

## MINUTES

Demolition Review Committee  
Meeting 01/05/2023

D. Choate called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Rye Town Hall.

Present were: David Choate, Elizabeth Sanborn, Frank Lagana, J. Longtin, Matthew Sink and Janice Koslowski.

Purpose: Owners' Meeting regarding demolition of 89 Cable Road.

The Minutes from the 12/19 meeting were approved. J. Longtin moved, F. Lagana 2nd. Unanimous approval.

D. Choate made introductions of committee and our guest Matthew Sink. He then read the description of the demolition permit which was confusing to us. M. Sink wants to build with setback requirements which would fall in a more conforming "location" on the lot. Hence, the "same footprint" language would not be a factor. This has yet to be resolved with zoning approvals.

D. Choate explained why the Demo Permit is the last one issued. As an example, the Sinks could demolish, but not get approvals for the setback location. Disheartened, they decide to sell and, in our view, an old house would be lost. D. Choate then suggested that the owner withdraw the application as opposed to just let the clock run out. That way, we are not on the 49 day clock. Then, the owners would resubmit their Demo Application when they have the zoning approvals.

J. Longtin moved to withdraw the application and the DRC would take no exception. F. Lagana 2nd. Unanimous approval.

M. Sink confirmed that they want to build a new structure as the house of their retirement dream is not possible through just renovations at the existing building. They also have a seasonal rental that they would like to address as more of an ADU.

D. Choate asked if there was any documentation that was left in the house that may be of interest to the Rye Historical Society and M. Sink said he would investigate.

We agreed to set up a walk through the house for the DRC on Tuesday, January 10, at 2:00 p.m.

D. Choate said he would forward follow up note from Chuck Marsden regarding the morning meeting with the town employees.

J. Longtin moved to adjourn and F. Lagana seconded the motion.  
Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Sanborn