



## Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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ROBERT FORGUE

v.

Decision #87-38

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

On Tuesday, December 6, 1987 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #87-38 filed by Robert Forgue seeking review of a decision by the Sandwich Historic District Committee which had denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to property located at 201 Route 6A, Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Present were Barbara Hart, Dennis; Michael Shay, Brewster; John Blaisdell, Sandwich; Peter Freeman, Barnstable; Milton Smith, Yarmouth, Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; Edward W. Dingley, Agent for Robert Forgue.

The Committee's decision had been filed with the Town Clerk on November 11, 1987, and the appeal entered with the Commission on November 13, 1987, within the ten day appeal period.

Edward W. Dingley addressed the Commission and distributed photos and a sketch plan of the proposed project. The project is basically one of replacing the present wooden doors with double steel doors as well as making some other alterations to the structure, a barn on the premises. Mr. Dingley displayed pictures of other structures in the general area and stated that although there would be some change in the structure it would be only a moderate change and would be beneficial for the barn.

John Blaisdell, representing the Sandwich Committee, addressed the Commission to explain the Sandwich Committee's reasons for denial. He stated that the Town of Sandwich has a file on the property extending back to 1850 and that as long ago as 1937 the property was considered unique, citing Samuel Chamberlain's book "Cape Cod in the Sun" which shows a picture of the barn. It is the opinion of the Committee that this would be a major change affecting the historical integrity of the barn and that it is something to be avoided.

After lengthy discussion the Commission made the following determination.

1. That the Sandwich Historic District Committee did not act in an arbitrary, capricious and erroneous manner in denying the Applicant's Certificate of Appropriateness and that the Appeal be denied. 3-0-1

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

Peter L. Freeman  
Chairman

