



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

ALBERT ANDERSON ET UX  
Applicants

VS.

DECISION  
Case No. 82-10

OLD KING'S HIGHWAY REGIONAL  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
FOR THE TOWN OF SANDWICH

On November 7, 1982, the Commission held a hearing on an appeal filed by Albert Anderson et ux, to a decision by the Sandwich District Committee for the installation of vinyl siding on a house located at 8 Grove Street, Sandwich Massachusetts.

Present were: Mr. Ivers, Brewster, Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable, Mr. Long, Yarmouth, Mr. Brown, Orleans, Mr. Sutton, Sandwich and Attorney Wilson, Commission counsel. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Shifflet, contractor and Mr. Chase, together with various members from the Sandwich Committee.

The decision of the Sandwich Committee was filed on November 12, 1982, and the appeal entered with the regional Commission on November 22, 1982, within the ten day appeal period.

Dr. Anderson addressed the Commission arguing that parts of his home were very old but indicating that after reviewing all of the literature and information available on vinyl siding that he and his wife were convinced that no harm would come to his dwelling from the installation of the synthetic siding. He indicated that the maintenance would be much less costly and that he felt the Town Committee was being arbitrary and capricious in the denial of his request for vinyl siding.

Mrs. Anderson stated that the proposal of cedar shingles was unacceptable because she felt aesthetically it would destroy the character of the building.

Mr. Shifflet indicated that his firm would do the work in a manner consistent with the Commission's guidelines and that every effort would be made to protect the building against any of the possible harms alleged to occur through the use of vinyl siding.

Mr. Sutton read a statement to the Commission indicating his Committee's position and set forth the five reasons for the



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denial of the application. He pointed out that the house, formerly known as Newcomb Tavern, was built over 250 years ago and is in the heart of the Sandwich District.

A copy of the minutes of the local Committee are attached to this decision.

Mr. Ferro, an architect and member of the Sandwich Committee, addressed the Commission stating his expert opinion on the negatives of the use of vinyl siding on old buildings.

Additionally, Mr. Chase, a builder from Marstons Mills, further stated that in his opinion vinyl siding would lead to damage and destruction of this important building.

Based upon the information submitted to the Commission, it makes the following findings:

1. That the building is of great historic significance.
2. That the reasons set forth in the minutes of the Sandwich Committee's meeting have a reasonable, factual basis.
3. That there is no evidence to indicate that a denial of the Certificate will constitute a legal hardship within the meaning of the Act.
4. That there is no evidence to indicate that the Committee acted in an arbitrary, capricious or erroneous manner in denying a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

THEREFORE, the decision of the Sandwich Committee in denying a Certificate of Appropriateness is affirmed.

The parties are advised that this decision may be appealed to the Barnstable District Court by filing an appeal within 20 days of the entry of this decision in the records of the Sandwich Town Clerk.

Respectfully

*Harris H. Ivers*  
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Harris H. Ivers, Chairman

Date: December 9, 1982

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