009, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on October 6, 2009 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. Osmulski and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting were accepted as written and submitted.

3. Mrs. Burry announced that the Newcomers and Neighbors Club has generously donated \$250.00 to the Committee for historical preservation. A thank-you note will be sent to the Club. Mrs. Burry offered a suggestion, in lieu of the Township-sponsored annual holiday dinner-dance (which will not be held this year), that the Committee members, plus significant others, have an informal get-together in early December on a weekend evening or Sunday afternoon, possibly a dinner at a local restaurant, with a limited number of prix fixe selections and BYOB option. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Osmulski will investigate possibilities. Mrs. Burry suggested that Peggy Joline, Linda Bremer and Linda Dickinson-Pancila, who have all contributed greatly to recent house tours, be invited, as well as Township Committee members. The cost would be shared by all participants. Mrs. Burry led a discussion of a previous suggestion that inactive members become Members Emeritus, and possibly be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Having been a founding member would be the criterion for this status.

Mrs. Burry expressed kudos for the House Tour production, and thanked Mrs. Engel and all her committee members, noting that even the rain held off until late in the afternoon.

4. Mrs. Engel reported that the House Tour ran very smoothly, despite a shortage of volunteers. All homeowners were especially hospitable, and very generous with refreshments. Visitors were delighted with the lovely spread at Busacca's, and very impressed with the freshly baked bread straight from the brick oven at Sgroi's. Mrs. Burry remarked that Bramblewood was perfection. Mrs. Whitney almost ran out of donuts at the Montrose School. Luncheon at Huddy's was totally enjoyable for all the guests. Mrs. Engel promised a complete financial accounting for the November meeting. Meanwhile, Ms. Terry has submitted \$2,625.00 in receipts to John Antonides for deposit in the Historic Preservation Trust Fund and an additional \$100.00 in receipts arrived at this meeting. Of that amount, a voucher from Huddy's in the amount of \$675 for 45 luncheons has been submitted, leaving \$2,050.00 to cover remaining expenses. The cost of the programs was \$690.00. Mrs. Burry expressed dismay at the quality of the programs this year as compared to past years. She noted that Sue Fitzpatrick was distracted by print jobs for other local organizations and delivered the programs a week later than promised. Mrs. Burry also noted that the road signs were done very well, were readable from the road, and their placement was very helpful. A possible home for next year's tour is the Moorish villa on Heyers Mill Road.
5. Mr. Kilbride reported that the reconstruction of the Montrose School siding has been completed. The interior appears much larger with the shutters open. However, the shutters were installed with door hinges instead of shutter pins. Mrs. Burry asked that the hinges be changed to shutter pins. Shutter hooks will be necessary in order to keep the shutters open. A dehumidifier has been installed and is operating. Mr. Eastman remarked that he noticed two pipes coming out of the ground behind the schoolhouse, and wondered if oil tanks were present, and if so, whether they had been sand-filled. Mrs. Whitney responded that she had never ordered an oil delivery for the schoolhouse, nor had knowledge of their removal or alteration. Mr. Eastman will inquire with Buildings & Grounds regarding tanks. A final report is due to the County Historical Commission.
6. Monmouth County Archives & History Day will be held on Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 to 3:00 at the County Library on Symmes Road in Manalapan. Mr. Engebretson, Mr. Kilbride, Ms.

Lennox, Mrs. Osmulski, Mrs. Trost and Mrs. Whitney will attend for the Committee.
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7. Discussion regarding the Williamsburg Christmas was tabled to the November meeting. Mrs. Burry has a reservation for the event with the bell choir and the youth choir of the Reformed Church.
8. Mrs. Burry inquired of Mr. Eastman the amount in the budget for roadside historic markers. Mr. Eastman said none had been budgeted for this year. Mrs. Burry remarked that The Grange deserves a marker, as it is intimately involved with the rural/agricultural heritage of the Township. Mrs. Burry further noted that the 9/11 memorial is under the purview of the Committee, and a memorial service was not held this year.
9. On a motion by Ms. Rippa and seconded by Mrs. Engel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 10**, 2009, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary