

Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission  
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TIMOTHY and ALICE WALKER

vs.

Decision 85-5

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

On Tuesday, June 4th, 1985, the Commission held a hearing on an appeal filed by Timothy and Alice Walker seeking review of a decision by the Barnstable Historic District Committee which disapproved the placement of vinyl siding on a dwelling located at 1690 Hyannis Road, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Present were: Mr. Sutton, Sandwich; Mr. MacSwan, Barnstable; Mr. Nickerson, Yarmouth; Mrs. Stout, Dennis; Mr. Ivers, Administrative Assistant; and Mr. Wilson, Commission Counsel. Bruce Sprinkle, agent for the applicant, was also present.

The Committee's decision was filed with the Town Clerk on May 3, 1985 and the appeal entered with the Regional Commission on May 13, 1985, within the ten day appeal period.

All members indicated that they had visited the site and were familiar with the neighborhood. Mr. Sprinkle addressed the Commission and presented samples of the 3" vinyl that was to be placed on the building. He indicated that it was a low luster 3" vinyl clapboard and indicated that he would replace all rotting wood and comply with the guidelines for the use of vinyl. He further indicated that the original detail and ornamentation of the building would be preserved. He suggested that the neighborhood was not as significant as Route 6A and that the use of the siding would greatly improve the appearance of the building. He further stated that it would be a financial hardship to his client who would have to paint the building every three to five years as opposed to using the vinyl siding which requires little or no maintenance.

Mr. MacSwan spoke on behalf of the Barnstable Committee and stated that his Committee was following the Commission's recommendation against the use of vinyl or synthetic siding on old dwellings. He indicated that the Committee felt

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that the vinyl would destroy the true authenticity of the building and represent a major departure from the use of the traditional material of which the building was made.

Mr. Ferro, an architect and specialist in historic preservation, addressed the Commission stating that in his opinion the use of proposed vinyl siding would be detrimental to the building which he identified as a classic example of Greek Revival architecture built between 1840 and 1850.

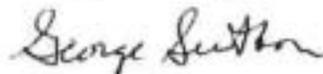
Mr. Nickerson, a member of the Commission from Yarmouth, stated that he felt the location was critical because it represents the approach to the Village of Barnstable and Route 6A. He, therefore, felt that the appearance of the building and its preservation was a critical concern.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission makes the following determinations:

1. That the Barnstable Committee did not err and was not arbitrary or capricious in denying the Certificate of Appropriateness.
2. That the proposed dwelling has great historic significance and is in a significant setting and location.
3. That the placement of the proposed vinyl siding on the building will have a detrimental impact.
4. That denial of the application will not constitute a legal hardship to the applicant within the meaning of the act.
5. That allowance of the placement of vinyl siding on the building would derogate from the intent and purposes of the act.

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 Barnstable Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



George Sutton  
Chairman

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