

# Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**6:00 PM, Colts Neck Town Hall**

**In Attendance:**

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
JP Bartolomeo, Township Committee Liaison  
Michele Battista, Secretary  
Jane Davis  
Patricia Eastman  
Cindy Feury  
Mary Fournier  
Patricia Mitchell  
Christopher Short  
Ann Rippa  
Frank Rizzuto

**Absent:**

Susan Baker (excused)  
Antoinette Morello (excused)  
Maggie Osmulski  
Janine Strafacci  
Nicole Ten Hoeve  
Dr. Jennifer Engel

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM stating "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law have been satisfied by forwarding a news release to the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2015, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on April 12, at 6:00 PM at the Colts Neck 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. Mrs. Burry welcomed absent, new member Janine Strafacci who was involved with Channel 12.
3. On a motion by Mrs. Feury, and seconded by Mr. Short, the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting were accepted as submitted.
4. Mrs. Burry handed Mrs. Battista a copy of a newspaper clipping to archive on the Annual Grants Preservation ceremony awarded for Parker Homestead and Strauss Mansion.

5. Mrs. Burry and Mr. Rizzuto visited Lisa Laird Dunn on Monday, April 11 for items to display for Weekend in Old Monmouth on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, May 1, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Ms. Laird is the ninth generation to have worked at the distillery since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Ms. Laird will donate a framed picture collage and loan other pictures and a number of bottles to have on display.
6. Mrs. Burry stated the Weekend in Old Monmouth booklet sponsored by the Monmouth County Historic Commission is not ready but provided copies of the map and write-up of Montrose Schoolhouse. Mrs. Burry stated that it is a forty-five minute ride from Montrose Schoolhouse to Allentown Presbyterian Church on the Orange tour. Booklets will be available in Mrs. Burry's office. Mrs. Burry will touch base with John Fabiano on April 13 to see if we will be getting lawn signs. Mrs. Burry spoke to Caroline Burke about Lairds Distillery, but too late for the booklet.
7. Mrs. Eastman will call those not present at the meeting to sign up for the Weekend in Old Monmouth event. Mrs. Battista will also email the committee to call or email Mrs. Eastman.
8. Volunteers will welcome guests to the school and briefly give a dialogue about the school and Laird's Applejack Distillery that began in the 1600's before the Montrose Schoolhouse was built.
9. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned the Schoolhouse was last setup in Reception mode (cleared of desks) and needs to be setup in School mode. Mr. Rizzuto has contacted Kenny Olsen of DPW to move the desks back. Mr. Rizzuto stated the Cleaning starts on Friday, April 29, at 4:30 PM which entails dusting, de-cobweb desks, and setup Lairds items which Mr. Rizzuto will pick up at Lairds on way home from work. Lillian has key and alarm code.

Needed items:

- a) Everyone can bring a potted flower
- b) Mrs. Rippa has a forsythia wreath
- c) Someone can ask for apples to be donated from Delicious Orchards to put in a tub for taking that day by visitors or everyone bring a bag of apples
- d) Expect quite a few visitors going through over the weekend
- e) Mr. Rizzuto will bring Mrs. Baker's table at firehouse to school
- f) Mrs. Eastman has a Banquet cover
- g) Tabletop Easels to be used for display
- h) Garbage bags
- i) Mr. Rizzuto to ask his children if interested to wear their colonial costumes
- j) Mrs. Davis stated that Mrs. Osmulski and she had looked into a display cabinet some time back
- k) Mrs. Fournier has a display case from Reussille's Jewelers in Red Bank which she may donate

- l) Insurance for items in building should be covered by the town's insurance policy
- 10. Mrs. Burry stated that Mrs. Kolnoski is writing an article about founding member, Louise Whitney's contributions to historic preservation and is also about to start the pamphlet on the bronze markers.
- 11. Mrs. Burry mentioned creating a bronze marker with a history of Hominy Hill Golf Course for the Club House when renovated. Mrs. Mitchell mentioned that Robert Trent Jones, a master golf course architect, designed the golf course.
- 12. Mrs. Burry received a call from William Waple of the Marlboro Township Historical Society where he is having a hard time bringing all this information together. Mr. Waple asked if he could attend a meeting to which Mrs. Burry agreed. Mr. Waple stated that Marlboro budgets eight thousand dollars a year to Historical Society.
- 13. Mrs. Burry mentioned a future Celebration of the Roundabout and that a doctor who lives on Heulitt Road is very happy with the roundabout.
- 14. Mrs. Burry stated the committee should have an historic re-enactor such as Molly Pitcher or Betsy Ross to appear in the Primary School this fall. Mrs. Burry asked Mrs. Battista to own this item.
- 15. Mrs. Davis mentioned that when Frances Willington, the special education teacher in Colts Neck Schools retired, she was presented with a matted and framed Colts Neck historic places. Harry Warren was later given this artwork when Mrs. Willington moved, and he now donated to the Historical Preservation Committee. Mrs. Battista will write a thank you when Mrs. Davis receives Mr. Warren's new address.
- 16. Mrs. Battista asked about creating a Facebook page which was received with good review. Mrs. Battista will work on creating a page before the Weekend in Old Monmouth event.
- 17. On a motion by Mr. Rizzuto, and seconded by Mr. Short, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Battista  
Secretary