

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2, 2003
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Nancy L. Boylan
Vincent Cerullo
David Engebretson
Lori Furey
Peggy Joline
Patricia Mitchell
Betty Reilly
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent: Jane Davis (excused)
Harold Kilbride (excused)
Carol McCoy (excused)
Julie McGowan (excused)
Ann Rippa (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 December 2, 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. Boylan, the minutes of the November 11, 2003 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry announced that the Historic Preservation Trust Fund balance is currently \$10,476.18. The Operating Budget, provided through Township monies, has a current balance of \$1,322.73, through the end of this year. All outstanding vouchers should be presented before the end of the year.

Mrs. Burry reviewed a list of projects for the Committee to pursue in 2004. A reception will be held at Mr. Kilbride's home, probably during March. The House Tour has been very popular and will be repeated. Mrs. Burry believes more people are now willing to include their homes on the tour. The Colts Neck History book will be printed during 2004. The Historic Colts Neck Brochure should have another printing. Reservations have been confirmed to have the Abraham Lincoln portrayor visit the Cedar Drive School on February 11. An additional Welcome to Colts Neck sign should be installed on Five Point Road at the border with Howell Township. The Williamsburg Christmas program will be repeated next December. Mr. Cerullo will initiate re-activation of the Colts Neck Fife & Drum Corps, and asked the Committee for support and assistance.

The Montrose School is a large and important project for next year. An estimate was received for a white cedar wooden fence. Mr. Engebretson remarked that there is no fire alarm or burglar alarm system in the school, and it would be appropriate to have these in place before money is invested in restoration. He stated that it would be less costly to have both alarms as a single package. Electric and phone service will be necessary in order to support these alarms, so that an alert can be conveyed to the appropriate agency. Mr. Engebretson and Mr. Cerullo will work together to investigate possible safety systems.

Mrs. Burry suggested that a Christmas wreath on the door would be a nice touch. Mrs. Joline will obtain and hang a wreath.

4. Mrs. Boylan announced that plans for the Williamsburg Christmas are basically complete. Mr. Kilbride will deliver a tree on Friday December 5, for the December 7 celebration. Mrs. Boylan asked Committee members to sign up for the boutique sale. Mulberry Market told her that the Committee should accept 30% of money raised in sales of ornaments and pottery. The Emerald Fields colonial musicians will play from 1:00-1:30, and then play at the Library. Meanwhile, Colts Neck Reformed Church Jubilation Choir and the Youth Bell Choir will play from 1:30 to 2:30. Emerald Fields will return from 2:30 to 3:00.

Mrs. Burry noted that publicity for the event has been good this year. An ad was placed in the Colts Neck Journal, next to an article by Laura Kolnoski, an ad appeared in one of the real estate booklets, and the program was announced in the Reformed Church bulletin and newsletter.

5. Mrs. Trost reported that she has been negotiating with a new company regarding the historic sites signs for the site of the Captain Joshua Huddy home, the Montrose School House and the North American Phalanx. The Erie Landmark Company has offered a better price than Colonial Brass. Although the aluminum signs are less expensive, they tend to be very shiny. Bronze plaques would also be more in keeping with the historic homes plaques awarded to older Township homes. They would cost about \$1,100.00 each, including the poles. Mrs. Reilly suggested Johnson Atelier might be less costly, as there would be no shipping expense. She will contact the Atelier, coordinate with Mrs. Trost, and they will work with Mrs. Burry to get a purchase order cut by the end of the year
6. Mrs. Burry reminded the Committee that the Township reorganization meeting is schedule for January 2, 2004.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Ms. Furey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary