Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

In Attendance: Mary Pahira – Chair, Frank Rizzuto - Township Liaison, Jennifer Reinson, Michelle Wesibrot Patricia Mitchell, Mallory Reardon, Tom Sullivan, Mike Pahira, Maggie Osmulski, Michelle Warendorf & Jiya Verma

Absent: Joanne Passalacqua, Jim Schatzle, Janine Strafaci, Jeanette Moriarty, Jessica Tobia, & Jack Thompson – 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 9, 2026 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) would be held on April 15, 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 member Joanne – missed meeting
3. The minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting were accepted by Mr. Pahira & Mr. Sullivan
4. Old Business
   a. Historic Marker – Mrs. Pahira to ask Mr. Antonides to speak to Matt at Bronze Memorials. 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. Mr. Antonides needs to talk with marker company about how Colts Neck Purchase Order is a promise of payment.
   b. 2026 Halloween event: Confirmed October 24/25 5-8pm – CN PTO Trunk or Treat same day 1-3pm. Subcommittee signups. Advertising, Mary update flyer dates. Wagons from Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Pahira check with Mr. Orgo. Mrs. Tobia to ask her husband for 3rd wagon. Go to Trunk or Treat and drum up business. Group txt for when doing setup. Need 1 dozen tiki torches for 2026. Food items: pretzels, pizza and popcorn and maybe a food truck. Coffee, hot cider, water. Hot dogs not a hit. Mr. Rizzuto's son and friends with muskets and possibly chase Joshua Huddy and have Huddy hanging at the end. Possibility of a blow-up screen for movie, more face painters. Consider cemetery lantern tour?
   c. 2026 Country Christmas – Dec 6th 1-4pm. Need to announce photo with Santa in Press Release. Town Tree Lighting Dec 5th at 4:30pm with horse carriage rides 3-6pm.
   d. Schedule Thomas Jefferson in May at Cedar Dr & Betsy Ross at Primary in Oct
   e. Need to buy OPEN tall banner to attract attention. Mrs. Pahira will pick and order through town.
   f. Town Budget
   g. Weekend In Old Monmouth – Signups for May 2nd & May 3rd. Clean 4/30 at 10am Michele, Mary, Jenn, Patricia if not working. Michele put request in for DPW to mow lawn and pick up branches.
   h. Mr. Rizzuto work with Michele Donnelly – 3 DAR cemetery markers (Polhemus, Logan Bennett by Laird baseball field needs work & Hart Cemeteries) for Revolutionary War soldiers unveil in Spring. Mrs. Donnelly asked if wives could get markers paid for by HPC. Unanimous vote for $600 be spent on markers for wives. Possibly ask Home Depot for fencing materials for cemeteries and engage the Boy Scouts to clean cemeteries.
   i. June 2nd - 3rd grade visit Montrose Schoolhouse in 3 bus trips start at 9am – Mrs. Warendorf, Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Pahira. Mrs Battista confirmed Fire Police 9-11am, and will order Porta-potty. Move some desks out and set up 2 tables. Whirligig will be given out.
   j. Form a subcommittee for House Tour. voted to move to Sat, Dec 5 from 1pm-4pm. An HPC member will be at each location. Reformed Church, General Store, Colts Neck Inn, other houses on rt 537. Need flyer created.
5. New Business
   a. CNBA hosting Barn Tour on May 6 to meet at former Becker Hardware parking lot at 9:30am.
   b. Memorial Day Parade May 25th with Mott's Artillery.
   c. Mr Sullivan spoke with George Dittmar to clean the Bucks Mill Rd Grist Mill this weekend.
6. Comments from the Public
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM motioned by Mr. Pahira, 2nd by Mrs. Reinson. The next meeting is May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library Large Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary