



March 22, 2016

Mr. Peter Stanhope  
Chair  
Historic District Commission  
8 Newmarket Road  
Durham, New Hampshire 03824

Re: Three Chimneys Inn  
Landscape Improvements  
HDC Application

Chair Stanhope:

Please find attached our application to the HDC on behalf of the Three Chimneys Inn for two landscape improvement projects to be completed this Spring and Fall.

Karen Meyer, Innkeeper at the Three Chimneys Inn, has hired Woodburn & Company to provide suggestions for landscape maintenance and improvements to upgrade the overall appearance of the landscape at the inn. We are currently in the process of developing a long term landscape master plan that focuses on landscape elements that need attention, maintenance and renovation in order to enhance the historic character of the inn and showcase the property to prospective visitors.

The first two projects planned for installation will upgrade the area around the sign and driveway. Visitors to Durham don't always know where the inn is and miss seeing the existing sign. We've suggested that the tumbled down stones surrounding the sign be reset as a low retaining wall, that the sign be set plumb. The existing plantings will be renovated in a tiered combination of flowering shrubs and perennials. See attached before photos and after sketch.

In addition to the work around the sign, the existing stone retaining wall running along the north side of the driveway will be rebuilt using the existing stone and augmenting it with larger aged granite pieces. The result will be a renovated stone wall, roughly the same height as the existing with tighter joints and a look more in keeping with the existing walls along Newmarket Road and adjacent to the existing carriage house. See attached before photos and after sketch.

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At the April 7<sup>th</sup> HDC meeting we will present this request to allow these two initial projects. We also thought the board might be interested in a preview of the other landscape improvements we're considering. With your permission we will present a short power point presentation illustrating the types of improvements we envision for the Inn overtime.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Roberta N. Woodburn  
Principal



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
***Application for Certificate of Approval***  
**Town of Durham, New Hampshire**

Date: March 28, 2016

**Property information**

Property address/location: Three Chimneys Inn

Tax map and lot #: \_\_\_\_\_; Date of building, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project (if applicable): Three Chimneys Inn Landscape Phase One

**Property owner**

Name (include name of individual): Three Chimneys Inn, LLC

Mailing address: 18 Newmarket Road Durham NH

Telephone #: 603-868-7800 Email address: kmeyer@threechimneysinn.com

**Applicant (if different from property owner)**

Name (include name of individual): same

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Designer (if applicable)**

Robbi Woodburn

Name (include name of individual): Woodburn & Company Landscape Architecture, LLC

Professional Designation: Landscape Architect

Mailing address: 103 Kent Place Newmarket, New Hampshire 03857

Telephone #: 603-659-5949 Email address: robbi@woodburnandcompany.com

**Contractor (if applicable)**

Name (include name of individual): Piscataqua Landscape & Tree Company

Mailing address: 26 MacLellan Lane Eliot Maine

Telephone #: 207-439-2241 Email address: jgamester@piscataqualandscaping.com

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**Proposed activity** (check all that apply)

New building/structure: \_\_\_\_ Addition onto existing building/structure: \_\_\_\_

Alterations to existing building: \_\_\_\_ Demolition: \_\_\_\_ Signage: \_\_\_\_

Site development (other structures, parking, utilities, etc.): \_\_\_\_ Change of use: \_\_\_\_

Describe project? Phase one of landscape improvements -  
Project One - rebuild existing stone wall at street  
and reset existing sign, renovate plantings  
Project Two - rebuild existing stone wall along driveway

Proposed starting date: Spring 2016

**Submission of application**

This application must be signed by the property owner, the applicant/developer (if different from property owner), and/or the agent.

*I hereby submit this application to the Town of Durham Historic District Commission pursuant to the Town of Durham Historic District Ordinance and attest that to the best of my knowledge all of the information on this application form and in the accompanying application materials and documentation is true and accurate. As applicant/developer (if different from property owner) or as agent, I attest that I am duly authorized to act in this capacity and submit this application.*

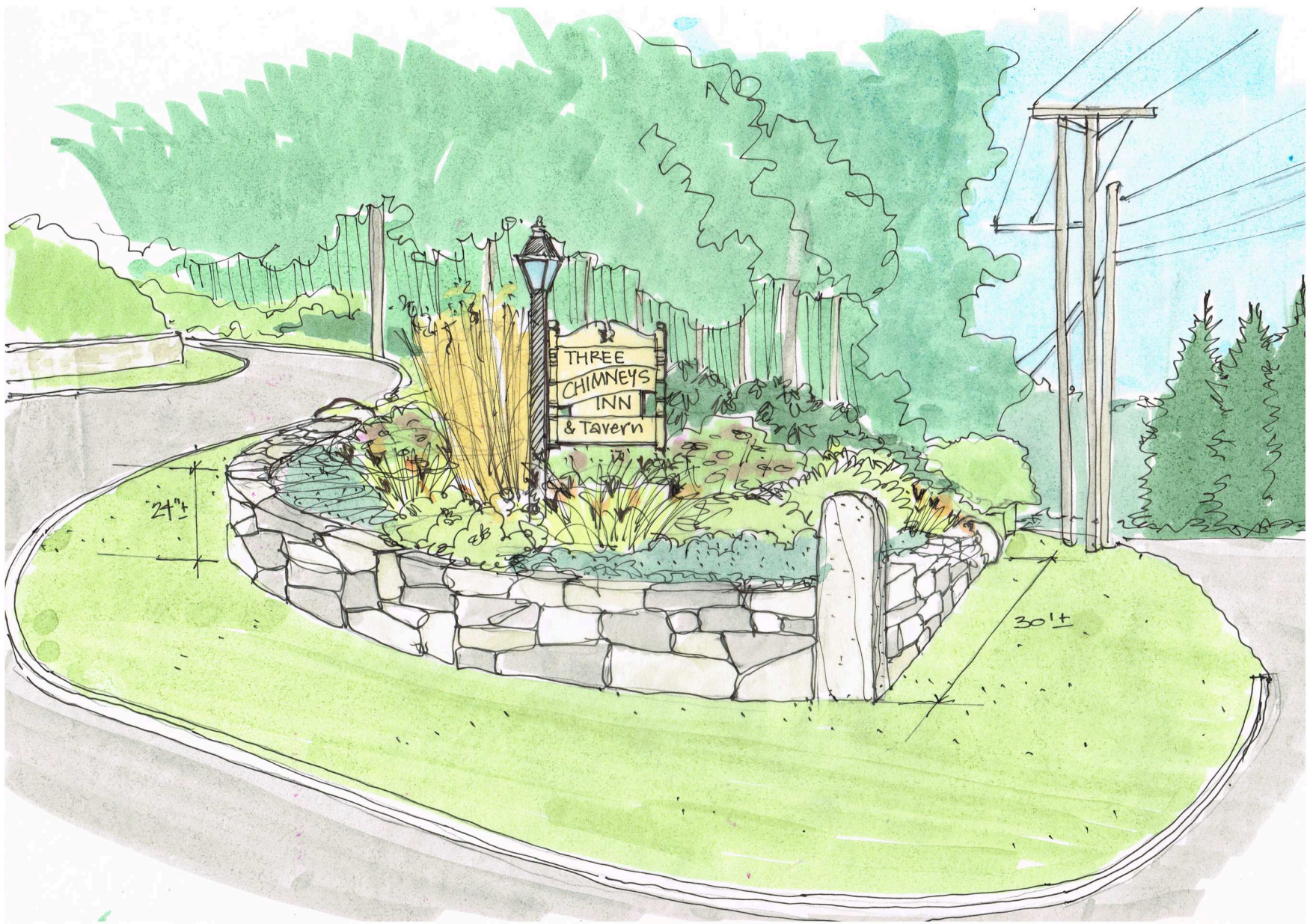
Name: Karen Meyer - Innkeeper

Signature: *Karen Meyer* Date: 3.22.16

Circle all that apply: *property owner - developer - architect/designer - contractor - agent*

*\* Please note that the applicant or a representative must attend the HDC meeting to present the application and answer any questions. If nobody attends the meeting then the HDC may not take any action on the application.*





After



Before





After



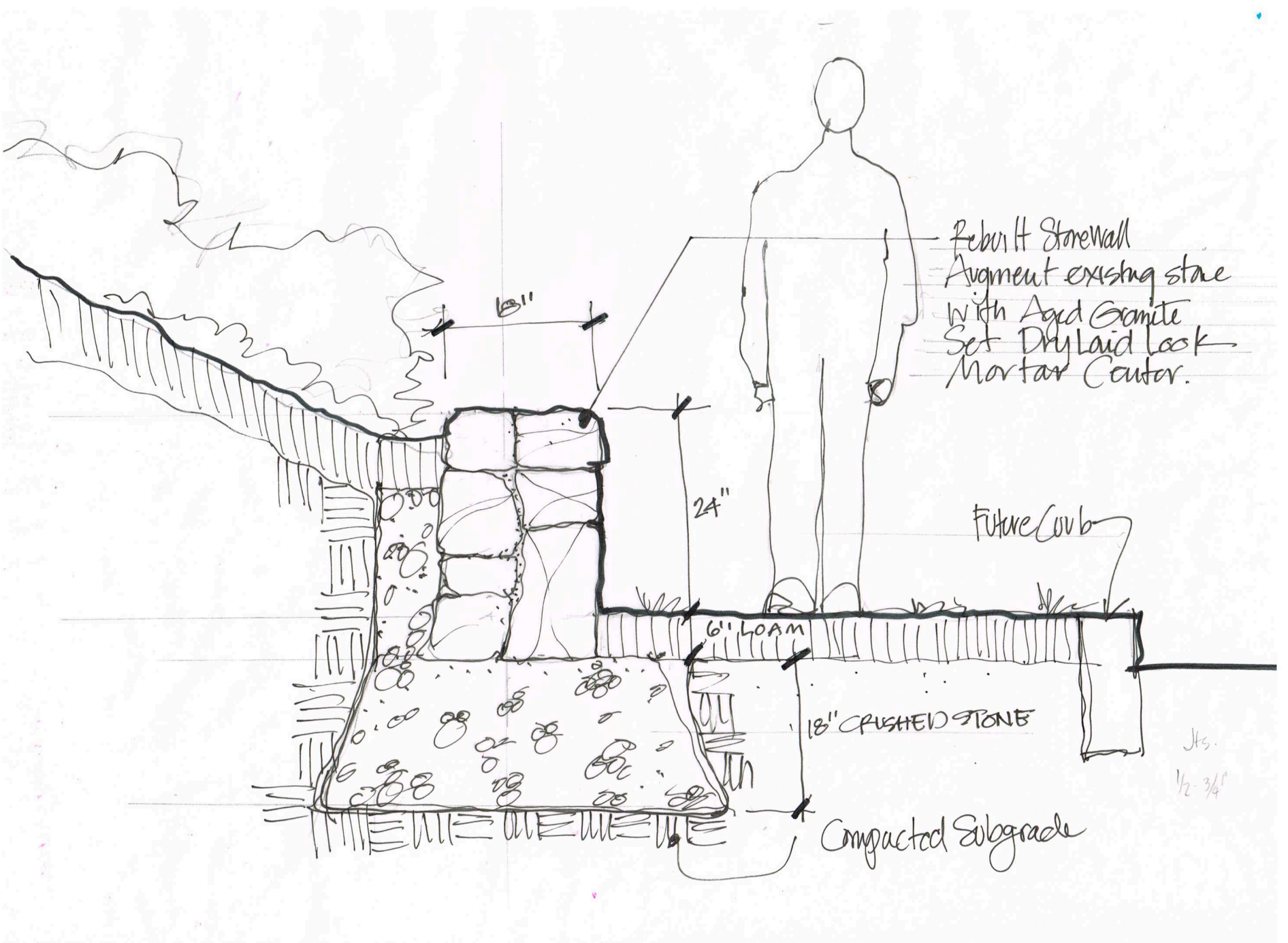
Before





Aged Granite to Augment Existing

Existing Wall at Carriage House



Proposed Wall Detail