

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014  
5:30 PM, COLTS NECK TOWN HALL

**In Attendance:** Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
Jim Schatzle, Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Susan Baker  
Jane Davis  
Patricia Eastman  
Jennifer Engel  
Cindy Feury  
Mary Fournier  
Harold Kilbride  
Patricia Mitchell  
Toni Morello  
Maggie Osmulski  
Ann Rippa  
Frank Rizzuto

**Absent:** Laura Kolnoski (excused)  
Louise Whitney (excused)  
Connie Wilson (excused)

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 5:43 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 January 4, 2014, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on October 7, 2014 at 5:30 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. Rizzuto and seconded by Mrs. Baker, the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Mrs. Burry expressed kudos to Ms. Terry for chairing the September meeting. Mrs. Burry reminded the Committee members that Monmouth County Archives & History Day will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the County Library Headquarters in Manalapan. Mrs. Mitchell offered to staff the Committee’s display table from 12:00 to 2:30.

Mrs. Burry reported that work on the Montrose School, including rebuilt shutters, repairs to siding, and installation of gravel at the base of the foundation to prevent splashback, have been completed. A totally new fence is planned for installation next week.

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4. Mrs. Burry requested that the Committee consider hosting a "Christmas at Montrose School" event in lieu of the cancelled House Tour. All members were enthusiastic. Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Rizzuto agreed to co-chair the event committee with Mrs. Burry. The date will be Sunday, December 14, to avoid a conflict with the Township tree lighting on December 7. Mrs. Burry suggested that Ed Brock plant a Christmas tree, that she read "The Night before Christmas," and requested that Mr. Kilbride place wreathes in the windows. Mr. Kilbride also offered to supply extra-large Christmas lights. Other suggestions included inviting John Grabowski to appear as Father Christmas, and encourage photographs; carol singers; candy canes, gingerbread, popcorn and hot chocolate.
5. Mr. Schatzle reported that a resident inquired about Colts Neck cemeteries at a Township Committee meeting. He suggested that keeping them neat and clear of overgrowth could be a Boy Scout project. Mrs. Burry remarked that she has a book of all the Colts Neck cemeteries and that a slave cemetery exists at the rear of her property. Mrs. Burry strongly advised that the locations of private cemeteries not be widely known, in order to avoid inviting vandals.
6. Mrs. Burry responded to the proposal from the September meeting for an antiques road show. Mrs. Burry declared that this is a great idea, but very difficult to put together. Mrs. Burry noted that the Monmouth County Historical Association has hosted such an event in the past. Another antiques appraisal event was listed in last Sunday's newspaper to be held in the near future. Mrs. Osmulski reported that she had spoken with an antiques dealer in Lambertville, who told her that many antiques dealers avoid appraisals due to liability problems. Ms. Rippa reported that she spoke with a dealer in Holmdel with whom she does business, and this dealer would do the appraisals gratis, but not certify the appraisals. Mrs. Eastman reported that the Antiques Emporium in Asbury Park would bring two people, each of whom would be paid \$150.00. Ms. Rippa noted that that is the usual price. Mrs. Eastman also remarked that her attorney husband advised that the words "road show" may not be used. Mrs. Burry offered that she had attended a similar event at Winterthur that was very well done, and received an estimate from photographs, of approximate age and value. Mrs. Burry suggested this event be held in May, 2015. Bucks Mill would be a good venue, with adequate indoor space.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Engel and seconded by Mrs. Feury, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be on November 11, 2014, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary