

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 7, 2003
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson/Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Nancy L. Boylan
Vincent Cerullo
Jane Davis
David Engebretson
Lori Furey
Peggy Joline
Carol McCoy
Julie McGowan
Betty Reilly
Ann Rippa
Cathi Trost
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Harold Kilbride (excused)
Patricia Mitchell

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 December 24, 2002, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on October 7, 2003 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. Joline and seconded by Mrs. McGowan, the minutes of the September 9, 2003 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry announced Ms. Furey's engagement, and it was celebrated with a champagne toast. Mrs. Burry reported that Mr. Engebretson had an exhibit of feed sacks from the Depression years at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. Mr. Engebretson explained that the sacks were a promotional item during bad economic times. Many homemakers collected them to make items such as curtains and children's clothing.

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4. Mrs. Burry reported on progress at the Montrose School. The Township Committee has agreed to dedicate \$25,000 for repairs and restoration. It is hoped it will be painted by the end of the month. Estimates are being obtained for fencing. The building needs to be alarmed against fire and break-ins. A formal marker needs to be obtained. Mrs. Burry and Mrs. Trost will write the text for the marker. Work on the interior of the building will be considered by the subcommittee and the work done at a later time. A matching grant will be pursued, perhaps for a mid-1800's style garden that Mrs. McGowan will design. Mrs. Burry thanked Mrs. Whitney and the Historic Society for preserving school, and their generosity in deeding it to the Township.
5. Mrs. Burry lavished kudos for the House Tour, especially the excellent job Ms. Furey did in coordinating a heavy burden of details. Guests found the variety of homes so appealing, and the luncheon exceptional. 130 Tour tickets were sold, and 60 Luncheon tickets. This was fewer than last year. Publicity needs to be done earlier. The Journal ran a full-page ad, as did the Home Service booklet, but the paper only arrives at the beginning of the month, and the Tour was on the fourth of the month. The Asbury Park Press article was just two days prior to the Tour. Mrs. McCoy wrote an article for the Calendar. Last year a mailing was done to each local historic society, but not this year. Mrs. Burry suggested a mailing, prior to the Tour, be sent to previous attendees.
6. Mrs. Boylan reported on progress for the Williamsburg Christmas. There will be two strolling musicians for two hours, splitting time between this program and Friends of the Library program. The Reformed Church Bell Choir and Jubilation Choir will perform. The music director will be asked to write about the choirs so information can be put in an article for press distribution. The Friends of the Library are sending out a mailing that will include information about the Williamsburg Christmas program as well as their Christmas program. The Committee will pay for one-third of the mailing, since the Library's program is three days long.
7. Mrs. Burry announced that arrangements have been made with Superintendent Hauser for the Abraham Lincoln impersonator to appear at the Middle School on February 11, 2004.
8. Mrs. Burry announced that Eagle Scout John Walsh has designated two historic trails in the Township, one equestrian and one pedestrian. He designed trail maps that are available in the Library.
9. On a motion by Mrs. Joline and seconded by Mrs. McGowan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, *NOVEMBER 11*, 2003, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary