

Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

First District Courthouse, Barnstable, Mass. 02630

Telephone: 617-362-4092

JOHN J. O'CONNOR
Appellant

VS.

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

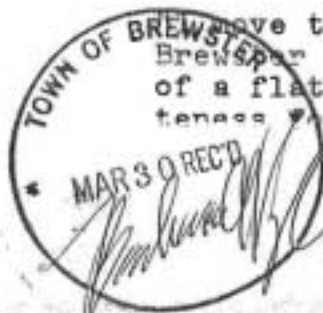
DECISION ON APPEAL TO OLD KING'S
HIGHWAY REGIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION

No. 78-1

A hearing was held on March 28, 1978, by the above Commission on the appeal by John J. O'Connor from the decision of the Town of Brewster Historic District Committee partially denying a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Appellant for the construction of a sky-light on the roof of his proposed colonial home to be located at the corner of Main Street (Route 6A) and Point of Rock Road in Brewster.

Present were Mr. O'Connor (Appellant), Mr. Bonner (Brewster), Mr. Dwyer (Dennis), Mr. Harris (Yarmouth), Mr. Gill (Sandwich), Mr. MacSwan (Barnstable - elected acting Chairman) and Attorney Wilson (Commission counsel).

Mr. MacSwan and Mr. Gill indicated that they had viewed the site. Mr. O'Connor indicated that the sky-light was a flat type basically of the same design used many years ago in Cape architecture and further pointed out that there were many examples of the proposed sky-light in existence along Route 6A which had been constructed since the adoption of the act. He indicated that the sky-light would save energy by providing additional heat and light from a natural source for his building. Mr. Bonner indicated that at the time the case was heard before the local Town Committee, that he and a number of the members of his Committee had not realized that sky-lights did have a place in the architectural history of Cape Cod and that he felt that if the Commission believed that the proposed sky-light would not derogate from the intent and purposes of the Act that his Committee would probably accept a granting of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed sky-light. The Commission members discussed at length the role of sky-lights in the history of Cape Cod architecture and at the conclusion of the discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Dwyer and voted unanimously with the abstention of Brewster (4-0-1):



Motion that the Commission annul that portion of the Brewster Committee decision denying the construction of a flat sky-light and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for said sky-light."

Donald Bourne
DONALD BOURNE
Chairman