Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

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

1. Mrs. Pahira 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 February 21, 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. Mrs. Pahira mentioned the Township article on Committee Attendance Policy.
3. The minutes of the January 24, 2024, meeting was accepted as modified by Mrs. Moriarty & Mrs. Fournier.
4. Old Business
   a. Work with school to get 3rd grade to visit the Schoolhouse – 2 Teachers present and agreed would go forward
   b. Historic Marker – Plantation at the Falls's marker proof - submit wording change
   c. Booklet update – Michele contacted Muriel for 4 markers, map update and text changes
   d. Schoolhouse - foundation repair, broken floorboards, small pebble by road, powerwash. Mrs. Pahira mentioned applying for a grant, state pays for a third of the cost. Mrs. Pahira will obtain a rough cost of moving schoolhouse along with cost of foundation repair. Mrs. Pahira said Drew Weber can repair the sign above door. Mrs. Battista ask Ms. Capristo about getting maintenance items worked on before school tour.
   e. Budget Requested
   f. Weekend In Old Monmouth – May 4 (10-5) & 5th (12-5) – HPC voted not to participate
   g. 2024 Halloween event October 19th & rain date 20th assign tasks next meeting
   h. 2024 Country Christmas – Dec 8th. Tree Lighting Dec 7th
   i. Monmouth 250 meeting at Hominy Hill Golf Course on March 15 at 5:30pm
   j. General Store 175 years old – celebrate Memorial Day weekend
   k. Engage monthly magazine or TapInto to get resident stories published.
5. New Business
   a. Lisa Laird add 200sf extension, foundation of barn from 1700's repaired. Architect specializes in historic buildings, root cellar rebuilt and fortified areas from local stones. Barn have museum, produced applejack for 300 years which is 100 more than bourbon. The barn is finished and add a tasting room. Also, event space for 80 max. March 21st zoning light industrial and small bottling industry. HPC is in favor of Lisa Laird's improvements at property and will write a letter in support. The sign is back up today. 2.5 – 3 years working with Lisa Easton architect spearheading getting on historical registry. Lisa showed her slides and will be planting trees off the perimeter. Lisa said Lairds is the largest purchaser of apples in Monmouth County. Original still from 1800's
   b. Cedar Dr teacher asking for Thomas Jefferson and waiting for budget approval.
   c. Tom brought sheep shears from his barn, labeled "la cloche" on the back of the shears from France
   d. Mrs. Pahira talked about pull in parking on Montrose by removing fence and will talk to Mr. Anfuso.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM motioned by Mrs. Warendorf, 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell. The next meeting is on March 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary