Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

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

1. Mrs. Pahira called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 December 13, 2022, stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) would be held on January 24, 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 swear in Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Moriarty.
3. Mrs. Pahira mentioned Lisa Laird is going before zoning board on Feb 15th to try to have her barn be a museum and a tasting room with an event space for 80 people. HPC write a letter to present at meeting
4. The minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting was accepted as modified by Mrs. Warendorf & Mr. Filozof.
5. Mrs. Pahira working get George Washington painting back on the wall and will hang more frames that we received from the Woman's Club of Colts Neck with stories.
6. Old Business
    a. Historic Marker – Little Orleans marker to be installed by DPW, verbiage for book submitted.
    b. Booklet update – Michele contacted Muriel for 4 markers, map update and text changes
    c. Work with schools to get children visiting the Schoolhouse
    d. Schoolhouse - foundation repair, broken floorboards, small pebble by road, powerwash – Dave Paulson said will replace board but won't know what all will need to be done until life board. Mrs. Pahira mentioned applying for a grant, state pays for a third of the cost. Mary will obtain a rough cost of moving schoolhouse along with cost of foundation repair.
7. New Business
    a. Budget Requested – two historical reenactors – Cedar Dr teacher asking for Thomas Jefferson
    b. Historic Marker – Plantation at the Falls's marker proof
    c. Weekend In Old Monmouth – May 4 (10-5) & 5th (12-5) – Committee declined to participate
    d. 2024 Halloween event October 19th-20th
    e. 2024 Country Christmas – Dec 8th with Township Tree Lighting Dec 7th
    f. Monmouth 250
    g. General Store 175 years old – Party Memorial Day Weekend
8. Comments from the public – John Vig of 33 Bucks Mill Rd suggested we should record oral history of Colts Neck, as we are losing the history of CN when old timers die. The thought was to submit stories to be shared on a site where people can comment. Mrs. Pahira said we wanted to ask for people to submit stories to a monthly magazine. John suggested hiring an historian to record by getting a grad student to work for his thesis. Mr Vig said there is no mention of slavery in any history of Colts Neck. Mrs Pahira mentioned should have a Burlington Path sign.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM motioned by Mrs. Moriarty, 2nd by Mrs. Strafaci. The next meeting is cancelled on February 21, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary