

Rules and Regulations Meeting August 18, 2020

1. David Choate from the HDC and Demolition Committee made two requests for consideration: a). Eliminating demolition review by Demolition Committee in the Historic District. b). Require abutter notices for any public hearing that is held regarding the historic significance of a building, etc....
2. The Rye Code Book, which was approved in March 2020, needs to be "fixed" as content from the Floodplain Ordinance is not what the voters approved. Planning and Zoning Administrator admitted it was her "mistake" and that it will be fixed, but at a cost. One member complained it was not a user friendly document.
3. Wetlands NHDES. Chair Pat Losik did extensive research regarding NHDES updated version of their wetland rules and Comprehensive Wetland Planning tool.
4. Wetland Ordinances - Chair Pat Losik compared Hampton with Newmarket's ordinances, stating that Rye does not include tidal wetlands, namely the Atlantic Ocean and the Harbor, unlike Hampton. Hampton's model has "eliminated the beach and wetlands as building area." Planning and Zoning Administrator suggested it should be tabled and to focus on work we can do for this year, adding "we are not there yet" in regards to Rye's flooding situation.
5. Discussion regarding holding workshops to determine what needs to be done. Planning and Zoning Administrator stated that the Town has been swamped with applications. Talk about holding a Visioning Session at some point.