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CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

v.

Decision #92-12

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

On Tuesday, January 5, 1993 the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #92-12 filed by Cape Cod Community College seeking review of a decision by the Barnstable Historic District Committee which had denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a sign located at Route 132, West Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Present were Christopher Miner, Orleans; Avard Craig, Dennis; Janet Francis, Brewster; Peter Freeman, Barnstable; Steve Carmel, Sandwich; Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; Richard Krause, President of Cape Cod Community College, Appellant, and various other representatives of Cape Cod Community College.

The Committee's decision had been filed with the Town Clerk on October 23, 1992, and the appeal entered with the Commission on November 3, 1992. The 30 day determination period was waived by agreement.

Prior to the start of the hearing Peter L. Freeman relinquished the Chairmanship in favor of Christopher R. Miner who presided over the hearing.

THE APPELLANT'S PRESENTATION:

Richard A. Kraus, President of Cape Cod Community College addressed the Commission in favor of the appeal. He stated that the situation at the college has changed and that the state does not provide much in the way of support for the school. He said that the request for alterations to the sign

at the front of the campus was a matter of viability for the college. He said that the problem with the present sign is that the sign announces the college but does not tell what is going on. He said that a sign is necessary to tell of events at the college and he would like to have the kind of sign that is necessary to do an outreach program at the college. With the help of other representatives of the college he displayed a drawing of the proposed sign and explained the materials and arrangements to be used.

#### THE COMMITTEE'S PRESENTATION:

Rob Stewart, representing the Barnstable Committee, addressed the Commission to explain the Barnstable Committee's reasons for denial. He stated that the Committee felt that the sign was not being altered but was in fact being replaced by a new sign and should have been applied for as such. He said that safety is a concern and that the traffic in the area is residential traffic going to Barnstable and West Barnstable. He said that the Committee felt that with all of the building going on in the area there would be a proliferation of signs and the Committee did not want to set a precedent. He said that the Committee wanted the College to come back to the Committee with a sign that was completely within the College confines.

#### DISCUSSION:

Virginia Woolard, a former member of the Barnstable Committee, addressed the Commission in opposition to the appeal. She stated that the existing sign already exceeds the approved limit with the Historic District. She also stated that the approval of this application would have set a bad precedent as all other entities in the area would want a larger sign. She stated that the area in question is the gateway to Route 6A and the Committee and the Commission should act accordingly.

#### FINDINGS:

The Commission made the following Findings of Fact:

1. That the Barnstable Committee did not act in an arbitrary, capricious or erroneous manner in denying the Appellant's Certificate of Appropriateness. 4-0-1.

DETERMINATION:

Based on the above findings the appeal was denied. 4-0-1.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the District Court Department, Barnstable Division, within 20 days of the filing of this decision with the Barnstable Town Clerk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. R. Miner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher R. Miner  
Vice-Chairman