



Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee
Meeting Minutes
Town of New Durham NH

approved
as presented
10/28/2021
CEO

October 18, 2021

Present: Cathy Orlowicz, Scott Drummey, Crissa Evans, Sherry Cullimore, Fran Frye. Excused absence: Tatiana Michelizza. Guest: Catherine (Cat) Murzyn.

The meeting started at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Cathy has purchased, for her personal collection, and shared the pictures of the Boodey house and property. The photographs can be used, with conditions attached by the source. The photographs support that the barn had originally been attached to the house. Pictures were dated about 1880 – 1890. She also passed around several books, from her personal collection, she has been using for research. They are Awakening of the Freewill Baptists, a history of the Boodey family by Robert Boodey Caverly, and the History of New Durham.

After reading the minutes of October 9, 2021, Scott moved to approve the minutes as amended, with Crissa seconding the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

The new kiosk sign was installed at the Boodey Farmstead site recently. Scott and his mighty tractor, Steve and Cathy Orlowicz, Crissa Evans and Sherry Cullimore were able to erect the large sign in a few hours. The sign will be able to hold posters, pictures and, any notices of events in a locked frame. By consensus, the Committee agreed with the Chair's suggested materials to be placed in the sign. Plans, layouts, and informative data will be featured. Scott priced out some pressure treated plywood to be added to the back of the sign to protect it from severe weather.

Sherry made a motion to reimburse, from the Boodey Farmstead Fund Account # 01-1010-35-000, Scott for materials for this extra protection, of one sheet of ½ inch pressure treated plywood, valued at \$37.28. Crissa seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-1 in favor, with Scott abstaining.

Celeste Chasse and Cathy are convening a planning meeting of all interested parties, in New Durham, to plan for the 260th birthday of our town. This is being scheduled for Nov. 17, 2021. There is support for the idea of spreading the activities throughout the summer months so that all can participate in the activities.

Our Site Celebration will be on July 16th, 2022. One of the plans is to have a pig roast. Cathy has some ideas for people that do this; Cat also had some thoughts on people. We think we should plan for about 50 people. There is a place in Rochester, Mitchell Hill BBQ, and in Gilford and Ossipee. We need to work on our list of vendors. It may be possible to get Caeli Drummey's Irish Dancing troupe that day.

The Budget Committee is meeting on Wed. Oct. 20, 2021, at 7pm. We are scheduled to present our 2022 Operating Budget Request. The Committee will be there to support Cathy as she makes her presentation.

Some time was spent on editing several articles for the latest edition of the Boodey Chronicle. It will be put in PDF form so that we can all read the final draft before it goes to print. Pictures of the site plan and the layout of the buildings will accompany an article on how we are "preserving our past".



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Catherine (Cat) Murzyn would like to become a member of the Boodey Farmstead Committee. She showed her interest by being an active participant during this meeting.

Scott made a motion to recommend that the Selectboard appoint Catherine Murzyn to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee, as a full member. Crissa seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0 in favor. Cathy will make a request to be placed on the next agenda of the Selectboard.

Cathy O presented a power point presentation titled *Zechariah Boodey Humble Beginnings New Durham, NH*. The presentation featured family genealogy, which included the family connection between Elder Benjamin Randal and the Boodey families. A general description of early New Durham was included. Unique architectural features for this timber framed New England Cape style home was shared. It was very informative and well received by the members.

The next meeting will be Oct. 28th at 6:30 at Town Hall. **Scott moved to adjourn the meeting; Sherry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0.** The meeting ended at 9:37pm.

Sherry Cullimore, Scribe