



Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee
Meeting Minutes
Town of New Durham NH

Approved as Presented,
March 13, 2023.
CE Orlowicz, Chair

February 13, 2023

Present: Fran Frye, Crissa Evans, Scott Drummey, Sherry Cullimore. Cathy Orlowicz; Cat Murzyn was excused.

The meeting was convened at 6:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall.

Scott moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023, as amended; Crissa seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

The committee went over recent communications with Shawn Perry from Shawn Perry Preservation Carpentry, regarding the upcoming timber frame assessment on the barn, and the assessment report contract, which included the manpower needed, supplies and costs for the assessment of the timbers. Additional discussion took place in regards to what may need to happen to make available timbers to be held out for use as demonstrations during the Revels event. Scott offered the use of his 14' trailer to transport the barn timbers. Cathy will talk to Shawn on Wednesday of this week.

We have been contacted by the executive director for the Timber Framers Guild of Alstead, NH. They are very interested in our project and would very much like to become involved with it. The Heartwood School of Timber Framers which teaches timber framing and related trades in the building processes of the 18th century, has also expressed interest with being involved with the project. The school would like to help in the barn assessment process; they see it as an educational opportunity. A packet of the conversations with Eric Howard, Executive Director of the Heartwood School and a member of the Timber Framers Guild, was included. They see our project as a Community Project with Boodey Farmstead partnering with TFG. The packet includes a sample of a proposed project to show us what they would be doing and what they would expect from us as well as some proposed drawings as examples of what we might get from them and what the costs might be.

A list of suggestions was given out regarding talking points for us when asking for sponsors, demonstrators, and exhibitors to come to the Boodey Farmstead Revels. Scott will contact American Edge. He will contact Muddy Road Brewery to find out what permits, licenses, or classes we must take or apply for before July 15, 2023. It was stressed that we need to get our vendors nailed down now, before our next meeting on March 13, 2023. Cathy has the names of several BBQ places and another basket maker. We still need raffles: a box of blueberries, cooking class, gift certificates are all possibilities. We will have a donation/admittance fee. We do need sponsorship to help with our costs. Our 2 major raffles are a quilt and a possible handmade wooden bowl. We should set up a table talking about the Z Boodey Farmstead Project and Committee, what our mission is and why this project is so important to New Durham. The Committee, by consensus, agreed to have a raffle table with a few raffles on it.

The Boodey Charitable Fund has \$27,541.94 in it with an available balance of \$26,291.94. A chart of our fundraising history was passed out so we could see how we have done over the years. We have raised over \$64,000 in the last 12 years!

Scott moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Crissa Evans, Cathy Orlowicz and Sherry Cullimore be reappointed to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee. Fran seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 in favor.

The chair met with John and Wanda Chamberlin of Ironwill recently. They discussed the recent generous donation by Ironwill Contractors and their scheduling sequence in prepping for the septic system at the Boodey site. Their information was shared with the committee. A groundbreaking ceremony was suggested.

Scott left at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be March 13, 2023, at town hall at 6:00 pm.

Sherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm; Crissa seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

Submitted, Sherry Cullimore, Scribe