

Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

6:00 PM, Colts Neck Town Hall

In Attendance:

Lillian Burry Chairperson
Frank Rizzuto, Township Committee Liaison
Michele Battista, Secretary
Patty Eastman
Dalton Hamlin
Keith Otten
Christopher Short
Toni Morello
Mary Fournier
Cindy Feury

Absent:

Ann Rippa - excused
Susan Baker - excused
Janine Strafacci Pinguelo
Jim Schatzle – excused
Patricia Mitchell
Maggie Osmulski - excused

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 January 23, 2017, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on March 21, 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. On a motion by Mr. Short, and seconded by Mrs. Morello, the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting were accepted.
3. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned that he is certified in profiling and security, and oversees the NJ Marathon. Mrs. Burry said the case is closed.
4. Joanna Connelly who lives in Colts Neck was a visitor to the meeting and is interested in joining the committee.

5. Mrs. Burry mentioned about Weekend in Old Monmouth on the 1st weekend in May. This is our 2nd year that the Montrose School House. It was very successful. Mrs. Eastman will be away for Weekend in Old Monmouth, but ensure all prep work is completed. Mrs. Battista sent the writeup in for March 1st deadline. Weekend in Old Monmouth is scheduled for May 6th from 10am - 5pm & May 7th from 12pm -5pm. Mrs. Eastman will get more lawn signs from the Monmouth County Historical Commission at the Hall of Records for the event. Mrs. Burry had present members signup for time slots for event. Mrs. Battista will email the entire committee the signup sheet. Mrs. Battista will locate the dialog to use as talking items for the event. The Lairds Applejack display was well received so Mrs. Burry and Mr. Rizzuto will work obtaining the display again. Mr. Rizzuto to call Mr. Bader to move student tables back to school house. Mrs. Battista will get out Press Release. We had apples in buckets for visitors to take., but it was suggested we have apple cider for drinks and water.
6. Mrs. Burry wants the subcommittee to meet in March before meeting with Principal Barr to get the children to the Montrose School House. The subcommittee is Mrs. Burry, Mr. Short & Mr. Otten. The idea of a reenactor at the school was suggested. Past reenactors for Conover Rd School were Betsy Ross & Molly Pitcher. Additionally, Mrs. Battista to follow-up on her previous message to getting a Hamilton reenactor into Cedar Dr School.
7. Mrs. Burry mentioned the Hominy Hill Bronze Marker is held up on ordering as waiting for the Township to approve funds. The budget will be introduced at the March 29th and approved on April 26th. Mrs. Burry mentioned about the Booklet Depicting Bronze Markers being honored by the State. The Booklet would be available at Town Hall and the Library. Mrs. Burry is meeting with Mrs. Kolnoski on Friday, 3/24.
8. Township Reappointments were Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Osmulski, Mrs. Pinguelo, and Mr. Schatzle. Mr. Rizzuto is no longer a member of the committee as liaison. Mrs. Burry asked Mrs. Taeschler if she was interested in joining the committee. She respectfully declined it. Mrs. Burry asked Shirley Miller. Mrs. Connolly was asked to join at the meeting and accepted. Mrs. Battista would send her the committee form to fill out.
9. Mrs. Burry is Liaison to County Historic Commission and acknowledged grant recipients. We had received a grant in past. Mrs. Burry said we should put in an application. Mrs. Burry suggested we consult with John Fabiano for direction on how to apply for a grant. We have a dedicated historical tax in Colts Neck that we could use to put a well in to water trees and flowers or upgrade electric. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned we may get Mr. Bader, the Director of DPW to help with electrical work. It was mentioned if we added water, it would help for fire insurance.
10. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned about his discussion with the tree as he is Liaison to the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Rizzuto asked them to recommend a tree to plant for the memorial. Mrs. Burry asked if they would provide the tree. Mr. Rizzuto said they will plant it for us. Mrs.

Eastman is on the Commission as well. Mrs. Fournier suggested a female holly tree as deer proof and love acidic soil. Mr. Hamlin suggested the tree be planted by the flag pole so more people see it while driving by on Cedar.

11. Mrs. Battista mentioned Archives Day on October 14th but we still have time to sign up.
12. Mrs. Burry talked to Mrs. Terry who is very artistic putting things together. She said she would help putting together display case for the school house. Mrs. Burry mentioned to look at utilizing Mrs. Fournier's display case.
13. On a motion by Mrs. Feury, and seconded by Mr. Hamlin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Battista
Secretary