

COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012
5:30 PM, TOWNSHIP HALL

In Attendance:

Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson
Jarrett Engel, Township Committee Liaison
Ellen Terry, Secretary
Jane Davis
Patricia Eastman
Jennifer Engel
Harold Kilbride
Patricia Mitchell
Toni Morello
Maggie Osmulski
Ann Rippa
Frank Rizzuto

Absent:

Susan Baker (excused)
Mary Fournier
Laura Kolnoski (excused)
Bud Wheeler
Louise Whitney (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 9, 2012, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on August 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM, at the Colts Neck Library. 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. Morello and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were accepted.
3. Mrs. Burry distributed copies of the newly-published “Welcome to Historic Colts Neck” brochure. Mrs. Burry announced that the Colts Neck Business Association (CNBA) has requested copies of the brochure for their own distribution. She noted that the brochure is the result of hard work by members of the Committee, and all credit should be given to the Committee. Mayor Engel offered to assist in communication with the CNBA. Mrs. Burry reminded him that she is the official Township Historian. Meanwhile, she added, the brochures will be available at the Library and at the front desk of the Township offices. The question remains open.

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Mrs. Burry reported that the refurbished Welcome to Colts Neck signs have been hung and the poles have been painted, by Public Works employees. It was not feasible to have the painting done by the Boy Scouts, as police protection was required and all members of the troop would have to be assembled for the painting. A letter of thanks will be sent to Ed Thompson. Mayor Engel suggested that leaning poles should be stabilized in concrete. Mrs. Burry added that she had recently noticed that the sign on Five Point Road needs to be refurbished.

Mrs. Burry announced that this year's re-enactor for Cedar Drive School will portray Ulysses Grant. Mrs. Burry is working on arrangements for him to appear in November.

Mrs. Burry reported that she received a call from Due Process. They would like to borrow old photos of Colts Neck to reproduce, frame, and display in their office, at their expense. Mrs. Osmulski suggested that they might get a second set of reproductions for the Committee, as the additional cost would be minimal.

Mrs. Burry reported that Louise Whitney has been in hospital at The Manor, at Centrastate Medical Center, and that she sent Mrs. Whitney flowers. Mrs. Whitney is recuperating steadily.

4. Mrs. Burry led the discussion about the House Tour. Mrs. Burry suggested that each venue feature a special activity or theme. For example, guests might receive apples at the Barclay home, and a 19th century class might be held at the Montrose School. Mrs. Morello reported that she spoke with the new owners of the Old St. Mary's on Heyers Mill Road, the Pitta family, and that they were interested in participating. Mrs. Mitchell will ask her sister-in-law, who lives on Leland Road by Trump National Golf Course, to participate in the Tour. Mrs. Burry offered to speak with Bob Cooke, who has put his family's 17th century home on the market. The House Tour will be held on October 6. Mr. Rizzuto will chair the subcommittee, which will be comprised of Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Fournier, Mr. Kilbride, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Morello.
5. On a motion by Mr. Rizzuto and seconded by Mrs. Morello the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 5:30 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry
Secretary