

Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
6:00 PM, Colts Neck Town Hall

In Attendance: JP Bartolomeo, Township Committee Liaison
Michele Battista, Secretary
Patricia Eastman
Christopher Short
Frank Rizzuto, Acting Chair
Antoinette Morello
Patricia Mitchell
Mary Fournier
Ann Rippa

Absent: Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson excused
Susan Baker (excused)
Jim Schatzle (excused)
Cindy Feury (excused)
Janine Strafacci Pinguelo (excused)
Maggie Osmulski

1. Mr. Rizzuto called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 September 13, 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." Mr. Rizzuto then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. On a motion by Mr. Short, and seconded by Mr. Rizzuto, the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were accepted.
3. Mr. Rizzuto said Keith Otten, who works for the DPW provided his application into the town today.

4. Mr. Rizzuto reviewed the Archives Day flyer and highly encouraged the new committee members to attend. The theme is Transportation this year. Mr. Rizzuto will check the firehouse for older pictures and take some of his vehicles. Mrs. Morello mentioned Mr. Kilbride may have materials.
5. Mr. Rizzuto reviewed the grant application and we should consider a special project for 3rd graders to be bussed to school house and have a re-enactor. Another option is to repair the rotted wood of the door kick plate. Mr. Rizzuto spoke with Paulsen who said the problem is that the school house is set on some stones sitting on the ground. The building slants to one side.
6. The Committee was planning the Christmas reception for Sunday, December 11 but to be confirmed by Mrs. Burry. Mrs. Battista will send email. Mrs. Mitchell will redo advertising sign by Signs by Tomorrow in Shrewsbury with new date. Mrs. Mitchell is concerned for the payment to vendor, as last year there was a delay in payment to Signs by Tomorrow. Mr. Rizzuto will work with Mr. Otten to fix electric. Mr. Short will get wreaths. The bows are already at school house. We will need the DPW to hang lights on the tree. The frame and sign are stored in real estate shed or at the school house. Refreshments should be hot chocolate and hot cider and not much food. Mr. Short will load Santa's chair in Mrs. Mitchell's car. Mr. Rizzuto has Santa Claus lined up for picture taking. There is no need for traffic control. The Committee was not sure of last years timing. Previously, entertainment was by hired professional singers but unsure of their cost. Mr. Rizzuto to ask BJ Willis, the Colts Neck Primary School Music teacher, if they can provide musical entertainment. Mrs. Morella and Mrs. Mitchell will steam the table cloths. Mrs. Rippa will get some items to hang, and asked if we should hang the 12 ft pine garland on the fence like 2 yrs ago. There is 360 ft of fencing, so the cost of the garland is costly and labor intensive to hang. Mrs. Morello suggested a 50/50 to raise monies, but will need a license to have 50/50.
7. The second Christmas tree that Brock's donated is dead. We will need a new tree by Christmas. Mr. Short could help with spare parts for a water gathering system. Other possibilities are having the boy scouts maintain it, the DPW to set up a water schedule.
8. Mrs. Battista, Friends of the Library president, suggested the Historical Preservation Committee set up a table at the Art Show & Sale in October to sell the Folio items and maps again.
9. Mrs. Mitchell said we should get a Colts Neck glass Christmas ornament from either Folio Market or Mulberry Market. Mrs. Mitchell suggested that as Mrs. Burry is a good friend with Ann Hager, owner of Mulberry Market, she should contact about having a

Colts Neck ornament. Mrs. Mitchell mentioned that Connecticut has a pewter ornament each year.

10. Mr. Bartolomeo stated there is not much from the Township Committee though there is the work around the grounds of Town Hall by the County. The Town applied for a grant to pave the walkway. The Soccer season kicked off last week so the DPW had a lot of work. The town is looking to replace Mr. Thompson of the DPW who is retiring, and has reviewed few candidates. Mr. Bartolomeo has asked us to be patient with our work requests as the town is in a massive overall.
11. The following Committee members and their families are interested in attending the Betsy Ross Re-enactor at Primary school on Monday, October 17th at 9:30am Patricia and Barbara Mitchell, Chris and Joanne Short, Patty Eastman, Paul and Mary Fournier, Ann Rippa, and Frank Rizzuto joined by Lillian Burry and Michele Battista.
12. On a motion by Mrs. Fournier, and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Battista
Secretary