



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

MR. & MRS. PHILIP PELTZ)
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 APPELLANTS)
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 VS.)
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 THE OLD KING'S HIGHWAY)
 REGIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT)
 COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF)
 SANDWICH)

DECISION
 Case No. 81-10

A hearing was held on September 1, 1981, by the above Commission on an appeal filed by the above appellants from a decision by the Sandwich Historic District Committee which issued a Certificate of Appropriateness that approved vinyl siding on their home located at 168 Main Street, Sandwich, Massachusetts, but declined to approve the covering of the trim, corner boards, fascia boards, soffit boards and door and window casings.

Present were: Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable, Mr. Hanger, Dennis, Mr. Ivers, Brewster, Mr. Long, Yarmouth, Mr. Brown, Orleans, Mr. White, Sandwich and James R. Wilson counsel for the Commission. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Peltz and Mr. Shifflett.

The decision of the Town Committee was filed with the Town Clerk on July 30, 1981, and the appeal entered with the Commission on August 8, 1981, within the ten day appeal period.

All of the members of the Commission indicated that they had viewed the site prior to the hearing except Mr. Long.

Photographs of the building and a sample of the siding material were shown to the Commissioners.

Mr. Shifflett addressed the Commission and stated that he felt the Committee had erred in not allowing the trim, corner boards, door and window casings and other features to be covered with aluminum and that it would increase the maintenance costs to the owners to leave these features in wood. He further indicated that he intended to place the vinyl clapboard over the existing wood clapboards and that they would project from the side of the building thereby requiring replacement of the trim and corner boards.

Mr. Peltz stated that his house was built in 1866 and that he had lived in the house for twenty-eight years. During his occupancy the house had been painted five times and that it continued to require repainting. He indicated that he had turned to vinyl siding as a means of reducing costs and maintenance of the house.



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Mrs. Lewis addressed the Commission and stated that she was very pleased with the work that had been done on her house and urged the Commission to reverse the decision of the Sandwich Committee.

Mr. White addressed the Commission and stated that his Committee approved the use of vinyl clapboard siding provided the vinyl siding was flush with the existing clapboards and the corner boards and other wood trim was preserved. He indicated that the building had unique rounded corner boards and a great deal of wood detail that would be severely altered or destroyed by being covered with aluminium. He further indicated he felt his Committee had properly applied the Commission's new guidelines and that their decision reflected the intent of Sec. IV, Paragraph 4, Clause E which states "that the original wood detail and ornamentation of the building be preserved."

Based upon the evidence before the Commission it makes the following findings:

1. That covering the corner boards, trim, fascia boards, soffit boards, window and door casings with aluminum will destroy the original wood detail and ornamentation of the building.
2. That the destruction of such features would be a significant detriment to the exterior architectural features of the building.
3. That the disapproval of the proposed alteration of the trim features does not constitute a hardship within the meaning of the Act.
4. The Committee did not exceed its authority nor err in its decision.

WHEREFORE the decision of the Sandwich Committee is hereby affirmed.

VOTED: 3-2-1

Respectfully submitted

Elliott B. MacSwan
Elliott B. MacSwan, Chairman

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