

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011  
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

**In Attendance:** Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Jane Davis  
Patricia Eastman  
Jennifer Engel  
Mary Fournier  
Harold Kilbride  
Laura Kolnoski  
Lucy Lennox  
Patricia Mitchell  
Toni Morello  
Ann Rippa  
Louise Whitney

**Absent:** Ed Eastman, Township Committee Liaison (excused)  
David Engebretson  
Maggie Osmulski (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 January 5, 2011, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on April 5, 2011 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 Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Engel, the minutes of the March 1 meeting were accepted.
3. Mrs. Burry welcomed new member Frank Rizzuto, who is a member of The Archeological Society of New Jersey, and a friend of Richard Veit, Professor of Archeology at Monmouth University.

Mrs. Burry reported that Weekend in Old Monmouth, sponsored by the Monmouth County Historical Preservation Commission, will be held on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. She encouraged all members to attend as many of the forty sites as possible, especially the Burroughs Mansion that dates to the 1700s, and which she helped to preserve.

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Mrs. Burry noted that she had spent the last five days with a Founding Father at Keswick Hall, two miles from Monticello, and visited the homes of both Madison and Monroe.

4. Mrs. Burry led a discussion regarding the historic re-enactors program at Cedar Drive School. The school prefers an autumn date, probably in October. In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, a re-enactor from this period will be sought, possibly Ulysses S. Grant or Robert E. Lee.
5. Mrs. Osmulski was unable to attend the meeting; however, she sent a memorandum updating progress toward hosting the third-grade classes at Montrose School. Colonial history is studied at the end of their curriculum, so the visits would be scheduled on May 22 through May 26. The program would commence with instruction from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the Conover School. Two classes would then be bused to Montrose School, where one class would have outdoor activities, using period games on loan from Longstreet Farm, while the other class has math or spelling lessons inside the school. The two classes would then switch places. John Paredes will ask the bus drivers if they will volunteer their time in order to decrease costs, and the PTO has been asked for support for the program. The cost of the usual speaker is not available in the budget. Mrs. Burry will call Lee Ellen Griffith of the Monmouth County Historical Association to see if they could provide a speaker, and Mr. Rizzuto will ask Richard Veit if he could speak.
6. Mrs. Kolnoski reported that she had to do some research for the Historic Colts Neck brochure, as the current brochure has some conflicts in information. Everything has now been updated in her computer, and she is ready to start working with Ms. Lennox's daughter. Mrs. Burry stated that funds for printing will come from the Committee's Trust Fund.
7. Ms. Rippa displayed the invitations she had printed for the Spring Reception, featuring a picture of Monticello. Ms. Rippa distributed a sign-up for refreshments, and will coordinate the refreshments with Mrs. Eastman.
8. Mrs. Burry led a discussion regarding houses for the Annual House Tour. Mrs. Engel will ensure that prior participants are all invited to the Spring Reception.
9. Mrs. Burry noted that the tenth anniversary of the Attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon will be on a Sunday. As County Freeholder, she will have to be in attendance at Mount Mitchell that day, so perhaps the Township program may be on Saturday. Mayor Schatzle has a piece of steel from the Twin Towers and plans to have it mounted for display at the Township Memorial.
10. Mrs. Burry reported that the Thomas Robertson Co. has submitted estimates for the "Welcome to Colts Neck" signs. The price of refurbishing both sides would be \$575.00, and replacement, without pole and installation, would be \$1,700.00 per sign. Regn had quoted \$2,150 per sign for replacement. Both use gold leaf. Mrs. Burry noted that the poles need refurbishing. Mr. Kilbride said that they should receive three coats of very good quality paint.

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11. Mr. Frank Van Note appeared before the Committee to learn what measures may have been taken or are being contemplated by the Township Committee to preserve local cemeteries. He cited the Hendrickson cemetery at Beau Ridge in Holmdel, where the homeowners' association had removed headstones as part of a "beautification" effort. Some of his own ancestors are buried there. Mrs. Burry replied that County Counsel is investigating, but that many of these very old cemeteries are on private property. Mr. Van Note also remarked that, because Laird's Distillery was enjoined from its usual business during Prohibition, their headquarters on County Route 537 was sold to a member of the Schanck family, also one of his ancestors, who owned it for 11 or 12 years before selling it back to Lairds.
12. On a motion by Mrs. Engel and seconded by Mrs. Whitney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary