



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission  
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THOMAS & SANDRA HOY

v.

Decision #2001-02

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

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DENNIS HISTORIC DISTRICT

On Tuesday, February 6, 2001 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #2001-02 filed by Thomas & Sandra Hoy, seeking review of a decision by the Dennis Historic District Committee denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a building located at 9 Pleasant Street, East Dennis, Massachusetts.

Present were Dorothy Stahley, Barnstable; Jonathan Shaw, Sandwich; Deborah Gray, Yarmouth; Roy Robinson, Brewster; Elizabeth Wilcox, Dennis; Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; and Thomas & Sandra Hoy, Appellants.

The Committee's decision was filed with the Town Clerk on January 11, 2001. The appeal was entered with the Commission on January 17, 2001, within the 10 day appeal period.

THE APPELLANT'S PRESENTATION:

Thomas & Sandra Hoy addressed the Commission in favor of the appeal. They said they did not agree with the Committee's decision regarding the color of their front door. They told the Commission of the efforts they have made with regard to restoring this property and also showed pictures of other houses in the neighborhood. They felt that the decision of the Committee was not made on the basis of the merits of the case but rather on the fact that they did not receive prior approval. They asked that the appeal be allowed.

THE COMMITTEE'S PRESENTATION:

Elizabeth Wilcox, representing the Dennis Committee, addressed the Commission in opposition to the appeal. She said that two of the houses cited by the Appellants in their presentation were constructed prior to the effective date of the District. One of the other houses cited by the Appellants is a modern home and questions

are constantly addressed to the Committee about it. The Appellants' property is one of the more historic homes in the District as it is the original parsonage of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and was built approximately 1860. There is a lot of history in this house and the Committee did not want to see it changed any further. She described the prominent colors of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the ingredients and processes in formulating them. She said that, while the color may look nice, it is not historically appropriate.

DISCUSSION:

In discussion among Commission members there was a consensus that the Dennis Committee did not err in its consideration of this application. Roy Robinson of the Brewster Committee pointed out that certain examples cited by the Appellants did not have appropriate colors and that was one of the reasons why the District was established.

FINDINGS:

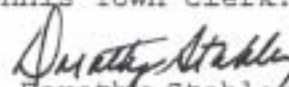
The Commission voted as follows:

1. That the Dennis Committee did not act in an arbitrary, capricious or erroneous manner in denying the Appellants' application in this matter. 4-0-1.
2. That the appeal be denied. 4-0-1.

DETERMINATION:

As to Appeal #2001-02 the appeal is denied.

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 Dennis Town Clerk.

  
Dorothy Stahley  
Chairman