



Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee Meeting Minutes Town of New Durham NH

*Approved as
amended
CEO 9/23/2021*

September 9, 2021

Present: Cathy Orlowicz, Crissa Evans, and Scott Drummey. Excused absences: Fran Frye, Sherry Cullimore, and Tatiana Michelizza. Guest: Ellen Philips

The meeting commenced at 6:33pm in the New Durham Town Hall.

By consensus of those in attendance, the July 22nd draft minutes are tabled until the next meeting.

The Chair presented to the members for their review two processed invoices for the barn storage trailer rental, for the months of August and September. No issues expressed. Invoices processed per prior vote of the committee. The Chair's Financial documents of the 2021 operating budget and the Boodey Fund Account expenditures were presented and reviewed. The Committee has received \$4,220.00 in donations thus far in 2021. These donations are held in the Boodey Fund Account.

Crissa shared the results of the August 7th New Durham Day. Sherry and Crissa attended, at the Smith Ballfields. They set up a display table regarding our project. Attendance was light. We appreciated their support and giving time to this event, to promote our plans for this town owned historically important project.

Ellen Philips shared with us, her discussion with the Meetinghouse Committee regarding a joint fundraising venture involving both historic building committees, for next year's celebration of the 260th Anniversary of the Incorporation of New Durham. The Town Historian is planning a display of the Town's historical collection similar to the display during the 250th. She is suggesting a fee could be collected at the door, and the proceeds could be divided between the two projects. There will be a need for volunteers from the groups to help man the display, during New Durham Celebration Weekend. Cathy suggested that we promote the planning of multiple events through out the year, instead of everything in one weekend. So many volunteers in the community serve on the same committees, boards, and organizations. These resources are stretched too thin with planning and supporting the events when they all are occurring on the same day/weekend. Another point made was for those who volunteer during the celebration, they are not able to attend other activities planned for the one day/weekend. Everyone agreed, good suggestion.

Ellen shared she has volunteered to give a talk, a couple of Saturdays each month at the Meetinghouse. She stated that maybe a presentation for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead could be done. Further discussion regarding who and what information would be presented will be a topic at a later date.

Ellen asked how we handled our campaign mailings and the newsletter. We shared with her our approaches and work completed by the committee members to complete these annual activities.

Delivery of the final approved copy of the timber frame assessment report has been delayed due to the hospitalization of our contractor. He has indicated October for delivery. The Chair will contact him with our meeting schedule for October.

Crissa shared the accomplishments she and Sherry have made regarding our cookbook fundraiser. A draft print-proof was shared with the members for their review and comments. Crissa thanked all who supported our call for recipes, and those who assisted with entering and reviewing of the data. Cost for the publishing of the cookbook was reviewed. Crissa has volunteered to cover the up-front cost for publishing the cookbook. Once the cookbooks begin to sell, she would like to be repaid for the up-front cost. The quoted cost from Morris Cookbook, for 500 copies of our "Hometown Cookery" is \$3,413.50. This cost also includes shipping. Following



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the committee's approval of the draft print-proof, the company will provide a final draft for review, in two weeks. Once the final draft is approved, it will take three weeks to publish, review and mail to us. Crissa went over the terms for payment, the company provided. They require a "2nd responsible party" for payment. Scott D. has volunteered to do this. Appreciation, gratitude and thanks were expressed to Crissa and Sherry for their efforts to spearhead this very successful endeavor.

Scott Drummey made a motion to approve the request to send to print the "Hometown Cookery" book to Morris Cookbook. Authorizing the expense of \$3,413.50 for printing. Member Crissa Evans will up-front the costs, with the understanding and approval, with this motion, the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee will approve repayment of the \$3,413.50 following the sales of the cookbook. Seconded by Cathy Orlowicz. There was no further discussion. Crissa abstained from the vote. The vote was 2-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Cathy Orlowicz made a motion to authorized Scott Drummey as the "2nd listed responsible party", if needed. The terms to be the same as the motion made for Crissa Evans, September 9, 2021. Crissa seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Scott abstained from the vote. The vote was 2-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Cathy presented a draft for the 2021 campaign mailing letter for the members consideration. As presented, there was one suggested change. Cathy will edit and send out for review. Hopeful, final approval can be given at next meeting. We would like to target end of October for a mailing.

Cathy presented some suggested 2022 fundraising events and activities. For New Durham 260th celebration, plan our site celebration and include a pig roast fundraiser with the day. This event would be on a different day/weekend than New Durham Day sponsored by the rec. Committee agreed to do this. Come to the next meeting prepared with ideas for demonstrators and such. We will need to begin planning this now.

Other fundraising ideas/suggestions: Annual craft fair, calendars 2023, and the Home show in Alton is scheduled for April 30, 2022. Members are asked to bring ideas forward for the next meeting.

Scott presented an update on the kiosk frame. It is almost completed. He shared a post on Facebook, with pictures that were shared on the Boodey Facebook page. He was thanked by the membership for his volunteer efforts given to making this a reality.

The final draft packet request for the 2022 Operating Budget was reviewed and agreed to, by consensus, for a total of \$4,915.00. This is level funding, same as 2021. The request will be to have a timber frame assessment completed on the barn. Scheduled presentations are as follows: To the Selectboard Sept. 28 at 7:45pm and to the Budget Committee October 20 at 7pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Currently the meetings are in person.

The Town Administrator has been presented with a response for a RTK request.

Ellen asked to discuss her current role as a ^{liason}~~liason~~ between the two historic building committees. She is considering submitting an application to become a member to the Meetinghouse Committee. We reassured her and expressed our appreciation and recognition of the headway she has made in this role. However, should she make a change in her status, she would still be able to attend our meetings. She is a member of the community and we have benefited from her participation.



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With the draft campaign letter, the members discussed ideas for the Fall edition of the Boodey Chronicle. It was suggested to include, receiving the assessment report for the house timber frame; the presentation made to the ACIP Committee; the Kiosk sign; update for the cookbook; story about the dismantling phase of the house and some family history about Elder Joseph Boodey.

Members were asked to complete the survey of our understanding and return to the chair, for the next meeting. (Ellen was provided a copy of this survey, developed by the Chair for this committee.)

Being there was no additional business, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, beginning at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

Scott Drummey made a motion to adjourn at 9:50pm, seconded by Crissa. Voted was 3-0-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Catherine Orlowicz, Chair

Crissa Evans, Member