

February Rye Historic District Commission Rye Civic League Notes

February 9, 2022:

- Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)
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Highlights

- HDC Application process
- CLG Grant and renovations to town hall
- Historic signs
- Temporary signs in the Historic District
- Planning for HDC event

Details

- The Technical Review Committee initiated in the January meeting was put to work right away with an application to review. Testing the process for the first time the sub-team found they were able to complete the process within in time period allowed and give guidance to the homeowner. Based on this first experience, the commission will update the application process to request sketches of the proposed work
- The Commission will add a vice chair to assist the chair in administrative tasks and be a back-up to run the meeting if the chair is unable to attend.
- The 2022 CLG Grant application will see funds to do an architectural study of the inside space in Rye Town Hall. The goal is to change the 2nd floor back to a place where events can be held using the stage and seating area. This would require removing all of the cubicles that were put in that space and making room on the first floor for any staff not moving to the annex.
- Heritage Commission is developing a signage subcommittee for the 400th Anniversary celebration. Alex Herlihy is looking for volunteers to join him in researching historic signs, sites for those signs and funding opportunities
- Temporary signs in the historic district are more under control however the commission know they need to come up with a way to allow temporary signs while keeping the historic look of town center. More to come on this topic
- The commission is in the early stages of planning an event in the historic district to showcase homes and bring people into town center. The idea is a candlelight stroll ending at Parson's field where a tree lighting could take place. This is planned to be an event that includes all interested groups and people including the church, the library, the historical society and more.

More on CLG

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program is designed to provide an opportunity for local governments to become more directly involved in identifying, evaluating, protecting, promoting, and enhancing the educational economic value of local properties of historic, architectural and archeological significance. Created by the 1980

amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act, the CLG program requires that the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) designate at least 10 percent of its annual Historic Preservation Fund allocation from the Department of the Interior to local governments that have become Certified Local Governments.

The CLG program is a partnership between municipal governments and the state historic preservation program, to encourage and expand local involvement in preservation-related activities.