

# Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Monday, June 12, 2017

6:00 PM, Colts Neck Town Hall

**In Attendance:** Lillian Burry Chairperson, Frank Rizzuto Township Committee Liaison, Michele Battista, Secretary, Patty Eastman, Dalton Hamlin, Ann Rippa, Patricia Mitchell, Christopher Short, Toni Morello, Cindy Feury, Joanna Connelly, & Mary Fournier

**Absent:** Janine Strafacci Pinguelo, Maggie Osmulski, Jim Schatzle, & Susan Baker— all excused

1. Mrs. Burry called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 January 23, 2017, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee would be held on June 12, 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.” Mrs. Burry then led the Salute to the Flag.
2. On a motion by Mr. Hamlin, and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were accepted as corrected.
3. Mrs. Burry said Wed is Flag day.
4. Mr. Rizzuto talked about the town’s plan to move Parks & Rec department to Bucks Mill. The town tried to extend the steel building but could not do it with the setbacks, so will build a new building at Bucks Mill to house all the programs with expansion. Mrs. Burry stated that you don’t sell your assets. It is not what it is used for, it is what it stands for. Jarrod Thompson is still living and was very much a part of it. The town paid 60k for the Grange which became the library. Mrs. Burry mentioned Mr. Barbagallo wanted to move the school house to create a center like Smithville. Mr. Rizzuto suggested a senior center, a museum or research center. The Grange is not commercially zoned.
5. Mrs. Burry stated the Bronze Plaque for Hominy Hill which warrants the recognition is ordered. Mrs. Burry will alert HPC for a photo shoot. Mrs. Burry mentioned about the Bronze Markers being honored by the State. Randy Gabriellan wrote a letter about the markers. There were articles with the past mayors at dedications. Mrs. Burry mentioned that the possibility for the next marker could be Bucks Mill Rd where the mill that doesn’t exist anymore, or the roundabout and the horse. Mr. Hamlin appreciates the roundabout for the increased safety from the first

aid squad point of view. The need for the roundabout was started by Cathie Trost with Mrs. Burry and the County was supportive.

6. Mrs. Burry scheduled Thomas Jefferson at Cedar Dr School on 11/2 at 1pm. The county library had a debate between Hamilton & Jefferson. In seeing them both there, Mrs. Burry asked Jefferson to come back and he said he would be delighted. Traditionally, we invite some of the seniors to attend.
7. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned the Volunteer Handbook was started by the township administrator. Mr. Short is asking if his participation on this committee is contingent on signing the form. Mrs. Burry mentioned that Mr. Florek had concerns as well. Mrs. Burry, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Rippa, want their signed forms back. Mr. Rizzuto said the town is creating a new, toned-down Volunteer Handbook.
8. Mrs. Burry talked about Weekend in Old Monmouth. Mr. Rizzuto asked about what the commissioners thought and Mrs. Burry stated they liked it. Mrs. Burry thanks all for the cleaning and setup. We were busy all the time and the children were interested to see the school.
9. Mrs. Burry wants the subcommittee to meet before meeting with Principal Barr to get the children to the Montrose School House. The subcommittee is Mrs. Burry, Mr. Short & Mr. Hamlin. The idea of a reenactor at the school was suggested. Past reenactors for Conover Rd School were Betsy Ross & Molly Pitcher.
10. Mrs. Burry stated that the 9/11 memorial was designed by people on this committee. The Community Church organized the event last year. Mrs. Burry wants to have HPC work on a program for this year. Mr. Rizzuto will relay request to Mayor for Sunday, 9/10 at 6pm at next Township Committee meeting. The County has the program in the morning and the evening at Mt. Mitchell on 9/11.
11. Mrs. Battista mentioned Archives Day on October 14<sup>th</sup> but we still have time to sign up.
12. On a motion by Mrs. Morello, and seconded by Mr. Short, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Battista  
Secretary