

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
5:30 PM, COLTS NECK TOWN HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Cindy Feury
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Maggie Osmulski
Ann Rippa
Frank Rizzuto

Absent: Jim Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison
Susan Baker (excused)
Jennifer Engel (excused)
Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Toni Morello (excused)
Louise Whitney (excused)
Connie Wilson (excused)

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, 2014, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on December 2 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 Mr. Rizzuto and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry announced that Ed Brock is going to donate a huge (9’ or 10’ tall) blue spruce, with Christmas lights, to be planted at the Montrose School in memory of his grandson, who was devoted to horticulture. Mrs. Burry is hopeful that Mr. Brock will plant a linden, which was the grandson’s favorite tree, at the School in the spring.

Mrs. Burry reported that Muriel Smith, who writes feature stories for the Two River Times, will write a publicity piece for the Christmas celebration at Montrose School, and a feature article later about the event.

Mrs. Burry read a letter of resignation from Connie Wilson. Mrs. Wilson's company has been sold to another company, she is currently traveling extensively, and she may have to relocate from Colts Neck. However, Mrs. Wilson offered to assist the Committee with tasks, such as addressing invitations, when her schedule permits. Her resignation was very reluctantly accepted.

Mrs. Burry polled Committee members whose terms are expiring. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fournier, and Ms. Rippa agreed to be reappointed. Mrs. Burry announced that the Colts Neck Township reorganization meeting will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2015, at 4:00 PM, at the Court House. Monmouth County reorganization will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at the BioTech High School on Kosloski Road.

Mrs. Burry reported that Mrs. Kolnoski is assembling a pamphlet about Colts Neck's historic road markers. Mrs. Burry remarked that County officials have noted, commented on, and admire the markers.

4. Ms. Rippa reported that she met with Mr. Rizzuto at the Montrose School to plan the set-up for the Christmas celebration on December 14. Garland for the fence will be delivered on Tuesday, December 9. Mr. Rizzuto will install the garland and Ms. Rippa will make bows to decorate it. Mrs. Eastman and Mrs. Mitchell will provide long tables, with covers, for refreshments. The tables will be set up on both sides of the door. Santa and a tree will be located in a rear corner.

Mr. Rizzuto reported that he removed and disposed of the rickety old bookcase. He installed battery-operated candles, on a timer, in each window. He also cleaned up a lot of debris from the yard. He will have all but one desk removed, and that one will be next to the teacher's desk. The benches will be moved up against the walls. He will arrange to have fire police on site during the celebration, and a firefighter will appear as Santa.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that Chris Cittadino of Signs by Tomorrow will have a 3' wide x 4' tall sign ready by Friday to be installed in front of the School. She will get smaller road signs for Town Hall, the Library, the schools, and various commercial venues in town. Mrs. Mitchell reviewed refreshments with the Committee members. Mrs. Mitchell will bring a 60-cup urn with hot chocolate.

Mr. Kilbride reported that he is bringing a tree for inside the School, a wreath with red bow for the outside of each window, and a larger wreath for the door. Mrs. Davis reported that Mrs. Baker will provide ornaments for this tree.

Mrs. Osmulski reported that the choirs of the Reformed Church and the Community Church are not available on December 14. She is waiting to hear if the high school drama club members will entertain with carols. Mrs. Burry announced that she will read The Night Before Christmas at 4:00 PM, followed by lighting the outdoor tree.

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Mrs. Feury reported that she will bring a framed copy of the historic Colts Neck map, and copies for sale at the event. Mrs. Burry requested invitations be sent via email to Township Committee members, Monmouth County Historical Commission members, Monmouth County Historical Association, Atlantic Highlands Historical Society, Ocean Grove Historical Society, Ocean Township Historical Museum, and Shrewsbury Historical Society. Cleaning and decorating will be done by all available Committee members on Tuesday, December 9, at 2:30 PM.

5. On a motion by Mrs. Feury and seconded by Mr. Kilbride, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary