

## MINUTES

Demolition Review Committee  
Meeting 11/28/2022

D. Choate called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. at the Rye Town Hall.

Present were: David Choate, Elizabeth Sanborn, Jenn Madden, Jay Longtin, Frank Laguna (via phone), Kara Campbell, Pat Losik, Kim Reed.

Purpose: Request for demolition of 327 South Road and proposed new wording for DRC procedures

The Minutes from the 10/26/22 meeting regarding 28 Pine Street and 1595 Ocean Boulevard were approved. E. Sanborn moved, J. Longtin 2nd. Unanimous approval.

The Minutes from the 10/24/2022 site walk of 1595 Ocean Blvd were approved. F. Lagana moved, J. Longtin 2nd. Unanimous approval.

DRC proposed wording changes:

Our guests, Kim Reed and Pat Losik, presented the proposed changes to the wording of the DRC procedures. The recommended changes were to make the ordinance language more consistent.

After much discussion about the language being broad and some discussion regarding number of meetings, Kim suggested that David submit the edits the DRC would like to see and she will submit it to the attorney prior to the December 6, 2022 public hearing where new wording will be discussed. The changes D. Choate will note affect the following clauses:

#2 a & b - add "Architecturally Important and/or Historically Significant"

#4 – add wording to "compel" owner or owner's rep attendance

#5 a & b - put back in as the DRC wants the option of 3 meetings. The initial meeting, a possible public hearing, and an optional third meeting for further committee discussion with the owner.

Kim also made the recommendation that the DRC should meet with the new Town Administrator, Matt Scruton, as well as the Building Inspectors to discuss our case for early intervention in the process. Kara Campbell will facilitate the meeting.

Demolition Request for 327 South Road:

D. Choate read Lydia Tilsley's narrative regarding the history of the house (c1890) and property heritage. Both F. Laguna and J. Madden spoke of the building. J. Madden recommended a site-visit, though she noted that the outcome will be the same unless someone moves it.

J. Madden made a motion that the committee finds that the house at 327 South Road is historically significant and the DRC would like a site walk. The DRC will then schedule a public meeting within 12 business days unless the owner needs more time. J. Longtin 2nd Unanimous approval.

E. Sanborn moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Longtin 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Sanborn