

Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
6:00 PM, Colts Neck Town Hall

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
JP Bartolomeo, Township Committee Liaison
Michele Battista, Secretary
Susan Baker
Patricia Eastman
Cindy Feury
Christopher Short
Frank Rizzuto
Janine Strafaci Pinguelo
Maggie Osmulski

Absent:

Antoinette Morello (excused)
Patricia Mitchell
Mary Fournier
Ann Rippa

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 August 9, 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. Pinguelo was officially sworn in at Township Committee Meeting.
3. On a motion by Mrs. Feury, and seconded by Mr. Short, the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting were accepted with changes.
4. Mr. Rizzuto will get with Keith Otten who works for the DPW and is a volunteer fireman is interested in joining the committee. Mrs. Burry mentioned that the young people were interested in the school house as they liked seeing the desks and books.

5. Mrs. Burry mentioned that Best Landscaping offered to take care of the ongoing maintenance of the equine roundabout for free, if allowed to post a sign. This needs to be approved by the county. Mrs. Burry thanked Mr. Bartolomeo for his interest in this committee.
6. Mrs. Burry received the Historic Preservation Grant paperwork from the county. We should give it proper attention as a means for getting an educational program started. The town will not provide the transportation to the school house. Mrs. Osmulski was told to work with the 3rd grade as where topic introduced, but teachers wanted us to provide everything. Mrs. Pinguelo ran into a teacher who taught the 3rd grade in Colts Neck for 20 yrs and the teacher said that she used to tour the school house. The county historic society has some programs but they cost. Mrs. Battista will look into grant. Mrs. Burry mentioned Mr. Rizzuto's daughter was in a show titled "The Traveling Trunk" orchestrated by the Monmouth County Historic Association. We should look at obtaining the video to show at a meeting.
7. Mrs. Burry said we are set for the Betsy Ross re-enactor in primary school for 1st and 2nd graders on October 17th at 9:30am. We need to get publicity and register any committee members wishing to attend with the primary school.
8. Mrs. Burry mentioned Jim Schatzle will be on the board after voted on at a Township Committee Meeting.
9. Mrs. Burry mentioned Hominy Hill is on the historic registry so the County is responsible for approving the Bronze Marker. Our Historic signage has impressed people at the state level.
10. Mrs. Kolnoski is working on the booklet of the bronze historic markers that will be published.
11. County Archives Day where all the different historic societies meet is in October. The archives are open in the lower level of the Monmouth County library headquarters in Manalapan. We have what Mrs. Terry put together last year. We need to have 2 people manning the table from about 10-4 on a Saturday in October. Mrs. Burry will get the specifics. Mrs. Burry received the 1st Claire French award at this event last year.
12. Mrs. Burry represented the county at the 100th anniversary of the shark attack in Matawan Creek that took 2 lives. Mrs. Burry said that it was very well attended. There was an open house at the Burrowes Mansion following the event.

13. We need to start planning for the Christmas reception. Mr. Rizzuto had a big role with getting Santa Claus last year. The event draws people to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. We need to look at the electrical box to reconfigure the box so we can have 3 hot carafes and 3 heaters. Mr. Rizzuto said the town has a space heater. Mr. Bartolomeo mentioned about getting a wood stove to use. Mrs. Burry will co-chair with Mr. Rizzuto and Mrs. Eastman the Christmas Holiday Party. Mr. Short will chair getting the wreaths for windows and door and also look into purchasing a Vermont Casting wood stove. We should start a refreshment list with donors. Mrs. Mitchell had a large sign. The frames for the main sign are in the shed at the real estate office.

14. On a motion by Mr. Rizzuto, and seconded by Mrs. Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Battista
Secretary