

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
7:00 PM, COLTS NECK TOWN HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Jennifer Engel
Mary Fournier
Patricia Mitchell
Toni Morello
Maggie Osmulski
Frank Rizzuto
Chris Short

Absent: Jim Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison (excused)
Susan Baker (excused)
Cindy Feury (excused)
Harold Kilbride (excused)
Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Ann Rippa (excused)
Louise Whitney (excused)

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 February 23, 2015, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Colts Neck 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. Eastman, the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that letters have been sent to Louise Whitney, John Niemela and Shirley Miller, thanking them for the transfer of funds from the Colts Neck Historical Association to this Committee’s Trust Fund for the maintenance and preservation of the Montrose School. The Trust Fund account balance is now approximately \$58,000.00. Memorial plates from Folio Art Glass, featuring the school, will be shipped to Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Niemela. Mrs. Miller will be presented her plate at the Spring Reception.

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4. Mrs. Burry reported that Mrs. Feury sent out the very attractive invitations to the Spring Reception. Mrs. Burry remarked that all arrangements have been made for the special guest, Philip Freneau, Poet of the Revolution, as portrayed by historic actor, Joseph Smith, who will appear at 2:00 PM at Montrose Schoolhouse.

Mrs. Morello is in charge of preparing the Schoolhouse, at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 24. Mrs. Morello will contact Ms. Ripa regarding floral arrangements. Mrs. Eastman and Mrs. Mitchell will provide tables for refreshments. Mr. Rizzuto will ensure that the desks are still in storage.

5. Mrs. Osmulski reported that she attended an antiques appraisal program on March 28 at the Port Monmouth VFW. The \$20.00 admission included "market value" appraisal of two items by Gregory Goldman, who charges \$400.00 for his service. With an audience of approximately 35, the covered the costs were covered. It is important to note that WiFi availability is needed, and Mr. Rizzto assured that WiFi is available at Fire House #1. It was suggested that either a food service or caterer be retained, or that the Committee purchase food platters and serve as the refreshment vendor.
6. Mrs. Osmulski presented a report on one-room schoolhouses. Historians promote long-range planning and frequent exhibition of these sites. Mrs. Burry remarked that landscaping the Montrose Schoolhouse should be done this year, and that a brick pathway might be considered.
7. Mrs. Burry reported that she is making arrangements for a re-enactor to appear this autumn at the Cedar Drive School.
8. On a motion by Mrs. Eastman and seconded by Mrs. Osmulski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be on May 12, 2015, at 7:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary