

MINUTES

Demolition Review Committee
Meeting 08/17/2021

D. Choate called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. at the Rye Town Hall.

Present were: David Choate, Elizabeth Sanborn, Jay Longtin (ALT), Alex Herlihy

Purpose: to review demolition applications for 4 Washington Rd., 1 Locke Rd. and 37 Central Rd.

E. Sanborn made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2021. J. Longtin 2nd. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **4 Washington Road:** the house was demolished without a permit. General discussion followed:

The building Inspector, Chuck, said the wording on the building permit issued July 8, 2021 stated "demolish and build new" with the owners not realizing that a separate demolition permit was required. (Chuck was reminded that the Zoning Ordinance was specifically changed so that the Demo Permit is the ***last*** permit to be issued and **before other permits can be issued**). This was an oversight by the Building Department, but the feeling is that the owners ignored the next step for a separate demo permit.

While the building is already down, the Committee felt that it was important that the owners must follow the demo permit procedure. There is a 48 hour posting requirement on the website for a DRC hearing and that meeting is to be held in 10 business days from receipt of the application. The DRC members agreed to post immediately, then scheduled the meeting for Monday 8/23/2021 at 3 p.m. Chuck will notify the property owners that they cannot start any new construction on the site, but will be able to clean up the land from demolition.

2. **1 Locke Road:** Owners are building a new breezeway to connect the house with a new garage. The demolition request is for the existing garage which used to be a barn according to the owner. The owner stated to D. Choate in a phone conversation that he intended to re-use as many of the existing materials as possible in the new construction. The Committee decided that no site visit is needed. A. Herlihy moved that this property is not historically nor architecturally significant. E. Sanborn 2nd. Unanimous approval.
3. **37 Central Road:** This is a continuation of the discussion from the site visit. S. Bedard went through the building on 8/9/2021 and felt the core timbers were in good shape and should be saved and, in fact, encouraged the owner to save the frame and rebuild the interior. It was decided that the building is historically important, but not architecturally significant, so E. Sanborn moved to issue the permit with wording to encourage the owner to use the materials from the building in the rebuild. A. Herlihy 2nd. Unanimous approval.

A. Herlihy moved to adjourn and E. Sanborn seconded the motion.
Unanimous Approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sanborn