

MINUTES

Demolition Review Committee Meeting 07/16/20 Rye Town Hall

D. Choate called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present were: David Choate, Alex Herlihy, Elizabeth Sanborn

Minutes reviewed from the 7/10/2020 mtg.. E. Sanborn motioned to accept: A. Herlihy seconded.

Roll call Vote: E. Sanborn - Aye, David Choate - Aye, Alex Herlihy - Aye

Purpose: Continue discussion of potential demolition of 32 Gray Court which was built in 1955.

Proposed Plan: Build a 1 1/2 story, 2000 sf house.

Invited were the owners Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, as well as builder Don Carrier. They reviewed the plans for the house including the lot placement. D. Choate read the 4 criteria of turning down a request for demolition highlighting section 509.7D which is the one that concerned the committee at our 7/10 meeting. He also clarified that we have received the March 4 ZBA Minutes and the "DRC" feels that the ZBA is a bit fast and loose with giving variances.

Mr. Sullivan confirmed that the abutters have been notified and only one expressed concern. The owner of that property doesn't live there as it is a rental.

Mr. Sullivan explained that this is going to be their year round home and the property has been in his family for 51 years.

E. Sanborn made a motion that the current building is not architecturally significant or historically important. A. Herlihy 2nd. Roll call vote: E. Sanborn - Aye, A. Herlihy - Aye, D. Choate - Aye

D. Choate will notify The Building Inspector, Peter Rowell, to issue the permit.

New business: D. Choate explained that a new Historic Properties Committee is being considered and asked E. Sanborn if she will be one of the representatives from the DRC. She'll consider. The Historic Properties Committee will be made up of two representatives from the DRC, RHC, RHDC, and the Rye Historical Society. Their task will be to identify, catalog, and inform the community on why these historic homes will always be worth saving. More to follow.

E. Sanborn motioned to adjourn and A. Herlihy seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote: David Choate - Aye, E. Sanborn - Aye, A. Herlihy - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sanborn.