

# Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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WILLIAM & JUDITH NARKON  
Applicants

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VS.

DECISION  
Case No. 83-2

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OLD KING'S HIGHWAY REGIONAL  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWN OF BREWSTER

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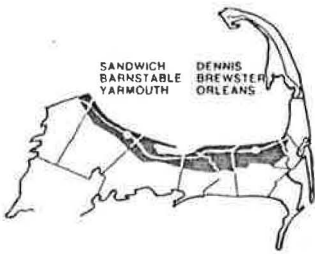
On May 3, 1983, the Commission held a hearing on an appeal filed by William and Judith Narkon to a decision by the Brewster Historic District Committee which had denied an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the placement of awnings on the front of the Brewster Gift Shop located at 2052 Main Street, Brewster, Massachusetts.

Present were: Mr. Sutton, Sandwich, Mr. Britton, Barnstable, Mr. Nickerson, Yarmouth, Mr. Marsh, Dennis, Mr. Dodge, Brewster and Attorney Wilson, Commission Counsel. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Narkon and their attorney Frank J. Sheeley of Orleans.

The decision of the Brewster Committee was filed on April 5, 1983, and the appeal entered with the Regional Commission on April 14, 1983, within the ten day appeal period.

Attorney Sheeley presented the applicants' appeal by submitting a large photograph of the building, a drawing illustrating the addition of the proposed awnings, a sample of the material to be used, a model of the awning, and numerous photographs of various establishments within the District that have awnings. He also presented to the Commission a 1898 book entitled "A Trip Around Cape Cod" by E. G. Perry which contained numerous photographs of homes and commercial establishments that were using awnings. Attorney Sheeley indicated that the awnings were compatible with the features of the building and would not be used to draw attention to the Gift Shop. He stated that the awnings were necessary to protect the merchandise within the store from the effects of sunlight. He indicated that the color, Hemlock Tweed had been selected by the Committee so as to match the color of the shutters on the building.

Mr. Marsh indicated that he had observed the building and noticed that it appears to face in a northerly direction and therefore questioned why the awnings were necessary. Mr. Sheeley offered photographs indicating and showing the sunlight coming through the windows and shining on various items on display. Mr. Dodge then explained that the Town Committee



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had denied the project by a 3-1 vote for the reasons stated in their minutes which included belief that the awnings would detract from the appearance of the building.

After lengthy discussions, the Commission made the following findings and determinations:

1. That the Brewster Town Committee erred when it denied the Certificate of Appropriateness for the reasons set forth in their minutes.
2. That the proposed awnings with a rectangular shape are compatible with the lines and design of the Gift Shop.
3. That a Certificate of Appropriateness may issue for approval of the specific awnings, provided that they are properly maintained, use the Hemlock Tweed color, and the awnings over the doors are changed to the same rectangular design as those over the windows.

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Therefore, the decision of the Brewster Committee is annulled and a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued allowing the placement of 5 window awnings and 2 door awnings of the Hemlock Tweed green color and in accordance with the design and specifications set forth in the application and as modified by the Commission.

The parties are advised that this decision is subject to a 20 day appeal period under which an aggrieved party may file an appeal with the Orleans District Court within 20 days of the filing of this Decision with the Brewster Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted

*George Sutton*

George Sutton, Chairman