



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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LEOPOLD and NADA BRIC

v.

Decision #86-16

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

On Tuesday, September 2, 1986 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #86-16 filed by Mr. and Mrs. Bric seeking review of the denial of a Certificate of Exemption and/or a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a contemporary styled dwelling on Lot 101, Pumphouse Road, Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Present were: Mr. Blaisdell, Sandwich; Mr. Freeman, Barnstable; Mr. Smith Yarmouth, Mrs. Stout, Dennis; Mr. Shay, Brewster, Mr. Wilson, Commission Counsel; Mr. and Mrs. Bric, applicants and Attorney Boardman, applicants' attorney.

The Committee denied a Certificate of Exemption and a Certificate of Appropriateness on July 29, 1986 and the appeal was entered with the Commission on August 4, 1986, within the ten day appeal period.

Attorney Boardman addressed the Commission stating that the proposed dwelling would not be visible from Route 6A, and that in 1984 a Certificate of Exemption had been issued for the property under the signature of Mr. Sutton, the then Chairman. He submitted photographs of houses in the area, and further presented revised plans of the proposed dwelling which he indicated addressed many of the criticisms of the local Committee. Mr. Boardman argued that the site was very remote, and would not have an impact on the historic buildings in the immediate area.

Mr. Blaisdell, speaking on behalf of the Sandwich Committee, stated that his Committee had met four or five times with the Brics in an effort to clarify the location of the proposed house on the lot, and the impact of the style and design on the neighborhood. He stated that his Committee disapproved the ultimate plan because of the proximity to the older houses, the contrasting style, design and other related features as well as the critical need to protect the immediate area.

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Mr. White, a member of the Sandwich Committee, also spoke in support of the Sandwich Committee's decision stating that the area was an area of critical concern.

After lengthy discussion the Commission made the following findings and determinations:

1. That the proposed building was not eligible for a Certificate of Exemption as it would be visible from both Route 6A and Pumphouse Road.
2. That there was sufficient evidence before the Commission to substantiate the Town Committee's denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed house.

Therefore, the decision of the Sandwich Committee denying a Certificate of Appropriateness and Certificate of Exemption is affirmed.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the Barnstable District Court within 20 days of the filing of this decision with the Sandwich Town Clerk.

Anne Stout
Chairman

