

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 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
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Toni Morello
Ann Rippa
Connie Wilson

Absent: Jennifer Engel (excused)
Cindy Feury (excused)
Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Patricia Mitchell
Maggie Osmulski
Frank Rizzuto (excused)
Louise Whitney (excused)

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 5:40 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 March 4, 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. On a motion by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Ms. Rippa, the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting were accepted as submitted. Mrs. Burry introduced new member Connie Wilson, a long-time Colts Neck resident with an avid interest in history.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that the 2014 budget contains a line item of \$200.00 for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Township Hall. Budget sessions will be held this Saturday. Mr. Schatzle suggested Memorial Day, and that the parade route may be reversed to end at the Hall. Recreation Department is in charge of the parade, so Mr. Schatzle will discuss the route with Thom Hennessy. Mr. Schatzle offered to contact Colonial Williamsburg and seek recognition from them, as the Hall was designed after their Court House on Duke of Gloucester Street. Mrs. Burry suggested getting a large banner.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Montrose School fence along Cedar Drive has been knocked down and smashed by a passing motorist, who left his license plate behind at the site. Bob Bowden asked Mrs. Burry to get an estimate for insurance. The fence came from Taylor Fence, and Mrs. Burry recommends replacing the entire fence with one that is maintenance-free.

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Mrs. Burry reported that the Welcome to Colts Neck sign for Five Points Road has been repainted. It is waiting for good weather to be installed by Public Works. Mrs. Whitney was the benefactor for this. Also completed, delivered and awaiting good weather for installation is a bronze highway marker for the Old Grange. Garrett Thompson will be invited to the installation.

Mrs. Burry distributed copies of a Journal article about the Monmouth County Historical Society's trunk show program, with videos about life in the historic past, filmed at historic sites. One of the programs features Mr. Rizzuto's wife at the Montrose School, as a 19th century teacher.

The Lions Club is planning a bicycle tour of Colts Neck on June 21. Mrs. Burry and Mrs. Kolnoski have met with their representatives. The tour begins at Bucks Mill Park and goes past the Montrose School. Mrs. Burry suggested that the Committee might want to have a display at the park there at the beginning of the tour.

Mrs. Burry distributed copies of a very old article about Brookdale Farm, which later became Monmouth County's Thompson Park.

4. Mrs. Burry led a discussion regarding possible homes to be shown at the 2014 House Tour. The date will be Saturday, October 4. Sub-committees will be formed at the April meeting.
5. Mrs. Burry distributed a list of re-enactors from the American History Theatre. Committee members will vote for a re-enactor at the April meeting. Monmouth County Archives & History Day will be held on Saturday, October 11. Mrs. Burry thanked Mr. Kilbride and Mr. Rizzuto for being present all day at the Committee's display table in 2013.
6. Ms. Ripa and Mrs. Wilson will work together on the Spring Reception. Mrs. Baker reported that a member of the Township Committee had remarked that he and his wife might like to host the reception, so further planning was delayed until this is verified and an appropriate date can be selected.
7. Mrs. Burry noted that 2014 is also the 350th anniversary of the State of New Jersey. Mrs. Burry will meet next week with Evelyn Murphy of the Monmouth County Historical Association and Randy Gabrielen of the Monmouth County Historic Commission to make plans for the County's celebration of the anniversary.
8. On a motion by Mr. Kilbride and seconded by Mrs. Morello, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next meeting will be on April 1, 2014, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary