

Demolition Review Committee

Minutes - 10/13/21 at 5:30 p.m., Rye Town Hall

Present:

1. David Choate
2. Jay Longtin (seated for vacant seat)
3. Jenn Madden (seated for Elizabeth Sanborn)
4. Bob Scarano, property owner
5. Frank Lagana, member of the public
6. Tom King, Select Board member and member of the public

This is a public hearing to review changes planned for 1481 Ocean Boulevard (both buildings). The Committee has previously discussed this application at meetings held on September 10 and September 29, as well as during a site walk on September 22.

Bob Scarano, owner, reviewed the plan and explained the encumbrances on the property, those being the driveway location, narrowness of the lot, well location, septic system, etc. The ZBA has granted the applicant's requested relief to build his proposed home and yoga studio (a separate detached building). This was done after considering preserving the home which, to save it, would be cost prohibitive.

Bob mentioned that his efforts to preserve were thwarted by the zoning ordinance and building code regulations. He further suggested - and the Committee agreed - that this should be brought to the Master Plan Committee as an example of why exceptions to building codes should be considered.

Bob noted there are actually 2 buildings and the Committee agreed that they are reviewing both buildings.

There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed.

Jenn Madden moved to deem the buildings to be architecturally and historically significant and further moved to encourage the owner to preserve and repurpose where applicable and possible, as well as to provide a photographic representation of the original structure for the Rye Historical Society.

Jay Longtin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Bob agreed to meet with Alex Herlihy to help make a final determination of what might be historically significant for artifacts and to photographically document the buildings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jay Longtin, seconded by Jenn Madden, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Madden