

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 11, 2003
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Nancy L. Boylan
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
David Engebretson
Lori Furey
Peggy Joline
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost

Absent:

Carol McCoy (excused)
Julie McGowan (excused)
Louise Whitney (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 December 24, 2002, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on November 11, 2003 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 October 7, 2003 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry announced that the Township Dinner Dance at the Shadowbrook will be on Saturday, December 6. The Township Reorganization Meeting will be on January 2, 2004, at which Mrs. Burry will be sworn in as Mayor. Ms. Furey, Mrs. Joline, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Whitney have been reappointed to the Historical Preservation Committee.

Mrs. Burry thanked Mr. Cerullo, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Trost & Mrs. Whitney for helping her at Monmouth County Archives Day. Mrs. Reilly won a drawing for a videotape of all the older homes in Monmouth County. The Governor Livingston impersonator was very good. Although it does seem a burden to get Committee members to come out to this event each year, Mrs. Joline noted that next year the new Colts Neck history book will have been published. Mrs. Burry noted that Mrs. Wyckoff of the County Historic Commission inquired about the Colts Neck Historic Society monies that were dedicated to the Montrose School. Mrs. Wyckoff mentioned that she was a member of the Society, although her name was not on the list.

Mrs. Burry reported that she met with Bill Conover and the new owners of Holly Bush Farms, on site. The new owners were delighted to hear more about the home's history from Mr. Conover. Mr. Conover said he would give a case clock and some Michael Williams paintings to the new owners. They plan to remove the small houses, and build a Bucks County style compound with stone foundation barns, and keep horses. There was a pane of glass on which was etched names and dates of the home's history. Cindy Padula reportedly has this. Mrs. Davis will follow up.

Mrs. Burry exhibited a matching grant application that she, Mr. Engebretson and Mrs. McGowan wrote for the Montrose School. The maximum grant is \$5,000.00. Mr. Hauser wrote a letter of support, and wants to familiarize Colts Neck students with the school. Mrs. Joline got a letter of support from Betty Thompson, retired teacher, who wrote a book about Colts Neck families. Estimates for work were included in the application. The initial estimate for fencing was for plastic fencing, but new estimates have been sought for historically authentic wood fencing.

Mrs. Burry reported that the American History Theater has confirmed the appearance of Abraham Lincoln impersonator Christian Johnson on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 1 PM at the Cedar Drive School. One-half of the fee has been paid in advance.

4. Mrs. Boylan announced that the Emerald Fields musical group, consisting of a fiddler, a flutist and a guitarist, will perform at the Williamsburg Christmas on Sunday, December 7. The cost is \$25 per hour for each musician, for a total of \$150.00. Dressed in Colonial garb, they play Colonial music with an Irish influence. The group will play for both the Williamsburg Christmas and for the Friends of the Library event. This Committee will pay for the musicians, and the Friends of the Library will pay for the mailing of shared publicity. Mrs. Trost will check the copy of their publicity for accuracy before it is mailed. Nancy will have signs made and install them on top of Mrs. Burry's campaign signs to place in front of Colts Neck Realty, Huddy's, Delicious Orchards, Reformed Church, St. Mary's, Greenhouse Gallery & Liguori & Hunt. Mr. Nolan will include the event in the Recreation Committee publicity. The only other expense will be candy canes for distribution to attendees. Mulberry Market will contribute merchandise on consignment. It was agreed to ask for 20% of sales. Public Works will be asked to put up five tables and turn on the electric outlets on the porch for the Boy Scouts, who will bring their own tables to sell wreathes. Mr. Kilbride agreed to donate a Christmas tree with a full top.
5. Mrs. Burry and Mrs. Trost have written the text for the historic markers signs for the site of the Captain Joshua Huddy home, the Montrose School House and the North American Phalanx. These are made a part of these minutes. Mrs. Trost can now go forward with pricing of signs with intent to order.
6. Mrs. Burry appointed Mr. Kilbride and Mrs. McGowan to join her as the Budget Subcommittee to plan for the 2004 budget.

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7. Mrs. Burry announced that another Welcome to Colts Neck sign will be installed next year on Five Point Road, to delineate the border of Colts Neck from Howell.
8. Mr. Cerullo stated that he would like to see reactivation of the Colts Neck Fife and Drum Corps. Mrs. Burry agreed that would be a project for next year, with Mr. Cerullo chairing the subcommittee.
9. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. Trost, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary