

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Jim Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Susan Baker
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Jennifer Engel
Cindy Feury
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Ann Rippa
Connie Wilson

Absent:

Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Toni Morello (excused)
Maggie Osmulski (excused)
Frank Rizzuto (excused)
Louise Whitney (excused)

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 May 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM, at the 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 introduced John Niemela and Shirley Miller, of the Colts Neck Historical Society, and thanked them for the Society’s generous financial support of the Committee, especially in regard to Montrose School and signage. On a motion by Mrs. Eastman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson, the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted. Mrs. Burry remarked on the reports contained within these minutes that indicate that several people have had frequent access to Montrose School without Mrs. Burry’s knowledge. Mr. Schatzle suggested that a policy be written, with a checklist for opening and closing up the school.

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3. Mrs. Burry reported that an historic re-enactor portraying Molly Pitcher has been contracted to appear at the Conover Road Primary School on Tuesday, October 21.

Mrs. Burry reported that Mrs. Wilson had invitations to the Spring Reception printed and Mrs. Wilson then addressed and mailed them. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Fournier will follow up by calling invitees. Mrs. Burry invited Mr. Neimela and Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Burry reported that she met with Ed Thompson, who will have the bronze plaque for The Grange installed. Garrett Thompson, remarking that he is "the only one left," has agreed to attend the installation. Mr. Kilbride and Mr. Schatzle will also attend. Mrs. Kolnoski will take photos and write an article for the Journal.

Mrs. Burry remarked that the grounds of the Montrose School have not been cleaned up since the auto accident that took down the fence, and requested that be taken care of before the June 21 Bike Tour. Mrs. Burry reported that Bob Bowden informed her that insurance will replace only a part of the fence. However, it would be preferable to get an entirely new, lower maintenance, fence. Taylor Fence quoted \$8,000.00 for a new PVC fence. Mrs. Burry recommended the use of the dedicated tax which Colts Neck collects annually for Open Space, Farmland Preservation, Historic Preservation and Recreation. Mr. Schatzle will work to have a new fence paid from the dedicated tax.

Mrs. Burry reported that Ed Brock, who lives across Cedar Drive from the Montrose School, will generously provide landscape materials and installation at no cost. A tree with a plaque will be planted in memory of his grandson.

Mrs. Burry noted that Weekend in Old Monmouth, a program of the Monmouth County Historical Commission with 45 historic sites, had very large attendance numbers last weekend. Mrs. Burry remarked that Montrose School should be ready to be added to the tour in 2015.

4. Mrs. Burry proclaimed that the owners of Swan Pond Farm have agreed to put their house on the 2014 House Tour. Due to a conflict with Yom Kippur, the Tour had been rescheduled to October 11, but because that is also the date for Monmouth County Archives and History Day, the House Tour will be on October 18. Mrs. Burry stressed the importance of getting tour commitments early from homeowners.

7. On a motion by Mrs. Fournier and seconded by Mrs. Eastman, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be on June 10, 2014, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry

Secretary

