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Application for Certificate of Approval

Town of Durham, New Hampshire

Date: 2-12-14

Property information

Property address/location: 17 Old Landing Rd Durham, NH

Tax map and lot #: Map 5 Lot 5-10; Date of building, if known: 1789 - House

Name of project (if applicable): _____

Property owner

Name (include name of individual): James + Deborah Munsey

Mailing address: 17 Old Landing Rd Durham, NH 03824

Telephone #: 603 501-9336 Email address: Munseysports@aol.com

Applicant (if different from property owner)

Name (include name of individual): N/A

Mailing address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email address: _____

Architect/Designer (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): N/A

Professional Designation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email address: _____

Contractor (if applicable)

Name (include name of individual): Dennis Gerry

Mailing address: 37 Crow Hill Rd Rochester, NH 03868

Telephone #: 603 767 4765 Email address: skeet1@metrocast.net

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Proposed activity (check all that apply)

New building/structure: _____ Addition onto existing building/structure: _____

Alterations to existing building: Fence Demolition: _____ Signage: _____

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

Describe project? Please see attached letter w/schematic + photos


Proposed starting date: - Finished in Oct. 2013

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: James Munsey

Signature:  Date: 2-12-14

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.*

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Members – Durham Historic District Commission
Town of Durham
15 Newmarket Rd.
Durham, NH 03824

RE: Application for Cert of Approval Dated 2-12-14 – Backyard Fence

Dear Members:

Please kindly accept this as information to be considered by the Commission regarding a fence I constructed in my backyard in October to replace the chain link fence present when I purchased the property in 1991. Please accept my apologies for not consulting the Commission first. I knew that chain link fences were prohibited in the District and simply decided to replace it with something more in character and aesthetically pleasing. Portions of the chain link in question were also losing their integrity from age or fallen trees from abutters and lastly, vegetation from abutting property including an invasive ground vine, was becoming a nuisance.

I understand that 2 of the main purposes of the Commission, in addition to those which may be more structurally related, are to conserve property values and protect the attractiveness of the HOD. I believe that the new fence is consistent with supporting such purposes.

175-96 F 3 says in pertinent part: *Fences: Chain link fences shall not be used in front yards or in side yards if they would be visible from a public way.*

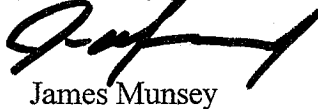
Much of my backyard fence could be seen from Old Landing Road as you approach my house. I suspect the fences have been there for quite some time and long before I purchased the home. I attach hereto a rough sketch of the backyard showing its dimensions. Essentially, the fence travels along the property abutting the Moriarty property on one side and the 3 Chimneys property on the other.

The fence installed is made of ½ inch cedar and are in 10' by 4' sections. It was purchased from AAA Fences in Dover. The only sections of a different size were the 3' high sections used between the Garage and the House. The panels were actually attached to the existing galvanized posts, which previously held the chain link, using galvanized brackets. Also, the sections were reinforced with additional flat brackets to hold the sections even tighter together.

The property already had wooden gates and fence portions at the driveway entrance to the backyard as well as the side of the house next to the kitchen leading to the backyard.

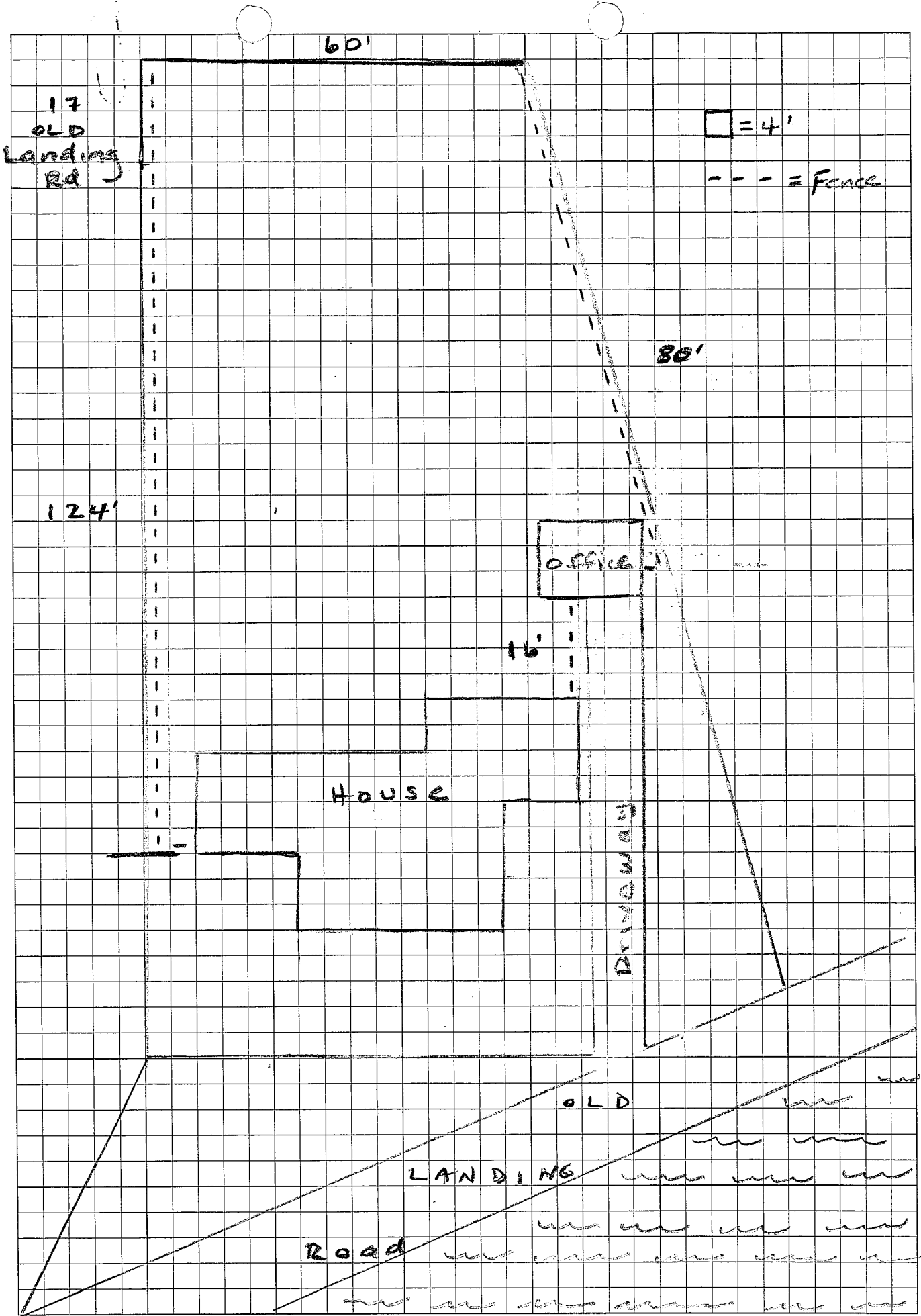
I request that you approve the fence installation, after the fact. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or seek additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Munsey", written over the typed name.

James Munsey

(Please see following backyard schematic and photos with descriptions.)





View from back wall looking toward back of home. Chain link fence showing vegetation and damage from falling trees evident.



Opposite view from home looking up toward 3 Chimneys where previous photos of chain link fence would have been, but for replacement with wood.



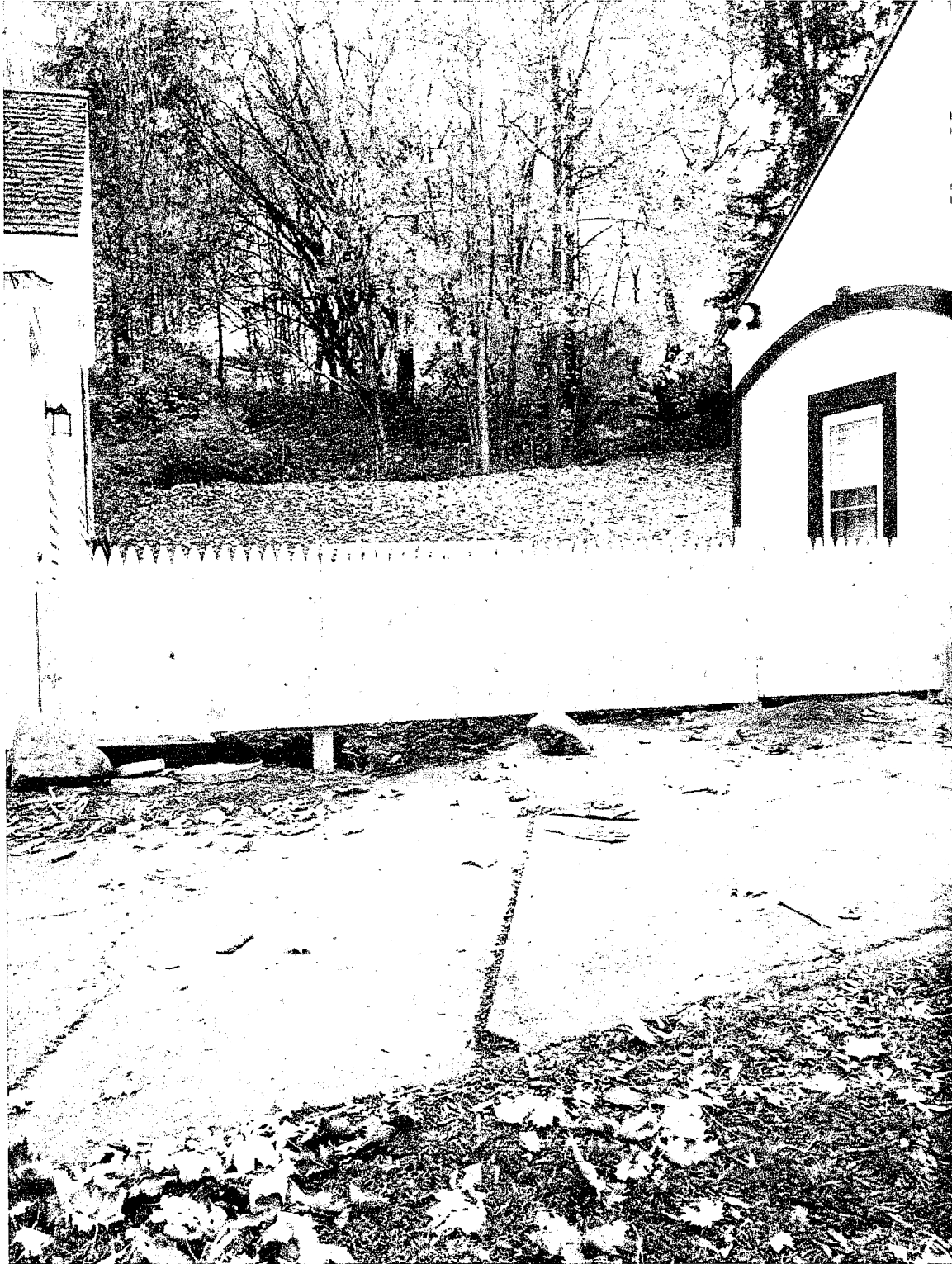
View from home toward Moriarty property with 3 Chimney's wall at top of picture before replacement.



Similar view from home toward Moriarty with fence nearly completed.



3 Foot fence replacing long standing wooden fence between garage and house, nearly completed.



Driveway side view of 3 foot fence between garage and house. (Unfinished view across yard of chain link bordering 3 Chimneys property.)