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# TOWN OF NEW DURHAM May 9, 2023, 4:00 P.M.

New Durham Community Room, New Durham, NH 03855

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- 13 David Swenson, Select Board Chair
- 14 Dorothy Veisel, Select Board Vice Chair
  - Marc DeCoff, Select Board Member

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#### ALSO PRESENT

- 18 Kathleen Blaney, Finance Manager
- 19 Linda Callaway, Town Moderator
- 20 Ellen Phillips, Resident
- 21 Rudy Rosiello, Resident
- 22 Greg Anthes, Resident
- 23 Janis Anthes, Resident
- 24 Shawn Bernier, Police Chief
- 25 Will Cardinal, Road Agent
- 26 Cathy Allyn, Resident
- 27 Cathy Orlowicz, Resident
- 28 Linda Callaway, Town Moderator
- 29 Ellen Phillips, Resident
- 30 Reginald Meattey, Police Department
- 31 Scott Drummey, Resident

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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#### Roll Call & Pledge Allegiance

Roll call was taken for Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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### Public Input

- 40 Greg Anthes, resident, made comments in regard to appointments for the 1772 Meetinghouse Committee;
- 41 he stated Ms. Allyn was not reappointed by the last Board of Selectmen due to problems with an L-CHIP
- 42 grant application. He stated he does not agree with the changes in the use of the historic building and is
- anow including a community room and committee offices. Mr. Anthes stated in his opinion there have
- been opportunities that were lost over the years for completing the project and suggested different people
- need to be on the committee. Chair Swenson requested a copy of the statement Mr. Anthes read but it
- was not supplied to the Board.
- 47 Janis Anthes, resident, made comments in regard to letters sent by Tri-County Republicans which were
- 48 sent out to Town residents regarding town employee turnover. She stated Chair Swenson requested the

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- 49 facts and she did research on the turnover of all town positions; she presented her calculations on this
- 50 information for review by the Board. Ms. Janis noted the accrued benefits liability funds were depleted
- and it costs more to rehire and train new employees. She stated there was also a turnover of various
- 52 contractors.
- Cathy Allyn, resident, stated she appreciates the support for her being on the 1772 Meetinghouse
- 54 Committee; she responded to Mr. Anthes comments about her work on the committee; she clarified the
- Board of Selectmen knew her actions for the L-CHIP grant and they knew she was submitting the
- application. Ms. Allyn stated the committee has done a lot of events and a lot of fundraising over the
- 57 years; she stated she has attended a lot of training sessions for historical restoration and is here to help.
- Rudy Rosiello, resident, presented information regarding the charter of the 1772 Meetinghouse
- 59 Committee and the five year LCHIP stewardship agreement along with a letter summarizing a meeting
- with L-CHIP in regard to the grant application and his notes about the errors in the application.
- Mr. Rosiello made comments in regard to perceived errors on spreadsheets for the budget that he thought
- he had corrected. Chair Swenson noted that during the Budget Committee process he had to correct
- 63 multiple errors in the budget spreadsheets and formulas as developed from the Select Board, Finance
- 64 Manager, and Town Administrator. Chair Swenson corrected these errors prior to the Budget Committee
- 65 finalizing their approval.
- 66 Announcements
- 67 Chair Swenson stated the Town received an invitation for an open house at Lions Pride Camp, June 3,
- 68 2023, 11:00AM to 2:00 p.m.
- 69 Agenda Review
- 70 Chair Swenson added Non-Public at the end of the meeting; under New Business: ETF / CRF Issues.
- 71 Selectman DeCoff motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Selectman Veisel seconded the
- 72 motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- 73 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
- 74 Committee Appointments
- 75 CIP Committee Member At Large Thomas Baker
- 76 Chair Swenson motioned to appoint Thomas Baker as an Advisory Capital Improvement Planning
- 77 Committee Member at large with a term to expire April 13, 2024. Selectman DeCoff seconded the
- 78 motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- 79 CIP Committee Member At Large Mark McFadden
- 80 Chair Swenson motioned to appoint Mark McFadden as an Advisory Capital Improvement
- 81 Planning Committee Member at large with a term to expire April 13, 2024. Selectman DeCoff
- seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- 83 Parks & Recreation Commission Jamie L. Bamford
- 84 Chair Swenson motioned to appoint Jamie Bamford to the Parks and Recreation Commission with
- a term to expire March 21, 2026. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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- 86 SELT Birch Ridge Community Forest Management Committee Ethan Fulk
- 87 Chair Swenson motioned to appoint Ethan Fulk to the Birch Ridge Community Forest
- 88 Management Committee. Selectman DeCoff seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- 89 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Cathy Allyn
- 90 Chair Swenson motioned to appoint Cathy Allyn to the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
- 91 with a term to expire March 2026. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 2-0-1.
- 92 Selectman DeCoff abstained.

#### 93 NEW BUSINESS

### 94 A. Voting Machines & ePoll Discussion / Decision – Linda Callaway, Town Moderator

- Linda Callaway, Town Moderator, presented information on voting and suggestions for making the
- 96 process go smoothly; she explained the three different voting machines that are under consideration in
- New Hampshire and explained the process for tabulating ballots as well as the software update options.
- 98 She explained the security testing that is needed for the machines as well as the process for obtaining a
- 99 new machine, noting approval from the NH Secretary of State is needed before they can be purchased.
- The three systems are LHS, Voting Works (open source), and ES&S,
- Ms. Callaway explained the process of handling voters at the polls during elections; she also explained
- ePoll Books can work which allows check-in to be handled digitally utilizing iPads. These are available
- now but New Hampshire has not yet standardized on product preferred.
- One system (LHS ImageCast) ePoll Book costs is projected at \$300 / year, \$1,275 unit (one time
- purchase), \$300 printer (one time purchase), and \$100 shipping / handling.

### 106 B. Story Trail at Meetinghouse (Update) – Linda Callaway, Friends of the Library 501c3

- Ms. Callaway as part of the Friends of the Library provided a brief update on the Story Trail activity
- planned for the Meetinghouse.

## 109 C. DPW Rental Equipment Due To Weather – Will Cardinal

- 110 The Board reviewed the agreements for equipment rental to help on ditching, etc. Road Agent Cardinal
- explained the equipment is needed to fix the roads that washed out in the last few weeks due to storm
- water damage. Chair Swenson suggested checking to see if ARPA funds can be used. Selectman DeCoff
- suggested seeing if ETF Emergency Management funds can be utilized.
- 114 Chair Swenson motioned to approve Purchase Order #2936 in the amount of \$6,118 for the rental
- per quote #02-31565 of May 2, 2023 to Equipment East. Selectman DeCoff seconded the motion.
- 116 Motion passed 3-0-0.

### 117 D. DPW Radios (Chair Swenson Suggested ARPA Funded) – Will Cardinal

- The Board reviewed quotes for radios in DPW for weather and other public safety related uses. It was
- noted that Two-Way is the company most municipalities in this area utilize; the radios currently being
- utilized by the Department are from the 1980s and this upgrade is a necessity; the purchase will include
- the radios and a repeater to be placed on Ridge Road.

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- Selectman DeCoff asked if a second repeater is needed in Copple Crown. Police Chief Bernier stated
- when the main repeater is working properly, a second one is not needed in Copple Crown.
- 124 Chair Swenson motioned to approve the purchase of the Moto TRP Digital Overland Radio per the
- quote submitted to the Board of Selectmen in the total amount of \$22,714.61, submitted by Two-
- Way Communications Services, proposal #8888, with funds to come from ARPA. Selectman Veisel
- seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- Ms. Purington, DPW Admin Assistant, stated they have hired an individual at the Solid Waste Facility
- and with selected work when the Highway Department needs a flagger, etc.; she asked if they could
- utilize this employee when needed as a flagger. Chief Bernier stated there are no issues with that and
- stated they have additional signage or materials for flagging if needed.

## 132 E. PD Computer Purchase CRF Funding Source

- The Board reviewed rationale and quotes for the purchase of a replacement computer for the police
- department. Chair Swenson stated it is his opinion that the funds for this should come from the
- 135 Computer ETF. Chief Bernier explained the item to be replaced is a laptop that is about seven years old;
- he explained they are having problems of compatibility because the operating system is Windows 7 and
- the camera system is not compatible and starting to slow the server.
- 138 Chair Swenson motioned to approve the purchase of the computer described by Chief Bernier at
- the May 8, 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting and have the funds come from the Computer
- Expendable Trust Fund. Selectman DeCoff seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

## 141 F. Police Taser (ARPA Funded)- Reggie Meattey

- The Board reviewed quotes for the purchase of tasers. Lieutenant Meattey explained the department
- normally has six in inventory; one unit is out of service and not repairable and another one is starting to
- have the same issues. Lieutenant Meattey stated all but one of the tasers are beyond the manufacturers'
- five year suggested life span.
- 146 Chair Swenson suggested this may be an item which qualifies for ARPA funds and asked them to get
- input from other police departments on the replacement models presented.

### 148 G. Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee – Cathy Orlowicz, Chair Zechariah Boodey

## 149 Farmstead Committee

- 150 The Board reviewed documents presented in regard to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead project.
- 151 Cathy Orlowicz, Chair of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee, stated the event, Hometown
- Rebels is planned for July 15 and presented a draft of the Special Event application. Ms. Orlowicz stated
- Muddy Road Brewery will be onsite offering beer samples and confirmed Police and Fire officials have
- signed off on the event. She stated the event is a fundraiser and will take place at 29 Stockbridge Corner
- Road and is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She stated there will be presentations and
- speakers talking about agricultural activities; a BBQ; timber frame demonstration; horse drawn hayrides,
- etc. They will be seeking sponsorship to help offset any costs.
- Ms. Orlowicz asked the Board to waive the Town policy for alcohol which prohibits consumption on
- Town property. She explained someone will need to take a course with the State of New Hampshire and
- 160 Christa Evans has volunteered. Chief Bernier stated a Police Officer will be present for the event to

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- direct traffic. Chair Swenson stated he would be abstaining from the vote on the waiver as he is not a
- proponent of alcohol for Town events.

- Selectman DeCoff motioned to waive RSA 481:11A to allow alcohol to be served on July 15, 2023
- from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for samples, per Town Ordinance, 03.011. Selectman Veisel seconded
- the motion. Motion passed 2-0-1. Chair Swenson abstained.
- 167 Selectman DeCoff motioned to grant the Special Event License presented to the Board of Selectmen
- on May 9, 2023 for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, Hometown Rebels Event, July 15, 2023, from
- 169 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the stipulation the training course to allow alcohol beverage sampling
- through the State of New Hampshire. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- Ms. Orlowicz stated the assessment for the timber frame structure was scheduled for April 21 and 22,
- 2023; however, key individuals were unable attend due to unforeseen interruptions with their current
- projects. She stated June 16 and 17, 2023 is the rescheduled date; she stated the timbers will be removed
- 174 from storage for assessment.
- Ms. Orlowicz stated she attended a conference from the National Timber Framers Guild in October 2022;
- she stated she became familiar with the guild and the Heartwood school, and the guild is excited about
- the Boodey Farmstead project. She stated the timber framers' school will be incorporating more
- preservation projects in to the school and students will be invited to participate in the assessment in June.
- Ms. Orlowicz stated the committee met with the owners of Iron Will Contractors and reviewed the site
- plans in preparation for construction plans. She stated concerns were indicated about septic tanks falling
- into the house foundation if it is dug out at a later date so Iron Will Contractors is looking into whether
- the leach field could be installed elsewhere. Ms. Orlowicz outlined upcoming expenditures for the year
- and noted they are still obligated to pay the remainder for the timber-frame assessment of the house, in
- the amount of \$1,250; she stated there is also a balance due for the trailer rental for the remainder of
- 2023; she stated after those items are paid, there will be a fund balance of \$20,233 which will cover the
- site work and septic install.
- 187 Ken Ross-Raymond, resident, stated Iron Will Contracting recently did work for them and the service
- was excellent.
- 189 Chair Swenson stated he doesn't see any reason not to go with this proposal. The Board agreed by
- 190 consensus.
- 191 MOTION: Based on the rationale provided by the Boodey Farmstead to the Board of Selectmen on
- 192 May 9, 2023, to approve the use of the Town source aggregate per the quote submitted to the Board
- in the amount of \$17,070, with funds to come from the Charitable Checking Account. Motion by
- 194 Chair Swenson. Selectman DeCoff seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- Ms. Orlowicz confirmed they have received a State approved septic design; she also discussed the Site
- 196 Plans and septic design with the Code Enforcement officer and had no concerns.
- 197 MOTION: To approve the installation quote in the amount of \$14,012.50 from Iron Will
- 198 Contractors in the amount of \$3,012.50 to come from the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking
- Account and the balance being an in-kind donation from Iron Will. Motion by Chair Swenson.
- 200 Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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- Ms. Orlowicz presented information as requested, in regard to the maintenance and operating proposal; a
- 202 possible rental fee and income proposal was also presented for review by the Board. She stated there is
- also the possibility of part-time employees, likely committee members, who would be on-site for events
- and work with renters to ensure fees are paid and contracts are fulfilled.
- 205 Chair Swenson outlined questions for discussion: is the currently chosen property for the Boodey
- Farmstead fully available for reconstruction of the farmstead; are the non-taxed source of funds for the
- Boodey Farmstead correctly accounted for; what is the current non-taxed source of funds in the charitable
- 208 checking account to be transferred to the newly created Boodey Farmstead Donation Fund; what is
- 209 required to set up the audit recommended for separate systems to receive and expend non-tax funds for
- 210 the Boodey Farmstead.
- 211 Chair Swenson noted per the Shirley Will, there are only restrictions for timber use and sale of the
- 212 property; the planned use does not involve sale of any land to the State and the plans only affect the non-
- willed / restricted and cleared land. He stated the Board of Selectmen action on August 6, 2007 approved
- the location at the corner of Stockbridge Road. He stated Town Counsel reviewed the deed and confirmed
- there are no restrictions for this use by the Town. Chair Swenson stated the Finance Manager provided
- operating steps and procedures for receiving funds as well as a procedure for transferring funds to the
- 217 Donation Fund.
- 218 Rudy Rosiello, resident, asked if the barn was a gift that needs to be reconstructed. Chair Swenson stated
- 219 he will need to go back and research that.
- 220 MOTION: To see if the Board of Selectmen will vote to establish a Boodey Farmstead Expendable
- 221 Trust Fund with the Board of Selectmen as designated Agents to Expend for the purpose of receipt
- and expending non-tax generated donated funds for the purpose of constructing and operating the
- Boodey Farmstead property and buildings; in addition, to transfer the sum of \$27,533.38, the
- balance of the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account, 4157, as of April 30, 2023; and
- such additional donation funds to the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account received,
- less funds expended from the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account between April 30,
- 2023 and date of establishment of this Boodey Farmstead Donation Expendable Trust Fund,
- \$27,533.8 represents the funds in the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account as of April
- 30, 2023. Motion by Chair Swenson. Selectman DeCoff seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- 230 H. Acceptance of Charitable Donations (Meetinghouse Restoration Committee) Ellen Phillips,
- 231 Chair Meetinghouse Res. Committee
- 232 MOTION: To see of the Board of Selectmen will vote to establish the 1772 Meetinghouse Donation
- 233 Expendable Trust Fund with the Board of Selectmen as designated Agents to Expend for the
- purpose of receipt and expending non-tax generated donated funds for the purpose of constructing
- and operating the 1772 Meetinghouse property and buildings; in addition, to transfer the sum of
- \$25,581.30, the balance of the 1772 Meetinghouse Charitable Checking Account, 4207, as of April
- 30, 2023; in addition, to transfer the sum of \$25,581.30, the balance of the 1772 Meetinghouse
- 238 Charitable Checking Account, expended between April 30, 2023 and date of the establishment of
- 239 the 1772 Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by
- 240 Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-0-0.
- Note: See Attachment I for background, rationale, and motions noted on the Boodey Farmstead and 1772
- 242 Meetinghouse.

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- 243 I. Community Grant Discussion Ellen Phillips, Chair Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
- Ms. Phillips presented a request to the Board to accept funds raised by the Meetinghouse Restoration
- 245 Committee.
- 246 MOTION: To accept the donations raised by the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee in the
- amount of \$2,705.47. Motion by Selectman Veisel. Seconded by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed
- **248 3-0-0.**
- Ms. Phillips gave an update on the grant application from the committee; she stated the committee had a
- 250 Zoom call with Community Center Investment Program, to ask questions, prior to starting the
- application. She stated the grant writing has not been started and clarified there will be no storage in the
- Meetinghouse and that has not been discussed yet by the committee.
- Ms. Phillips stated grants are from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 and is given to projects that will be fully
- completed with the grant. She stated the estimated grant request is going to be \$550,000, which will
- include repair of the roof; she stated they will be using the survey done last year along with records of
- donations as a sign of local support for the project. Ms. Phillips stated the matching amount for this grant
- is 15%. She explained the program looks favorably on projects that include alternative forms of energy so
- 258 they are looking into solar which would take care of the needs of the Meetinghouse; the program also
- looks favorably on projects which involve historic properties being repurposed for community centers.
- She stated in-kind services can be used. She asked the Board for permission to go directly to various
- 261 individuals such as the Town Administrator, Road Agent, Building Inspector, etc. Chair Swenson agreed
- with using available resources in Town. Ms. Phillips stated they plan to submit the application in the fall;
- she stated she will be coming to the Board meetings on a monthly basis to give updates.
- **J. Credit and Exemptions Kathleen Blaney From Assessing Department** Postponed.
- 265 K. Manifest Review Kathleen Blaney Postponed.
- 266 CRF/ETF
- 267 Chair Swenson stated the last Board of Selectmen and Warrant Articles as voted in March 2023 changed
- and combined some CRF / ETF accounts; he stated he asked Ms. Blaney and the Trustee of Trust funds to
- look through the changes to ensure the MS-9 is accurate.
- 270 OLD BUSINESS
- 271 Timber Tax Applications Kathleen Blaney From Assessing Department
- The Board reviewed the timber tax applications presented; it was confirmed these have been reviewed
- and approved by the contract assessor.
- 274 MOTION: To approve the Timber Tax application for Map 261, Lot 007, 008 and 010, for a total
- amount of \$159.51. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-
- **276 0-0.**
- 277 MOTION: To approve the Timber Tax application for Map 248, Lot 036 and Map 245, Lot 027 for
- a total amount of \$1,044.59. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman DeCoff. Motion
- 279 **passed 3-0-0.**

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- MOTION: To approve the Timber Tax application for Map 253. Lot 038 for a total amount of 280
- \$1,121.36. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0. 281
- Impact Fee Status & Use For 2023 To Date Postponed. 282

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- 284 MOTION: To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RS 91:A-3II, (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any
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- charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests 286
- 287 that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (c) Matters which, if discussed on
- public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board, 288
- unless such person requests an open meeting, etc.; (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims 289
- 290 or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any
- subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such 291
- public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any 292
- application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a 293
- threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph; (1) 294
- Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more 295
- members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. Motion by Chair Swenson. 296
- Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel ave; Selectman DeCoff 297
- aye; Chair Swenson aye. Motion passed 3-0-0. 298

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The Board entered non-public session at 7:03 p.m. 300

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The Board reentered public session at 7:51 p.m. 302

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304 MOTION: To seal the minutes of the non-public session of May 9, 2023 for reasons it may 305 adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by 306 Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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- 308 MOTION: To do a wage adjustment for Officer Crockwell of the Police Department to \$29.00 per
- 309 hour, effective May 8, 2023 with said wage adjustment to come from Account 4155. Motion by
- Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-0-0. 310

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- 312 MOTION: To do a wage adjustment for Lieutenant Meatty of the Police Department to \$34.00 per
- hour, effective May 8, 2023 with said differential between current pay and the new rate to come 313
- 314 from Account 4155. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-
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- MOTION: To assure that all employment contractual obligations from the officers in the Police 317
- 318 Department that still have a contract obligation to the Town, to be effectively and immediately
- 319 enforced with any notification letters or other arrangements for completion of the contract to be
- completed as soon as possible. Motion by Chair Swenson. Seconded by Selectman Veisel. Motion 320
- passed 3-0-0. 321

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. 323

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel
Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

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# Boodey Farmstead Issues To Settle May 09, 2023

- 1) Is the currently chosen property fully available to planned reconstruction of the Boodey Farmstead?
  - a. Per Shirley Will, restrictions are only on sale and use of timber proceeds and sale of any willed land to the State. [See Sections 2 & 3 of John C. Shirley Will dated 10/21/1946]. The Boodey Farmstead planned use does not involve sale of any of the land to the State and the Boodey Farmstead plans are only affecting the non-will restricted cleared land which has not and is not being used for "Sylvie culture".
  - Select Board vote of 08/06/2007 approves location at corner of Stockbridge Corner and Ridge Road with condition documentation that area is not and has not been used for "Sylvie culture" (Motion Gehl / 2<sup>nd</sup> Bickford / 3-0-0) [See Select Board Minutes 08/06/07]
  - c. Attorney Teague (Upton & Hatfield) opinion from 2007 states no restriction for stated planned use for Boodey Farmstead.
    - i. "...it is also clear that the remainder of the land was given to the Town without restriction....It would seem therefore, that as to property that is not being forested, the Town would have broad discretion as to it use. I can see no restriction that would prevent the Town from moving the Boodey House on this piece of property provided that the land had basically been cleared and provided that the placement of the building would not prohibit or restrict the continued use of the remainder for silvacultural [sic] uses......I see no reason why the Town would need to obtain a ruling from either the Attorney General's Office or the Probate Court."
    - ii. This opinion remains in place provided current Boodey Farmstead planned use is not substantively different than that noted in Attorney Teague opinion of 2007.
  - 2) Are the non-tax sourced funds for the Boodey Farmstead correctly accounted?
    - a. Finance Manager Blaney supplied written operating steps / procedure on how funds received, recorded, tracked, and spent (05/03/23).
      - i. All monies go to the Town Clerk to be held in the safe until BOS approves the acceptance of monies
      - ii. Finance Manager gets paperwork on the deposit amount and maintains this with the monthly bank statements.
      - iii. Any request for check to purchase for specific account to come from donation funds verified with Select Board minutes to verify approval (copy could be provided by Boodey Farmstead or Meetinghouse Chair) for the requested money.
      - iv. Finance Manager currently maintains Excel spreadsheet with all information.
      - v. Finance Manager reconciles deposits / expenditures each month.
      - vi. Finance Manager / Boodey Farmstead / Meetinghouse Chairs meet each month to confirm accounts match receipt & use of funds for respective accounts.
    - b. Per audit of 2021 the auditor recommends a different approach to accounting for non-tax sourced funds and uses of those non-tax sourced funds for both the Boodey Farmstead and the 1772 Meetinghouse.
    - c. Need to form holding donation trust fund accounts (see below).
  - 3) What is the current audited amount in the non-tax sourced Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking account to be transferred to the newly created Boodey Farmstead Donation Fund? Similar question for the Meetinghouse Charitable Checking Account.
    - a. Per Finance Manager Blaney Boodey Farmstead has as of 04/30/23 \$27,533.38 in the "Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account # 4157".
    - b. Per Finance Manager Blaney 1772 Meetinghouse has as of 04/30/23 \$25,581.30 in the "Meetinghouse Charitable Checking Account # 4207".

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- 4) What is required to set up the audit recommended separate system to receive and expend non-tax, donated funds for the Boodey Farmstead. For this purpose we will name it the Boodey Farmstead Donation Fund (a CRF or ETF like account to correctly receive and spend non-tax sourced funds for the Boodey Farmstead)?
  - a. Per Town Annual Reports noting Town Meeting actions that were passed (1994 Article 6 [RSA31:19-b]; 1998 Article 3 [Motion March / 2<sup>nd</sup> Fontaine]; 2009 Article 12 [Motion Bickford / 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhoades [RSA31:19]) the Town has repetitively accepted provisions of RSA31:19 "providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose." (See copies of Town Annual Report for respective years)
  - b. Per email from Tim Greene (Town Auditor Roberts & Greene) of 11/15/21 to FM Soucy "...I believe it would be allowable to create and expendable trust fund under 31:19-a (warrant article at town meeting) and transfer the existing balance to that trust fund (31:19-1). Future donations could be deposited directly into the trust (31:19-a IV), and future payments can be provided to the Trustees for reimbursement in the same way CRF funds are reimbursed."
  - c. Any setting up for these types of non-tax sources of donated funds and use of same must identify authorization to expend and should have the Trustees of the Trust Fund hold these donated funds in a "Boodey Farmstead Donation Expendable Trust Fund Account" or a 'Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund Account".
  - d. While the Town Attorney offered to write language to definition for the holding fund, perhaps one can use Warrant Article language for other CRF / ETF created funds in most recent Town Warrant.
  - e. Motion to establish the Boodey Farmstead Donation Expendable Trust Fund:
    - i. To see if the Select Board will vote to establish a Boodey Farmstead Donation Expendable Trust Fund with the Board of Selectmen as designated agents to expend, for the purpose of receipt and expending non-tax generated donated funds for the purpose of constructing and operating the Boodey Farmstead property and buildings. In addition to transfer the sum of \$27,533.38 per balance in the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking account # 4157 as of 04/30/23 and such additional donation funds to the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account received less funds expended from the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking account expended between 04/30/23 and date of establishment of this Boodey Farmstead Donation Expendable Trust Fund. The \$27,533.38 represents the amount of funds in the Boodey Farmstead Charitable Checking Account as of 04/30/2023.

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# 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Donation Fund Issues - May 09, 2023

- 1) Establish Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund
  - a. Motion to establish the 1772 Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund:
    - ii. To see if the Select Board will vote to establish a 1772 Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund with the Board of Selectmen as designated agents to expend, for the purpose of receipt and expending non-tax generated donated funds for the purpose of constructing and operating the 1772 Meetinghouse property and buildings. In addition to transfer the sum of \$25,581.30 per balance in the 1772 Meetinghouse Charitable Checking account # 4207 as of 04/30/23 and such additional donation funds to the 1772 Meetinghouse Charitable Checking Account received less funds expended from the 1772 Meethinghouse Charitable Checking account expended between 04/30/23 and date of establishment of this 1772 Meetinghouse Donation Expendable Trust Fund. The \$25,581.30 represents the amount of funds in the 1772 Meetinghouse Charitable Checking Account as of 04/30/2023.