Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

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

1. Mrs. Battista called the meeting to order at 6:36 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 July 17, 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. Battista led the Salute to the Flag.
2. The minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting was accepted as modified by Mrs. Moriarty & Mr. Sullivan.
3. Old Business
   a. Historic Marker – Plantation at the Falls's marker ordered, Lil' Orleans Farm photo op end of June. Mrs. Battista will write Press Release with Photo.
   b. Booklet update – Michele will work with editor.
   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.
   d. 2024 Halloween event October 19th & rain date 20 – signup for sub-committees. Mrs. Pahira purchased a hot dog cooker and donut machine. Mrs. Pahira was voted by all to spend $50 on concession items. Fire Co #1 to trim bamboo, design vignettes for hayride. Plan to sell popcorn bags, hot and cold cider, coffee and hot cocoa. Mrs. Battista will get Press Release ready. Mr. Sullivan trimmed the bamboo last year.
   e. 2024 Country Christmas – Dec 8th. Town Tree Lighting Dec 7th
   f. Monmouth 250 – Mrs. Pahira attended Hominy Hill Golf Course meeting where Hanlon n Arnone ran meeting. They want it to be a year long celebration.
   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. Cedar Drive - Thomas Jefferson on May 29 at 1pm. Mrs. Warendorf gave feedback on performance. Mrs. Battista will write Press Release with Photo.
   j. Fundraiser – brick engraving, silver picnic bench, brick $150, $1,000 sponsor, plaque for flower garden, platinum. 5.9% if they collect money. Mr. Rizzuto to check with Township.
   k. Get the word out about history in Colts Neck – Add "Things to do" on Township Community page (example https://www.explorehunterdonnj.com/city/oldwick)
   l. Committee members: Still waiting for Township Committee to approve Mrs. Reinson.

4. New Business
   a. It was suggested that we plan a horse and buggy ride.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM motioned by Mrs. Eastman, 2nd by Mrs. Fournier. The next meeting is on August 21, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary