

August Rye Town Center Committee Rye Civic League Notes

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Highlights

1. Tap Grant recommendation to Executive Council 9/1
2. TD Bank building work starts without a plan and without a name?
3. Town Green part of Town Center – the conversation continues

Details

Tap Grant

Recommendations will go to the Executive Council on September 1st during a public meeting. The committee will be able to listen in and hear the recommendations. The committee remains hopeful that the grant will be awarded, and Rye will have the beginnings of a town center soon.

TD Bank

Work has begun on the interior of the TD Bank building. Demolition has started prior to completion of the interior plan or receiving required HDC approval for impacted windows. The committee drafted a friendly amendment to the Select Board recommending the Select Board to stop all demolition on the TD Bank building until such time as there is a complete set of architectural plans to work from and then to follow town procedures for permitting, with guidance from the Historic District Commission and permitting by the building department and normal construction procedures.

Town Green

While the Town Green is under the control of the Cemetery Trustees, the committee does not believe this means it is not part of Town Center. The committee recommends that the Town Center start at the at the end of the Town Green farthest away from Town Hall.

Trolley Barn

Questions remain about the future of the Trolley Barn. An informal survey of abutters reveals no abutters are in favor of a coffee shop with a drive-thru. Very few (one?) are in favor of a coffee shop in any form on that property.

Town Committees

Tom King recommended that the Rye Town Center Committee appoint a representative to the committee charged with turning the upper floors of the Congregational Church into recreation space. It is believed this is the Recreation Committee.