

# Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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E. STEVEN ANDERSON

v.

Decision #87-34

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

On Tuesday, November 3, 1987 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #87-34 filed by E. Steven Anderson seeking review of a decision by the Brewster Historic District Committee which had denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for an alteration to a building located at 2660 Main Street, Brewster, Massachusetts.

Present were Barbara Hart, Dennis; Milton Smith, Yarmouth; Michael Shay, Brewster; John Blaisdell, Barnstable; Peter L. Freeman, Barnstable; Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; E. Steven Anderson, Applicant; Russell Bassett, Applicant's builder; and Joseph Kelley, Applicant's designer..

The Committee's decision had been filed with the Town Clerk on October 6, 1987, and the appeal entered with the Commission on October 16, 1987, within the ten day appeal period.

Joseph Kelley, the Applicant's building designer, addressed the Commission and explained that the Applicant had first appeared before the local committee in 1986 seeking to place an addition on the rear of the building. This application was approved. Since that time it has been discovered that the building is too small in scale to the newer buildings and is in poor condition. He stated that the existing building is not pretty and has no historical significance. He said the proposed design for the structure would be historically appropriate and would comply with the current code.

E. Steven Anderson, Applicant, addressed the Commission and stated that the building was in very poor condition. He related the series of meetings that took place before the Brewster Committee and said that the meetings were not workable relative to resolving the situation.

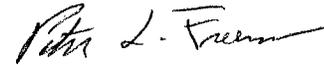
Russell Bassett, Applicant's builder, addressed the Commission and reviewed the current structural problems with the building. He stated that in his opinion the building could not be salvaged.

Michael Shay, representing the Brewster Committee, addressed the Commission to explain the Brewster Committee's reasons for denial. He stated that the Applicant appeared before the Brewster Committee in 1986 for an addition and that there were at least two meetings on the matter. The application was approved on the basis that the building would not be demolished as it was determined that demolition would not be appropriate. The building is historic and is a recognized part of the Brewster landscape. In that the original plan had called for the preservation of the older building, instead of the older building being enlarged it should be the other way around.

After very lengthy discussion the Commission made the following determination.

1. That the Brewster Historic District Committee did not act in an arbitrary, capricious or erroneous manner in denying the Applicant's Certificate of Appropriateness and that the appeal be denied. 2-2-1

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the District Court Department, Orleans Division, within 20 days of the filing of this decision with the Brewster Town Clerk.



Peter L. Freeman  
Chairman

Nov. 10, 1987