

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
7:00 PM, COLTS NECK TOWN HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Susan Baker
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Harold Kilbride
Laura Kolnoski
Toni Morello
Maggie Osmulski
Ann Rippa
Frank Rizzuto

Absent: Jim Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison (excused)
Jennifer Engel (excused)
Cindy Feury (excused)
Mary Fournier (excused)
Patricia Mitchell
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 March 10, 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. Mrs. Burry announced that the meeting schedule has been changed to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Burry initiated discussion regarding the Spring Reception to be held on April 26. Toni Morello offered to assist Cindy Feury with invitations. Montrose School will be prepared for the event by Mary Fournier, Toni Morello, Frank Rizzuto, Patty Eastman, Jane Davis and Susan Baker. Ann Rippa said she might assist, but may be unable to attend the event. A list was started for refreshment donations. Mrs. Burry, along with Ms. Terry, has arranged for the Philip Freneau reenactor to appear at the Reception.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Monmouth County Park System has obtained a 16-inch, 158-ton gun from the U.S. Battleship New Jersey. One day between March 11 and March 18 it will be shipped from Norfolk to Red Bank by rail, and thence by flatbed truck to Hartshorne Woods Park where it will be placed on a monument to World War II. Mrs. Burry will be at the Red Bank train station to greet its arrival. Mrs. Burry reported that Fuzz Harrison, former Commander of Naval Station Earle, was instrumental in getting this historic artifact for the Monmouth County Park System.

Mrs. Burry reported that a financial agreement exists between the Township and the Colts Neck Historical Society, but the final paperwork from John Bennett is still awaited. Letters of appreciation will be sent to John Niemela, Shirley Miller, and Louise Whitney. In addition, Mrs. Burry will investigate an appropriate gift of remembrance for the three.

Mrs. Burry reported that she has spoken with Linda Dickinson Pancila, who has agreed to have an historic marker placed in front of her house. Mr. Kilbride agreed to write the text for the marker. Mr. Kilbride reported that he believes that the house is older than mid-19th century, as is commonly believed. He stated that the house has been used both as a church and as a theater, and that the mansard roof could possibly date to 1810. He will research records to determine the owner prior to Daniel Ryall.

3. Mrs. Kolnoski led a discussion of a potential antiques show where informal appraisals would be available. The dates was set for Saturday, September 26, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Possible venues were discussed, and Mr. Rizzuto offered Fire House #1 as a backup. Mrs. Davis remarked that the venue needs to be secured for the day before, for set-up. A possible fee schedule could be \$10.00 admission and \$10.00 per appraisal item. Various antique and jewelry dealers have been informally interviewed as to their fees and interest in the program.
4. On a motion by Mrs. Kolnoski and seconded by Mr. Rizutto, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next meeting will be on April 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry & Laura Kolnoski