



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission  
First District Courthouse, Barnstable, Mass. 02630 Telephone: 617-362-4092

November 19, 1976

Mrs. Ruth Eddy  
Town Clerk  
Brewster, Mass. 02631

RE: Appeal of Marion H. Wylie et als  
of decision of Brewster Historic Dis-  
trict Committee granting to the Brewster  
Board of Trade a certificate of appropri-  
ateness for a windmill information  
booth.

No. 76-8

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

On November 16, 1976 the above matter came before the Commis-  
sion for review and hearing.

After hearing the appellants, respondents and members of the  
public and examining photographs and documentary evidence produced by  
the various parties, and after a viewing of the involved site, it was  
VOTED by the Commission, by a majority vote, that the Brewster Historic  
District Committee, in granting the certificate of appropriateness for  
the construction of the proposed imitation windmill on the designated  
site, exercised poor judgment and was erroneous in its action, that a  
certificate of appropriateness should not have been issued and that the  
determination of the Brewster Historic District Committee should be  
annulled.

The proposed structure is a prefabricated, scaled down imitation  
of an old fashioned Cape Cod windmill, to be erected on concrete piles  
near a corner of the Town recreational field on Route 6A, to be used  
as an information booth, presumably for the particular benefit of tour-  
ists. It was noted that the designated site is in a residential zone  
and that the proposed windmill is non-residential and quasi-commercial  
in character. It is badly proportioned and suffers by comparison with  
that which it seeks to imitate. It is architecturally and aesthetically  
false and alien to and out of harmony with the surrounding area and the  
designated site, which is in no way an appropriate site for a windmill.  
At present there is an attractive view from Route 6A across the athletic  
field toward the old elementary school on the hill. The proposed wind-  
mill and the activities which it would generate would inject a discor-  
dant note to that view.

The vote of the Commission was as follows:

To annul the determination of the Brewster Committee:

Donald Bourne, Acting Chairman, of Sandwich  
George E. Plugge, of Yarmouth  
Louise Donham, of Orleans

To affirm the determination of the Brewster Committee:

William G. Hanger, of Dennis  
Elliott MacSwan, of Barnstable

Mrs. Elizabeth Heap, of Brewster, was present but was disqualified from voting by Article IV, Section 1 (b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Any person aggrieved by the Commission's decision may within 20 days after notice of the decision is filed with the Brewster Town Clerk, appeal to the District Court.

Very truly yours,



Acting Chairman

Old King's Highway Regional Historic  
District Commission

cc. Brewster Board of Trade  
Brewster Historic District Committee  
Mrs. Evan M. Wylie  
Mr. Gordon Brooks  
Mrs. Rosamond R. Gage  
Mr. Robert M. Franklin  
Mr. Robert Libby