

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Laura Kolnoski
Patricia Mitchell
Toni Morello
Ann Rippa
Frank Rizzuto
Bud Wheeler
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Jarrett Engel, Township Committee Liaison (excused)
Susan Baker (excused)
Jennifer Engel (excused)
Maggie Osmulski

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 May 31, 2012, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on June 13, 2012 at 5:30 PM, at the Colts Neck Library. 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. Kolnoski presented the newly-published “Welcome to Historic Colts Neck” brochure. Printed in brown on light beige as previously, with added accents in brick-red, 1,500 copies were printed. The price of \$1,950.00 was paid from the Trust Fund. Mrs. Burry noted that the Trust Fund is comprised of moneys earned at events, such as the House Tour, through the hard work of the members of the Committee, and offered them kudos, declaring that they all deserve to be lauded.
3. Mrs. Burry suggested that the brochures cost too much to be handed out recklessly, and should be available at the Colts Neck Library, at the desk at Township Hall, and copies sent to the Monmouth County Historical Association and the Monmouth County Historical Preservation Commission. Mrs. Fournier suggested giving one with each House Tour ticket sold.

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Mrs. Burry reported that she attended the Monmouth County Historical Preservation Commission's awards ceremony for historical site preservation, and for its annual essay contest for fourth-graders. The preservation awards went to the 1700's Van Pelt House on Freneau Avenue in Matawan, the Millhurst Mills in Manalapan, and the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank. The first place winner of the essay contest wrote about Lairds Distillery. Mrs. Burry read that essay and another written by the daughter of a World Trade Center victim, who lost her father when she was only four months old, and praising her mother for her courage and dedication as a single parent. All were deeply moved as Mrs. Burry read this girl's story.

Mrs. Burry reported that the June Journal featured an article and photographs about the Monmouth County Food Drive, spearheaded by the Monmouth County Library System Food for Fines Program, in support of the Food Bank of Monmouth County, including a photograph of this Committee.

Mrs. Burry reported that she has received two completely refurbished Welcome to Colts Neck signs and forwarded one-half of the payment for them. She was informed by Mayor Engel that it is the Committee's responsibility to make arrangements with Boy Scout Matthew Mottola for washing and painting the signposts. Mr. Wheeler will attend a Scout meeting tonight, and offered to make preliminary arrangements with Matthew.

4. Mr. Wheeler reported that the Flag Retirement ceremony will be held at this evening's meeting of Boy Scout Troop 290. Mr. Wheeler explained that retired flags are dismantled, and the three colors are each burned separately. Further, Mr. Wheeler remarked that he believes no one knows who Michael Fields was, and he suggested that the Michael Field site be added to the House Tour. He also offered to speak at the schools about Michael Fields.
5. Mrs. Burry led a discussion about potential homes for the House Tour. Mrs. Morello will inquire of the new owners of the Old St. Mary's on Heyers Mill Road. Mr. Kilbride will inquire about Chestnut Rise. Mrs. Burry will speak with Skip Barclay about his very interesting 1800's home, which is the original Delicious Orchards. The House Tour will be held on October 6. Mr. Rizzuto will chair the subcommittee, which will be comprised of Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Fournier, Mr. Kilbride, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Morello. They will meet soon to make further plans.
6. On a motion by Mr. Rizzuto and seconded by Mrs. Morello the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary