

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL**

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis

Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Lucy Lennox
Patricia Mitchell
Maggie Osmulski
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Vincent Cerullo (excused)
David Engebretson
Jennifer Engel
Toni Morello
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa (excused)
Cathi Trost

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 November 5, 2009, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on November 11, 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. Whitney and seconded by Mrs. Osmulski, the minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting were accepted as written and submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported she has received a note from Jim Meicke, Jr. thanking the Committee for their support of his application to the Zoning Board for renovation of the garage on his historic property. She shared an article from the *Monmouth Connection* about Randy Gabrielen, Executive Director of the Monmouth County Historical Commission, and Columbia Triumphant statue that is located in the park next to the Hall of Records in Freehold. Mrs. Burry remarked on an article about

renovations needed at the Burrowes Mansion in Matawan, and the effect of the recent passage of a bond issue that will raise funds for historic preservation.

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4. Mrs. Burry announced that Mrs. Engel has submitted a report stating that the House Tour made \$1,465.00 profit. Expenses totaling \$1,200.00 consisted of \$690.00 for printing, \$235.00 for flowers, \$200.00 for the Journal ad, and \$75.00 for signs. Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Morello and Mrs. Osmulski chaired the event, and Mrs. Davis produced the program. Forty-seven tickets totaling \$75.00 were sold for the luncheon.
5. Mrs. Burry reported that a final report is due to the County Historical Commission for the Montrose School grant. It is awaiting a copy of the final check to the contractor. Mr. Eastman reported that he spoke with Bob Bowden about the underground tank there. Mr. Bowden estimated that cost of removal would be \$1,200.00. He asked Mr. Eastman to request that the Committee pay for this. Mrs. Burry responded in the negative, as the property belongs not only to the Committee, but to the entire Township. Mr. Kilbride suggested that replacement of the shutter hinges be done next year. The Monmouth County Historic Association owns and successfully maintains several historic properties in the county, and their advice will be sought with regards to prevention of splashback.
6. Mrs. Burry remarked that Colts Neck welcome signs were in need of repair, and replacement, in some cases. The one on Phalanx Road is down, possibly hit by a snow plow, as it had been installed very close to the road. Mrs. Burry remarked that the one on County Route 537 near Swimming River Road appears to have been clandestinely re-painted, or somehow has turned from red to pink. Mr. Eastman will contact Regn Signs of Manasquan to determine the cost of repairs and replacement, and have one sign added to the Township budget for each year. Mrs. Burry further requested an additional historic road marker for the Grange be added to the 2010 budget. 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 that a memorial service should be held annually.
7. Ms. Lennox passed around sign-ups for the Williamsburg Christmas, to be held on Sunday, December 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to donate cookies, to help with set-up on Saturday, and to help at the event. Mrs. Burry has presented a voucher for \$300.00 for the bell choir and the youth choir of the Reformed Church. Mr. Kilbride promised to donate a tree. Mrs. Davis suggested that one of Meredith Janssen's drawings be used for the program, and that it be duplicated on a photocopier, on colored paper, rather than printed. Mrs. Burry reminded Ms. Lennox that the event should be advertised in the church bulletin. Ms. Lennox will make arrangements with Mulberry Market and Folio Art Glass.
8. Mrs. Osmulski presented a proposal for a Committee Christmas get-together to be held after the Williamsburg Christmas on Sunday, December 13. The menu would include a hot and cold buffet of antipasto, vegetable platter, chicken Francese, flank steak pinwheels, broccoli, green beans, potatoes and bread, to be catered by Jacques Catering, with desserts from Costco, soft drinks, beer, wine, and malt cider. The Committee delightedly accepted Mrs. Mitchell generous offer of her home for the event and voted to set the time for 6:00 p.m. Township Committee members will

be invited as well. Committee members are encouraged to bring spouses or significant others. The charge will be \$25.00 per person.

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9. On a motion by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, the proposed meeting schedule for 2010 was adopted.
10. On a motion by Ms. Rippa and seconded by Mrs. Engel, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary