

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

APRIL 4, 2006
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
Linda Dickinson
David Engebretson
Mary Fournier
Peggy Joline
Harold Kilbride
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney
Patrick Ambrosio

Absent: Meredith Janssen (excused)
Patricia Mitchell (excused)

1. Chairperson 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 January 17, 2006, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on April 4, 2006 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.”
2. On a motion by Mrs. Trost and seconded by Mrs. Fournier, the minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that the painting of the Flock Farm by Muriel Rogers was presented to the Township Committee and is now hanging in the Township Hall Meeting Room. Mrs. Rogers attended the presentation. Mrs. Janssen’s sketches of the House Tour homes were presented to the homeowners.

She reported that that the Abigail Adams re-enactor performed today at the Cedar Drive School. The students were very enthusiastic and asked challenging questions. Mrs. Burry remarked that Abigail Adams taught herself Latin, and believed that educating women would benefit the education of the children. The performance was preceded by a luncheon at Huddy’s attended by the actress, Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Reilly, the Superintendent of Schools and the Acting Principal of Cedar Drive School.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Annual Reception at Linda Bremer’s home was extremely well attended. At least 28 home owners attended, and most members of this Committee and of the Township Committee.

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5. Mr. Cerullo reported that he has requested bids for the outhouse for Montrose School. Pete Wagar had added 4x4's to stabilize it for moving, and they must remain in place until it is moved back. A slab, with a pitch for washing, must be put in place to receive it. Mrs. Burry suggested that funds might be obtained from the dedicated tax for historic preservation and farmland preservation.

Mrs. Burry received a reply from the New Brunswick Schools stating that they did not have any old slate boards. Mr. Engebretson will look further for them. He also suggested contacting Point Pleasant and Perth Amboy Schools.

Mrs. Burry reported that Bob Bowden told her that Eddie Thompson said that the front door of the school is falling apart. John Sauter has submitted a bid of \$2,500.00 for repairing it. Mr. Kilbride suggested requesting a bid from Mr. Matthews, who built Mr. Kilbride's shutters. Mrs. Dickinson will ask her brother to look at it, and perhaps he might be able to repair it. Mr. Engebretson noted that the loft door needs repair, as does some of the siding. Mr. Kilbride will get bids for painting.

Mrs. Burry suggested asking Eddie Brock for plant materials. The fence that was installed two years ago is beginning to look shabby, but it is too late to either paint or stain it.

6. Mrs. Joline announced that she will not be able to chair the House Tour Committee this year. Mrs. Trost offered to chair the Committee. Mrs. Davis agreed to produce the program. Mrs. Joline will write and send the invitations. Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Whitney offered to serve on the Committee. Mrs. Trost will ask Mrs. Janssen to be a Committee member. Mrs. Joline and Mrs. Reilly will coordinate the luncheon at Huddy's. Mr. Ambrosio suggested that the entire complex of Laird's Distillery could serve as a single, special tour upon completion of current restoration activities.
7. Mrs. Burry reported that Laura Kolnoski has been doing research for the history book at the Monmouth County Archives. Mrs. Burry has asked Claire French for assistance in finding a printer. Mrs. Joline suggested the Reformed Church might have a reference for a printer, as it is having its own history book printed. Mr. Ambrosio offered to get pricing for printing the book.

On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. Trost, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary