

TOWN OF RYE
DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 15, 2019
Rye Town Hall
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Chairman David Choate, Elizabeth Sanborn and Alex Herlihy

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. at Town Hall

Purpose: Discuss potential demolition of 103 Old Beach Road

Proposed Plan – Tear down 100-year-old house and guest house.

Concern: Age of house and concern about building a ‘McMansion’ type of house. Plans call for a 2-story house rather than the 1 story it is currently.

The Committee reviewed zoning board approvals which were given to the Demolition Committee. (All questioned why the Demolition Committee wasn’t consulted first before approvals were given as we may have provided them with valuable feedback).

D. Choate requested a vote on the significance of the property. A. Herlihy moved. E. Sanborn 2nd. Unanimous vote that the property is Significant.

Public Hearing to be scheduled 8/27 @ 4 with Demolition Committee taking a walk through at 3:00.

D. Choate provided a recap from him meeting with the Planning Board at which time he reviewed our requests as outlined in his Memorandum to the Rye Planning Board re: Proposed Changes to the Demolition Permit Review Procedure. One of the items of feedback from the RPB was that the initial determination of whether the property was of significance or not must be made at an in-person meeting, not via email. D. Choate has a follow up meeting with Planning Board at 9 a.m. 8/27. He will add the request the “The Demolition Application should be made simultaneously with the initial Building Permit, which first permit in the process, but that the Demolition Permit be the LAST one issued”.

Motion to adjourn by D. Choate, Moved A. Herlihy, 2nd by E. Sanborn.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sanborn