



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission
First District Courthouse, Barnstable, Mass. 02630 Telephone: 617-362-4092

Lillian Tully

Appellant

vs.

Old King's Highway Regional
Historic District Committee
for the Town of Sandwich

Appellee

DECISION

81-1

A hearing was held on February 11, 1981, by the above Commission on an appeal filed by the above Appellant from the decision of the Sandwich Historic Committee imposing modifications to the submitted plans covering the modification of a dwelling into an office building located at 17 Liberty Street in Sandwich.

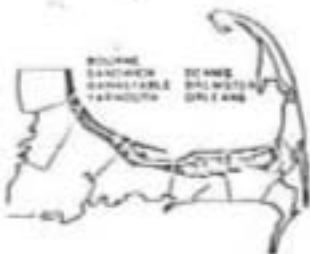
Present were: Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable, Mr. Hanger, Dennis, Mr. Ivers, Brewster, Mr. Long, Yarmouth, Mr. Sutton, Sandwich, Paul G. Dugan, agent for the appellant and Attorney James R. Wilson.

Submitted to the Commission were the following items:

1. Plans of the proposed modifications.
2. Photographs of the building.

Additionally all of the members of the Commission indicated that they had previously viewed the site and were familiar with the neighborhood in question.

The decision of the Sandwich Committee was filed on January 6, 1981, and the appeal entered with the Commission on January 16, 1981, within the 10 day appeal period.



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Mr. Dugan addressed the Commission and stated that he was willing to accept the elimination of the attic window but that he felt the Committee had been unreasonable in not accepting the triple mullion window. He indicated that the triple mullion window would add 20% in light to the office and that it was the southern exposure of the building. Mr. Sutton indicated that the Committee had felt that the building was at least 100 years old¹³ and that it needed to be preserved in as close an original condition as possible. He further indicated that an architect on his Committee had felt that the triple mullion would not enhance the appearance of the Building.

Mr. Hanger stated that he felt that the building lacked any continuity of style and that it represented a hodge-podge of design and varying window styles. He felt that the difference between the existing separate window and the triple mullion was minimal at best.

Mr. Long indicated that this was the backside of the building and did not appear to be that visible to people traveling on Route 6A.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. That the Committee erred in disallowing the triple mullion as it is insignificant in the building's overall design and arrangement and the building's exterior architectural features.
2. That the triple mullion as proposed for this par-

