

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Vincent Cerullo
Harold Kilbride
Lucy Lennox
Patricia Mitchell
Theresa Mordarski
Toni Morello
Maggie Osmulski
Louise Whitney

Absent:

Jane Davis (excused)
David Engebretson (excused)
Jennifer Engel (excused)
Mary Fournier (excused)
Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Ann Rippa (excused)

1. Mrs. 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 November 2, 2010, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on November 10, 2010 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.” Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. On a motion by Mr. Kilbride and seconded by Mrs. Mordarski, the minutes of the October 5 meeting were accepted.
3. Mrs. Burry reported that a significant portion of the west end of the Colts Neck Inn has recently been gutted, and new construction commenced, without formal review of an application for development. Mr. Cerullo responded that the air conditioning units on the roof had led to an imminent collapse, and that the main roof beam was failing. Mrs. Burry remarked that she was astounded to see that, almost immediately upon apparent discovery of this emergency, an enormous reconstruction proceeded. Further, she remarked that it is a challenge to the imagination how it can be professed that plans for such an extensive undertaking can possibly have been drawn and progressed so far and so rapidly, as merely a response to an emergency.

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- Mrs. Burry further remarked that significant parts of the structure date to 1717, and that the Inn is located in Colts Neck Village, the most historic district in the Township. In the recent past, Holly Bush Farm, the oldest home in the Township, was lost to demolition, just as the Historical Preservation Committee was in the midst of trying to save it. A promise was made that Chairperson Burry would be notified before any permits were given to historic structures. However, at no time has the Historical Preservation Committee received any notification of alterations to the Colts Neck Inn. Mrs. Burry will investigate further, and consider sending a letter to the Township Committee requesting more information.
3. Mrs. Osmulski reported that she met with the third grade teachers at the Montrose School regarding integration of the school into the colonial history curriculum. The program at the school would probably occur at the end of May or first week in June.
 4. Ms. Lennox reported that she has completed work on the House Tour programs and fliers, which were designed by her daughter Katherine Knipfing. The tickets will be sold at Colts Neck Realty and Mulberry Market. Mrs. Burry reminded her to send two tickets to each of the homeowners on the Tour. O'Hara's Old Yellowbrook Farm has dropped out of the Tour. The Girl Scouts will decorate the Montrose Schoolhouse. The poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be written out on the chalkboard. Mr. Kilbride will donate a tree. Cookies and cider will be served. Mrs. Lennox will have a heater placed there temporarily. Outdoor lighting is needed, as the Tour continues after dark.
 5. Mr. Cerullo reported that the estimate from Regn's to repair the "Welcome to Colts Neck" signs quoted \$575 each for repainting, and \$2,150 each for replacement. He will look for an alternate vendor's estimate. Mrs. Whitney suggested that funds from the Colts Neck Historical Society might be used for this, and Mrs. Burry requested Mr. Cerullo to give the estimates to Mrs. Whitney.
 6. On a motion by Mrs. Osmulski and seconded by Mrs. Lennox., the proposed Committee meeting schedule for 2011 was accepted. Meetings will continue on the first Tuesday except the second Tuesday of June and November, with no meetings in January and August.
 7. On a motion by Mrs. Morello and seconded by Mrs. Mordarski, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary