

MINUTES

Demolition Review Committee
Meeting 08/31/2026

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

Present were: David Choate, Elizabeth Sanborn, Frank Lagana and Jenn Madden (Alternate).

The Minutes from the 08/24/2026 meeting were approved **as amended**. E. Sanborn moved, F. Lagana seconded and J. Madden abstained as she was not at the meeting. Unanimous approval.

Purpose of today's meeting: Review applications for the demolition at 55 Myrica Avenue and 44-A Mountain View Terrace.

E. Sanborn made a motion that the house at 55 Myrica Avenue is not architecturally important nor historically significant and its demolition would not be a detriment to the neighborhood. F. Lagana 2nd. J. Madden thought the house is historically significant, but not worth a public hearing or site visit and its demolition would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. Unanimous approval.

E. Sanborn made a motion that the house at 44-A Mountain View Terrace is not architecturally important nor historically significant and its demolition would not be a detriment to the neighborhood. D. Choate 2nd.

Lots of discussion: the demo application says the whole house, but F. Lagana showed pictures of a renovation. D. Choate called the owner, Jim Carnevale, from the meeting and he confirmed the plan is to demolish the house as they discovered asbestos in the joint compounds. The plan is to build a simple, one story, single floor living ranch house and NOT a McMansion. The replacement will be compatible with the other houses in the neighborhood. A vote to approve the permit was taken: Unanimous approval.

D. Choate will notify the Building Inspector of both votes and will submit Notices of Decision.

Other business. D. Choate asked the members of the Committee to review the current DRC ordinance to see how to make a meeting with the DRC the first item on the Demo Permit Checklist and not the last.

E. Sanborn moved to adjourn, F. Lagana 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Sanborn