

April Rye Historic District Commission
Rye Civic League Notes

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Highlights

1. 562 Washington Road project application approved.

Details

562 Washington Road

The property owners, John Mitchell and Mary Connolly, are undertaking a project to improve their two-family home in the center of town and the center of the historic district. Their project impacts mainly the inside of their home which is of no interest to the commission. The outside changes include new windows on all sides of the house though maybe only on the 2nd and 3rd floors and a deck and reconfiguration of entryways on the back of the house. There was a lot of discussion on the type of windows that would be included in the project and the number of panes. Would two over two be used? Two over one? Would the commission need to see the windows? The motion to approve the project regardless of the windows finally chosen (both seem to fit within the historic district guidelines for the era of the home) and without consideration of the new deck which is on the back of the house and would not visually impact the district. The commission has some work to do to update its process for considering projects. As this was a working session the commission has two choices 1) Require a public hearing or 2) State that the project is of no interest. The commission did feel the project was of interest however they did not feel the expense and delay of a public hearing was required. In this instance, the lack of process did not impact the homeowners. The commission will be reviewing and updating their processes to be sure they meet both the needs of the district and the needs of the homeowners