

Planning Board News Letter

Over the busy summer season the Planning Board has seen a variety of applications and requests for consultations. Generally speaking the applications are within the boundaries laid out in the zoning ordinance and land use regulations. Those that required waivers were carefully vetted. Those that were within the spirit of the ordinance were granted. It is our responsibility to consider the rights of the land owner while protecting the town.

Some applications have been continued at the applicants' request while others that require more in-depth study and peer review have been continued at the request of the Planning Board. Our primary concern is to make decisions that allow our town to maintain its character. Waivers that could be considered to be setting a precedent and / or to be potentially detrimental to the Town will be subject to extra scrutiny.

As some are aware we are also reviewing the Master Plan and updating where necessary. Basically this is an update and no wholesale changes in the plan are anticipated. It is no surprise to anyone that Rye will continue to grow in both population and housing in various categories. To that end, the Planning Board takes the responsibility very seriously. We will not compromise the integrity of the Plan under any circumstances. We will to the best of our ability match the Plan with the zoning ordinances and land use regulations that have already been approved by the residents of Rye.

Respectfully submitted

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