

September Rye Historic District Commission  
Rye Civic League Notes

September 8 Meeting Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)  
September 8 Meeting Video Streaming [CLICK HERE](#)

September 15 Hearing Draft Minutes – not available  
September 15 Hearing [Video Streaming](#)

Highlights

1. Guidelines finalized and sent to Dominique
2. Application for Storm Window Replacement at Town Hall
3. September 15 HDC hearing to review application for 500 Washington Road results in approval of Select Board plan for TD Bank

**Details**

The committee completed reviewing the draft guidelines written by Dominique Hawkins. The guidelines include advice for homeowners in the historic district on maintaining their homes and successfully completing the required HDC application process for renovations to their homes. The guidelines provide a comprehensive review of materials that can be successfully used in older properties to maintain their historic nature as well as best practices for sustaining the historic district.

The committee reviewed the application to replace the storm windows in town hall. The result was approval of the project.

The HDC held a hearing, with Select Board and Town Center Committee on September 15<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed changes to the former TD Bank building. The project is in 3 phases. Phase 1 and 2 were part of the hearing. Exterior changes to the building in phase are minor and mainly related to maintenance and updating: – a new front door, new windows, new clapboards. Phase 2 includes removing the chimney, adding a two-story L extension of the back of the building with gable dormers, and removing the fake dormer on the front of the building. Lighting and landscaping are included in the changes. The interior of the building was not discussed in detail because the HDC is only concerned with the exterior of the building. After much discussion and input from the public the result of the hearing was to approve the project with conditions and the understanding that the Select Board will need to come before the commission for Phase 3.