

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance: Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
Mary Fournier
Harold Kilbride
Laura Kolnoski
Lucy Lennox
Theresa Mordarski
Maggie Osmulski
Ann Rippa
Louise Whitney

Absent: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson (excused)
David Engebretson
Jennifer Engel
Patricia Mitchell
Toni Morello (excused)

1. Mr. Kilbride 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 January 4, 2010, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on March 2, 2010 at 5:30 PM, at 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.” Mr. Kilbride then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. The minutes of the February 2 meeting were tabled.
3. Mr. Kilbride led a review of the proposed budget and the Administrator’s response. The 2009 budget allowed \$2,000.00 for special events, and \$2,070.00 was requested for 2010. The administrator suggested \$600.00 be allowed. Mr. Cerullo emphasized that money is very tight. Mr. Eastman remarked that the Township faces a huge shortfall in revenues; the only remaining outside funds come from the power line cuts. A review of expenses for the Spring Reception and House Tour convinced the Committee members that \$600.00 may be adequate for those events if *all* members contribute toward the their success.

4. Mr. Kilbride reviewed possible methods of preventing splashback onto the Montrose School siding, including installation of gutters, installation of drainage material, or planting of shrubbery. He remarked that gutters would have to be custom-made, with a wider diameter, due to the steep pitch of the roof. Vince stated that the price of pea stone for drainage is \$1,200.00 per ton. Mrs. Burry had reported last year that Eddie Brock was willing to donate plant material, on the condition that he install the plants. The decision was tabled to the next meeting. Mrs. Osmulski reported that her meeting with the schools' curriculum director was postponed until March 3, due to snow.
5. Mr. Kilbride reported that an historic re-enactor would cost approximately \$400.00. Due to the tight budget, it was decided to omit that program this year. Mr. Eastman remarked that most private historical associations raise money through raffles. He will investigate the possibility of having a raffle for the Committee.
6. Ms. Ripa announced that the Spring Reception, which is usually well-attended, will be held on April 25 at Mr. Eastman's home. Mr. Eastman announced that Mrs. Eastman has an invited guest, Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Kolnoski announced that the date of April 18 had been inserted into the Colts Neck Journal before the change occurred, and it had been too late to change it, but she will have a new article with the correct date in the April issue. Mrs. Lennox suggested that instead of purchasing fresh flowers, some small potted flowering shrubs be borrowed. Ms. Ripa circulated a sign-up for hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and suggested that Jefferson-themed recipes be used.
7. Because Mrs. Engel was absent, discussion of the House Tour was tabled. It will be held on December 4.
8. Mrs. Kolnoski demonstrated the large amount of material that has been collected for the Colts Neck 20th century history book. She suggested that sponsors be sought for this project.
9. Mrs. Lennox reported that she had done research regarding a possible cemetery walk for the Halloween holiday, and found a web site with considerable planning detail. Such a program would take a very large commitment of time and effort, and probably require a six-month lead time. The members agreed that it might compete with this year's December House Tour, but Mrs. Lennox will explore possibilities for 2011.
10. On a motion by Mrs. Osmulski and seconded by Mrs. Mordarski, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary