



Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee Meeting Minutes Town of New Durham NH

*Approved as
amended
April 21, 2021*

March 25, 2021

Present: Cathy Orlowicz, Crissa Evans, Scott Drummey, Fran Frye, Tatiana Cicuto, and Sherry Cullimore. The meeting commenced at 6:08 pm, in the Community Room; Tatiana left the meeting at 7:40pm and Scott left at 8:30pm.

All Covid preventative measures were followed: 6 feet apart, masks worn, and tables and chairs disinfected, before and after use. Set-up of room returned to how it was found, and doors locked after meeting adjourned.

Crissa moved that the minutes of 7/20/2020 be approved as presented and Scott 2nd the motion, it carried 6-0-0. Scott moved to approve the minutes of 9/3/2020 with Crissa 2nd the motion, it carried 6-0-0. Crissa moved to approve the minutes of 10/16/2020 with Cathy 2nd, it carried 3-0-3; because of excused absences Fran, Tatiana and Scott abstained. All minutes will be posted at the town hall immediately.

According to the chairs' records the Boodey Fund has a balance of \$19,326.93 as of years end, 2020. As of March 25, 2021, the balance is \$19,876.93. During the year of the pandemic \$2,492.00 was received in donations. So far from January to March 2021, we have received \$700 in donations.

We requested \$4,915 for the Operating Budget for 2021 which was approved during Town Meeting.

A continuation of a previous discussion in getting some assistance with a fundraising consultant, to develop a fundraising plan. Cathy will be contacting the sources who were recommended to us by New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and to confirm the process for moving forward. We invited the Meetinghouse Committee to collaborate in on this project with us. Per their November 11, 2020 minutes the Meetinghouse Committee has voted to collaborate with the Boodey Farmstead Committee regarding contracting with a fundraising consultant. Ellen Phillips has offered to help by being a liaison between us and the Meetinghouse Committee. She will be representing the Meetinghouse Committee's interest in this process. Cathy will talk with Ellen about her proposal/plan and offer to be a liaison.

The Boodey Committee feels they will benefit from and would like the opportunity to talk to any consultant candidates ourselves. Our efforts would be in collaboration with Ellen, as the Meetinghouse representative. Our expectation would be to have a fund-raising plan put together; some names were gotten from Preservation Alliance. The outcome would be to have 2 plans developed. Our efforts to pursue this effort are not dependent on the involvement of both committees for this process.

Boodey descendant, Pam Schlater, donated some old family photos recently. She is the 15th great granddaughter of Captain John Boodey Jr., a brother of Zechariah. Some time was spent looking at all the photos. Pam also shared her genealogy research she has completed thus far and had made a financial donation as well. Cathy will scan and post some of the pictures on Facebook seeking assistance with identifying the individuals. Pam was not provided this information. This line of Boodey follows the family in Barrington, NH.

Celeste Chasse of the Rec Dept asked we ~~would~~ ^{if} like to do a "real" Old Home Day. We are interested to learn more. Not sure what that means so we will investigate this further. Also need a confirmed date.

The draft assessment document of the timber frame for the Boodey house, assessment completed by Shawn Perry in 2019, has been reviewed by Cathy; she will provide some history for the report. Shawn is committed to the project and wants to attend a meeting soon.

Prime Warehouse, owner of the storage trailer for the barn, billings have been processed and paid per the committee's vote taken 7/20/2020. Bills were made available to the committee for their review, from May 2020 to April 2021. The Committee found everything to be in order and good standings.



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Copies of the Boodey Farmstead Capital Improvement Plan were given to the members.

Cathy is researching into setting up a 501(c) 3. We will need board members. We do need to know what would be involved in this action. The benefits of creating a non-profit would increase the confidence of donor(s), who may contribute larger amounts of money, and allow us a place to hold public monies, and help us to be more recognizable as a charitable organization. The Board/Committee would be the authorized body to expend the monies as we need to during the reconstruction or holding events and activities.

Crissa talked about the cookbook project as a fundraiser. She mentioned styles of the book and passed out a draft of a release that would go in local papers, town hall, the Boodey Chronicles, Facebook, town library, post office, Johnsons, etc. to talk about the project and ask for recipes for the book. Editing was done on the release; it will be rewritten and sent around to the committee. The proposed goal is to complete the book by Thanksgiving so that they can be bought for Christmas presents. The suggested price is \$15. Crissa will be getting a template from the Morris Co, the publishers. Maybe it can be an anniversary issue, the 260th, of New Durham. We need a title, select appropriate pictures for the dividers, etc. Sherry and Crissa will produce a mock- up of the book with pictures for a later meeting. Getting sponsors for the project was brought up and will be investigated. Costs and deadlines are being checked out.

Crissa noted that Scott had been trying to graft ³ different apple trees which are on the original Boodey property. We will come up with a name for these fruits. Crissa will write up an article for the paper, etc. on the old apple trees and the apple culture here in New Durham and in the day of the elder Boodey.

We talked some on the status of our regular fundraisers events which have all been cancelled for another year! Bingo, site celebration and the House show in Alton, to name a few.

Some of our planned activities will be writing up the next edition of The Boodey Chronicle; the cookbook; the apple story; the recent donation of family photographs and plans for other events for later in the year and beginning of next year.

Next meeting will be April 21, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry and seconded by Crissa. Vote 4-0-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Cullimore, Secretary