

# COLTS NECK HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
7:00 PM, COLTS NECK TOWN HALL

**In Attendance:** Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson  
P.J. Bartolomeo, Township Committee Liaison  
Ellen Terry, Secretary  
Susan Baker  
Jane Davis  
Patricia Eastman  
Mary Fournier  
Patricia Mitchell  
Toni Morello  
Frank Rizzuto  
Chris Short  
Nici TenHoeve

**Absent:** Jennifer Engel (excused)  
Cindy Feury  
Laura Kolnoski (excused)  
Maggie Osmulski  
Ann Rippa

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 December 17, 2015, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on February 9, 2016 at 7:00 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.” Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. Mrs. Burry welcomed new member Nici TenHoeve, and new Township Committee Liaison J.P. Bartolomeo. Mrs. Burry summarized the activities of the committee, including the Montrose School; historic bronze road markers; house tours; primary and middle school visits by historic re-enactors; the Trust Account; Historic Colts Neck pamphlet; reproduction of the 19<sup>th</sup> century map, on which is indicated locales of homes built prior to 1865; and the framed original 17<sup>th</sup> century Sgroi deed and the painting of Flock Farm before it was demolished, both of which grace the walls of Town Hall.
3. Mrs. Burry recognized those members who have been reappointed this year, including Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Feury, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Morello and Mr. Short. Mrs. Burry reported that founding member Louise Whitney passed away in California in November. Mrs. Burry has requested that Mrs. Kolnoski write an article about Mrs. Whitney’s contributions to historic preservation. Mrs. Burry reported that she has accepted Mrs. Kolnoski’s resignation from the committee, as Mrs. Kolnoski’s work hours have greatly increased in her new job. Mrs. Burry reported that Ed Brock’s wife, Angelina “Jean” Brock, passed away after a long illness. The family has expressed great appreciation of the committee’s recognition on the passing of Mr. Brock’s grandson Robert.

4. Mrs. Burry offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Short, to appoint Ms. Terry as committee secretary. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Rizzuto offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, to nominate Mrs. Burry as Chairperson. Mrs. Burry was elected on a voice vote. Mrs. Burry offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, to nominate Mr. Rizzuto as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Rizzuto was elected on a voice vote.
5. On a motion by Mr. Rizzuto and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were accepted as submitted.
6. Mrs. Burry distributed copies of press clippings from the tenth historic road marker, at the home of former committee member Linda Dickinson-Pancila, known as the "Ryall House." Mrs. Dickinson-Pancila has spent 13 years restoring the home, and received two Preservation Awards from the Monmouth County Historic Commission. Mrs. Kolnoski will be hired to prepare a pamphlet about the markers. Funds for this publication may be sought from the Historic New Jersey License Plate Fund.

Mrs. Burry commented upon the success of the Old-Fashioned Christmas event at Historic Montrose School. All committee members pitched in to make the day a success. The event will be repeated in 2016. The date and a chairperson will be selected in March. Mrs. Burry announced that the school has been chosen for participation in Weekend in Old Monmouth, a program sponsored by the Monmouth County Historic Commission. This year it will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, May 1, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Mr. Rizzuto agreed to be responsible for the physical appearance of the school. Mrs. Eastman agreed to be in charge of docents for the event. A dialogue for the docents needs to be written.

7. Mrs. Burry stated that the committee should contract to have an historic re-enactor appear in the schools this coming autumn. Mrs. Burry will make arrangements with the primary school.

Mrs. Burry questioned whether the committee should have a house tour or another antiques appraisal event. The former poses the difficulty of getting owners of historic homes to participate, and the latter was not very successful as a fund-raiser in 2015. It was decided preliminarily to host a Vineyard Party.

8. Mr. Rizzuto reported that the current owners of the red house at the end of Conover Road at State Route 34 have had the house elevated several feet due to periodic flooding from Big Brook, which runs close behind the house. Mr. Rizzuto noted that this was done while maintaining the historic integrity of the house.
9. On a motion by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM. The next meeting will be on March 8, at 7:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Terry  
Secretary