Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Lower Level

In Attendance: Mary Pahira – Chairperson, Patricia Mitchell, Michelle Warendorf, Maggie Osmulski, Patty Eastman, Jessica Tobia, Jeanette Moriarty, & Jennifer Reinson
Absent: Frank Rizzuto - Township Liaison, Jim Schatzle, Nick Moretta, Tom Sullivan, Janine Strafaci,– all excused

1. Mrs. Pahira called the meeting to order at 6:38 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 17, 2024 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) would be held on November 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM. 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. Pahira led the Salute to the Flag.
2. The minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting was accepted by Mrs. Osmulski & Mrs. Eastman.
3. Old Business
   a. Historic Marker – Plantation at the Falls photo op in Nov, Lil' Orleans Farm photo op end of June. Mrs. Battista will write Press Release with Photo.
   b. Booklet update – Michele will work with editor and check if a digital version is possible.
   c. Schoolhouse – discovered joists rotted when lifted broken floorboard, so maybe need to address foundation repair at same time. DPW requested to put small pebble by road, and power wash building. Mrs. Pahira 1. Broken floorboard/hole on side of building. 2. Rotted sign above door, sill under front door and door molding. 3. Rotted attic door. 4. Rotted inside by window 5. repair foundation. 6. Remove oil tank in ground by where pipes seen in ground at back of school. Mrs. Pahira said estimate from Paulson was $125,000 and Mrs. Pahira talked with Mr. Rizzuto about hiring Paulson like they did for the cupola. County regrant not for repair of building. Mr. Rizzuto needs to have a conversation with Mrs. Capristo about budget for repairs. Dave Paulson estimate for foundation is $85,000. Mrs. Pahira was saddened that Colts Neck did not alert us to apply for a grant from the county that could fund Historic buildings preservation.
   d. 2024 Halloween event October 19th – Mrs. Pahira said how well event ran.
   e. 2024 Country Christmas – Dec 8th. Town Tree Lighting Dec 7th.. Mrs. Battista confirmed musicians. Cleaning Fri, 12/6 at 10:30am, signups for food. Mrs. Pahira honoring Mrs. Fournier for her many years on HPC.
   f. Monmouth 250 – Mrs. Pahira mentioned Monmouth 250 will advertise events. We should consider a horse and buggy ride or a Christmas lantern tour.
   g. General Store 175 years old – celebration TBD
   h. Mrs. Pahira engaged monthly magazine or TapInto to get resident stories published. Mrs. Pahira make up an ad. Jeanne Wall of TapInto said she would publish.
   i. Fundraiser – brick engraving, silver picnic bench, brick $150, $1,000 sponsor, plaque for flower garden, platinum. 5.9% if they collect money. Mrs. Pahira motioned to create a non-profit as a 501c3 to fundraise. There were nine Yes votes, and there were no No's. Mrs. Reinson suggested other events like Easter bunny though rec has event. Mrs. Warendorf provided sheet with events like historic tour, photo contest of historic site or talks on such.
   j. Get the word out about history in Colts Neck – Add "Things to do" on Township Community page (example https://www.explorehunterdonnj.com/city/oldwick)
   k. Committee members: Still waiting for Township Committee to approve Mrs. Reinson.
   l. Discussed 501c3 so can fundraise. Mrs. Pahira said her husband could help with paperwork to form.

4. New Business
   a. New members approved only at Reorg – Need to fill 3 spots
   b. 2025 budget draft & vouchers for 2024 Patricia get quote for steaming the 6 ft banquet tablecloths.
   c. Next historic marker Eastmont Orchards, Mrs. Moriarty's house.
   d. HPC Renewals: Mrs. Pahira, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs Tobia and Mr. Sullivan
   e. Participate in 6 One Room School House tour scheduled for April 2025. The committee voted Yes.
   f. A discussion about getting Boy Scout Eagle project for Cemetery and marker maintenance – get map of all cemeteries in town Richard Vit.
   g. It was discussed to have a House tour in fall of 5-6 houses or a garden tour or barn tour

h. Will we provide a tour to 3rd graders to Montrose schoolhouse
i. Mrs. Eastman mentioned Mrs. Connolly is in the hospital.
j. Jiya Verma volunteered to be the CNHS Student Liaison to HPC. The committee agreed to add her position.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM motioned by Mrs. Mitchell, 2nd by Mrs. Moriarty. The October 16, 2024 is cancelled, so next meeting is January 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary