



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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YESTERYEARS MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

vs.

DECISION #84-5

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

On May 24, 1984 the Commission held a hearing on an appeal filed by Yesteryears Museum Association, Inc. seeking review of the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Sandwich Committee to the placement of vinyl siding on the front portions of the Yesteryears Museum located at 143 Main Street, Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Present were: Mr. Sutton, Sandwich; Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable; Mr. Hanger, Dennis; Mr. Montgomery, Brewster; Ronald F. Thomas (co-founder and treasurer of Yesteryears Museum Association, Inc.) and Attorney Wilson, Commission Counsel.

The decision of the Sandwich Committee was filed with the Town Clerk on May 1, 1984, and the appeal entered with the Commission on May 4, 1984 within the ten-day appeal period.

All of the members of the Commission indicated that they were familiar with the neighborhood.

Mr. Thomas addressed the Commission, and stated that the Museum was not an historic building, and had been purposely omitted from the Sandwich Town Hall Square Historic District. He indicated that the building had been damaged by a recent wind storm, and that the existing wooden clapboard had deteriorated so much that it all needed replacement. He indicated that the Historic District Committee, in 1981, had approved the placement of vinyl siding on the sides and rear and that he felt it looked very attractive. He further indicated that it would only cost \$9,170.00 to put the vinyl siding on the front of the building as opposed to \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 to use wooden clapboard. He further indicated that the corporation had been unsuccessful in its efforts to raise funds to restore the building with wood.

Mr. Sutton indicated that the vinyl had been allowed on the building under the condition that the front area would remain wood. He indicated that the building was historic, and that it needed to be preserved with its original material which was readily available. He pointed out that the strategic location of the building made it very visible to the public, and that preserving its wood finish was important to the Committee. He indicated that because of the historic value

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and significance of the building that the texture and material should remain wood, and that it would be inappropriate to use vinyl on the building.

After discussion the Commissioners made the following decision:

1. That the Sandwich Committee did not err in denying the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Parties were advised that any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the Barnstable District Court within twenty days of the filing of this decision with the Town Clerk. (Vote 3-0-1)

Respectfully submitted,

Elliott B. MacSwan
Vice-Chairman

