# Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee
## Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:30 PM at the Colts Neck Library

**In Attendance:** Mary Pahira – Chairperson, Maggie Osmulski, Jessica Tobia, Patricia Mitchell, Mallory Reardon, Janine Strafaci, Jeanette Moriarty, Michelle Wesibrot, Tom Sullivan, Michelle Warendorf, Jiya Verma, Jennifer Reinson, Jim Schatzle,
**Absent:** Frank Rizzuto - Township Liaison, Joanne Passalacqua, Mike Pahira, 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 Sep 16, 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:
3. The minutes of the August 15, 2026, meeting were accepted by Mrs. Moriarty & Mrs. Osmulski
4. Old Business
   a. Historic Marker – Mrs. Pahira spoke with W & E Baum in Freehold and they are OK with town purchasing process. Mr. Rizzuto mentioned Richmond Casting in South Brunswick as an option. 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?
   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 the Tobia's, Mr. Sullivan, & Mrs. Pahira check with Mr. Orgo. Mrs. Tobia to ask her husband for 3rd wagon. Mr. Rizzuto to check on town rider for hayride. Mrs. Pahira reached out to Leo's Club for community service hours & Jiya to CNHS. Mrs Pahira mentioned going to Trunk or Treat and drum up business. Group txt for when doing setup. Publicity to get out. Plan to get food from local vendors. Have neon dance party inside firehouse with a DJ or playlist. Sell Glow Sticks. Buy dozen tiki torches, no fluid needed. Food items: pretzels, cookies and popcorn. 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. Mr Sullivan has the tent with light/speaker. Mrs Pahira, Mr Sullivan and Mrs Reinson will work on this years themes. Ask Carm's Farm to loan photo op frame with face cutouts and send a tractor. Atlantic Farms screen with face cut outs. Frankie Feds Food Truck. Bracelet making? We need more stuff to sell in baskets. cemetery lantern tour?
   c. 2026 Country Christmas – Dec 6th 1-4pm. Need to announce photo with Santa in Press Release. Mr. Sullivan will have wreath making, Dominick the donkey and his bell. Mary has a 10by20'tent. Town Tree Lighting Dec 5th at 4:30pm with horse carriage rides 3-6pm.
   d. Betsy Ross being planned for November at Conover Rd Primary School.
   e. Need to buy OPEN tall banner to attract attention. Mrs. Pahira will pick and order through town.
   f. Michele Donnelly – DAR cemetery markers unveiling on Nov 7th (Polhemus, & Logan Bennett Cemeteries).
   g. Home Tour handed off to Lions Club to run.
5. New Business
   a. Mrs. Pahira received a Montrose original school desk with a plaque saying dedicated from the Hubeny family.
   b. Mrs. Tobia asked where we were with repairing the foundation of the Montrose Schoolhouse. Mrs. Pahira mentioned that Mr. Rizzuto said that the town was to have the town engineer inspect. Mrs. Pahira mentioned put in for a grant for preliminary work and have not heard if accepted. Need Preliminary Survey by engineer and architect(?) to see if building will sustain being lifted. Mr. Rizzuto said this is happening now. The school house report should be available by the end of the week.
   c. Mrs. Tobia asked if the historical trust is audited. It is part of the town, then included with the town's audit.
   d. Fundraiser letter going out tomorrow. Joshua Huddy Birthday on Sun, Nov 8th.
6. Comments from the Public
   Ron Bennett spoke to Chris Mosley and he wants insurance for event. Mary will speak to Ms. Capristo Thur.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM motioned by Mr. Schatzle, 2nd by Mrs. Pinguelo. The next meeting is October 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Firehouse #1.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Battista, Secretary