

# Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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WILBUR and ALAN WALKER

vs.

Decision 85-4

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

On Tuesday, May 7, 1985 the Commission held a hearing on an appeal filed by Wilbur and Alan Walker seeking review of a decision by the Brewster Historic District Committee which disapproved the construction of a dwelling that was to be located on Birch Lane in the Robinwood Development in Brewster.

Present were: Mr. Sutton, Sandwich; Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable; Mr. Nickerson, Yarmouth; Mrs. Cady, Brewster; Mr. Hanger, Dennis; Mr. Iyers, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Wilson, Commission Counsel and Mr. Wilbur Walker, applicant.

The Committee's decision was filed with the Town Clerk on April 11, 1985, and the appeal entered with the Regional Commission on April 16th, within the ten day appeal period.

Mr. Walker addressed the Commission by presenting plans, and stating that the terrain of the lot and the set backs of the Robinwood Development made it difficult to design and place a dwelling on the lot. He stated that the house was designed to fit the set backs and the steep slopes that existed. He further indicated that the style was compatible with the other houses in the area, and that the plans had been approved by the Robinwood Association. Mrs. Upton and Mr. Caldwood, who were neighbors of the applicant, stated that they did not object to the design as modified and presented to the Committee. Mr. Walker further stated that he had substantially modified his design to accommodate the suggested changes made by the local Committee.

Mrs. Cady stated that her Committee felt that the proposed dwelling would be very visible from Route 6A, and that it would be too high and appear to be towering over the steep slope which ran down to the highway.

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After lengthy discussion the Commission makes the following determinations:

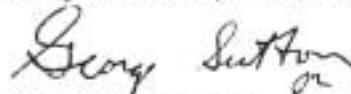
1. That the Brewster Committee erred in determining that the proposed dwelling would not be compatible with the area.
2. That the Brewster Committee erred in denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed dwelling.

Therefore, the decision of the Brewster Committee is annulled and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed dwelling is hereby issued subject to the following conditions:

1. The brick veneer shall be replaced with the aluminum clapboard.
2. The foundation shall not have greater than eighteen inches of exposed concrete on the sides.
3. The shingles on the rear and sides of the building shall be grey stained or treated with bleaching oil so as to blend with the clapboard.
4. The front door shall have a side light added and additional ornamentation to bring proper focus to the feature.
5. That a minimum of vegetation be disturbed on the lot.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the Orleans District Court within twenty days of the filing of this decision with the Brewster Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



George Sutton  
Chairman

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