



Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission

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S.B. BROWN

v.

Decision #88-22

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

On Tuesday, June 28, 1988 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #88-22 filed by S.B. Brown seeking review of a decision by the Brewster Historic District Committee which had denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign on property located at 2628 Main Street (Route 6A), Brewster, Massachusetts.

Present were Ronald Lindholm, Dennis; Michael Shay, Brewster; Christopher Miner, Orleans; Peter Freeman, Barnstable; Milton Smith, Yarmouth; Allen Abrahamson, Sandwich; Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; Melanie Kline, Partner of the Applicant; and S.B. Brown, Applicant.

The Committee's decision had been filed with the Town Clerk on May 23, 1988, and the appeal entered with the Commission on June 8, 1988.

Prior to the start of the hearing, Michael Shay temporarily relinquished the duties of Chairman to the Vice-Chairman, Peter Freeman.

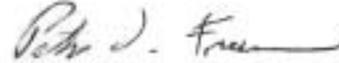
Melanie Kline, Partner of the Applicant, addressed the Commission on behalf of the Applicant. She described the purpose of the Vision Quest art center as being designed to teach arts and crafts and that these purposes directly related to the sign in that the color spectrum on the sign was representative of the colors of the rainbow. She said the guidelines were vague, that the sign was not garish or ugly, but had been done in good taste.

Michael Shay, representing the Brewster Committee, addressed the Commission to explain the Brewster Committee's reasons for denial. He went over the long history of the signs on the property and stated that the application for this sign had been denied due to non-compliance with the Act. He further pointed out that the sign had been applied for even though there were other signs on the property. He said that anyone who was familiar with the area would agree that the sign was clearly not compatible with the area.

After discussion the Commission made the following determination.

1. That the Brewster Historic District Committee did not act in an arbitrary, capricious or erroneous manner in denying the Applicant's Certificate of Appropriateness and that the appeal be 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 Brewster Town Clerk.



Peter L. Freeman
Vice-Chairman