Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

In Attendance: Mary Pahira – Chairperson, Jennifer Reinson, Patricia Mitchell, Tom Sullivan, Jiya Verma, Mallory Reardon, Jim Schatzle, Mike Pahira, Maggie Osmulski & Jack Thompson
Absent: Frank Rizzuto - Township Liaison, Joanne Passalacqua, Jessica Tobia, Janine Strafaci, Michelle Warendorf, Jeanette Moriarty, & Michelle Wesibrot – all excused

1. Mrs. Pahira called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 2, 2025 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) would be held on February 18, 2026, 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. Discussion Items: Swear in new & renewed members & Volunteer Handbook forms. Jack Thompson grew up in Colts Neck and moved back one year ago.
3. The minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting were accepted by Mr. Schatzle & Mr. Pahira.
4. Old Business
   a. Historic Marker – Erie Landmark sold to Noble Bronze. Next Eastmont Orchards - Dave Barclay has verbiage with D.O. OK. 2026 4JGs date back to the early 1700's, or Mrs. Moriarty's house? Plantation at the Falls photo op in Nov, Lil' Orleans Farm photo op from end of June and should mention received Monmouth County Preservation Award. Mrs. Pahira will write Press Release.
   b. 2026 Halloween event October 24/25 5-8pm –CN PTO Trunk or Treat same day 1-3pm. Subcommittee signups. Wagons from Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Pahira check with Mr. Orgo. Go to Trunk or Treat and drum up attendance with a spiel about needing help to find the character or hidden grave sit. Group txt for when doing setup. Need extra dozen tiki torches for 2026.
   c. 2026 Country Christmas – Dec 7th 1-4pm. Town Tree Lighting Dec 6th at 4:30pm with horse carriage rides 3-6pm. Need to announce photo with Santa in Press Release.
   d. Schedule Thomas Jefferson in May at Cedar Dr.
   e. Need to buy OPEN tall banner to attract attention. Mrs. Pahira will pick and order through town.

5. New Business
   a. Colts Neck Township budget. Asked for capital budget for Paulson's work on Montrose Schoolhouse.
   f. NJLM Preserve New Jersey Grants - Mrs. Pahira gave NJ grant to Ms. Capristo to submit for historical.
   b. Resident letter – Mrs Pahira ask for checks written to Montrose Trust. Letter to mailed by month end and list HPC members.
   c. DAR cemetery markers for Revolutionary War soldiers in CN Cemeteries unveiling in Spring
   d. 3rd grade visit Montrose Schoolhouse – Mrs Warendorf & Weisbrot to work on a date.
   e. Mr Sullivan offered to clean up the Bucks Mill Rd Grist Mill. Mr. Rizzuto would work permission from owner.
6. Comments from the Public
   Ed Piotroski of Morganville talked about the volunteer work he has done at the old Colts Neck cemeteries.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM motioned by Mr. Pahira, 2nd by Mrs. Strafaci. The next meeting is February 18, 20265 at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary