

**OLD KING'S HIGHWAY REGIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
COMMISSION**

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**Ann Gryboski and Patrick Lancaster, Appellant/Applicant**

**Vs.**

**Decision #2006-2**

**Old King's Highway Regional Historic  
District Committee for the Town of Barnstable**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:45 P.M., the Commission cancelled a hearing scheduled at the Fire Station Community Room, 340 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, on Appeal #2006-2 filed by Ann Gryboski and Patrick Lancaster seeking review and reversal of the Barnstable Historic District Committee's denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness covering the construction of a new garage to be located at 11 Coach Lane, Barnstable Massachusetts.

Present were Roy Robinson, Brewster and James R. Wilson Commission Attorney.

**The Appellant's Presentation:**

The Appellant/Applicant had sent a withdrawal letter prior to the hearing a copy of which is attached hereto.

Roy W. Robinson, Jr.  
Chairperson

August 31, 2006

Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

We are withdrawing our Petition for Appeal.

On August 23, 2006 I received approval by the Barnstable Old King's Highway after making modifications to our proposed garage. They agreed to our modifications and original proposed location. I still have not received the official letter as the 10day appeal has not expired.

Although we should be receiving our Certificate for Appropriateness next week I still have concerns about our experience with Barnstable OKH. The process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness has been quite burdensome and expensive. We began this process on May 24, 2006 with the expectation that we would start our garage by July 1, 2006.

We still believe that there were procedural errors made by Barnstable OKH as stated in our appeal letter. We still believe that some members of the Barnstable OKH did not act in accordance with Section 10 of the Regional Historic District Commission Bulletin. We still believe that many of the decisions made by the Barnstable OKH are arbitrary and frequently based on personal likes and dislikes. We believe that all Applicants need to receive clear written documentation as to why a continuance or denial is issued and need to receive it in a few days after the meeting (not on day 10-14). If we had received this information we may have been able to resolve our differences by early July.

We hope that the Regional Historic District Commission will review the process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness and consider establishing better guidelines and education for members of all Old King's Highway Committees.

Sincerely,

Ann Gryboski

Patrick Lancaster