

ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD

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## A BARN RAISING FOR ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD



In April of 2017, the Committee began the process to bring this late 18th Century barn to its new home in New Durham. Its original location was in an area once known as New Durham Gore. The addition of this barn fits within the vision and future plans for the reconstruction of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead. Any undertaking for a project of this size involved careful planning: determining the necessary steps and costs, the timeline to begin the work, and determining how to bring awareness to the significance of this phase of the project. Raising funds involved many groups of people and organizations to bring this endeavor to a successful conclusion.

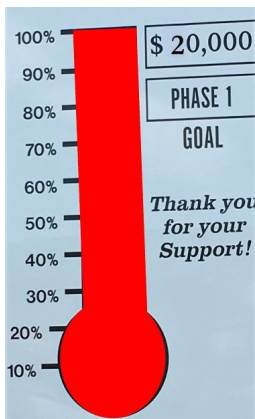
### SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS:

- *November 17: Holiday Craft Fair, 9 to 2 pm. New Durham Elementary School.*
- *Senior Bingo Concession: New Durham Elementary School. Doors open 11:00 am. 2018 dates: Nov. 18; Dec. 16th. 2019 dates: Jan. 29th; Feb. 17th; Mar. 17th; May 19th.*
- *June 29th, 2019, Site Celebration at the future site beginning 10 am. Details to follow.*

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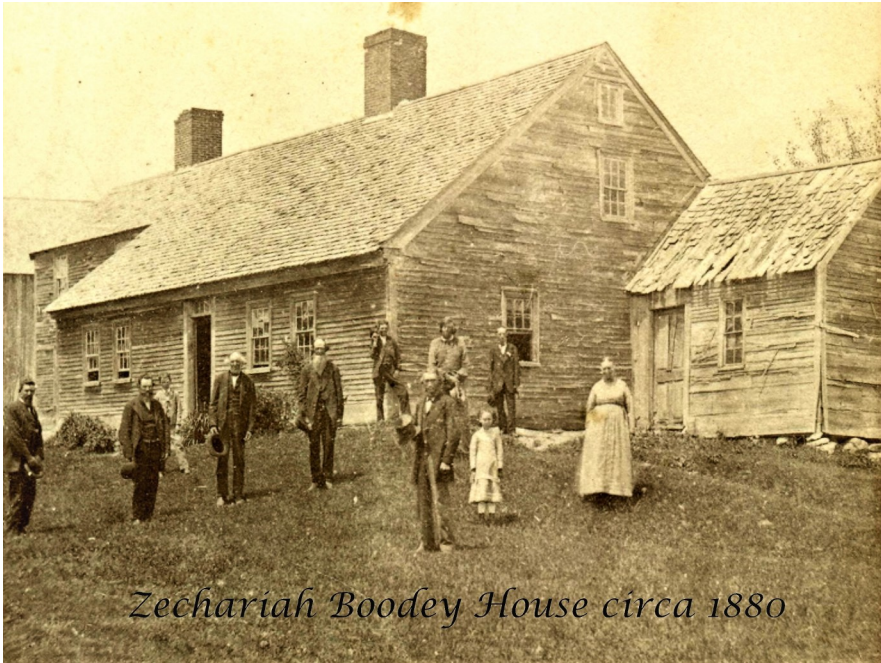
### FUNDRAISING GOAL EXCEEDED FOR BARN CAMPAIGN



Thank you to our Community! Your response to the “Barn Raising” Campaign was overwhelming! Thank you to our supporters who hosted events: Johnson’s Steak and Seafood and Revolution Taproom and Grill. Each establishment donated a portion of their sales toward this campaign. Donations were received from Alton, Gilford and Suncook Valley Rotary Clubs, Senior Bingo events and community dinners. The Committee participated in 14 events to raise awareness and the necessary funds.

We are very grateful to the many individuals responded to our letter writing campaign. The campaign was launched in April 2017 and the goal of \$20,000 was achieved by April 2018.

## THE HISTORY OF ZECHARIAH BOODEY HOUSE



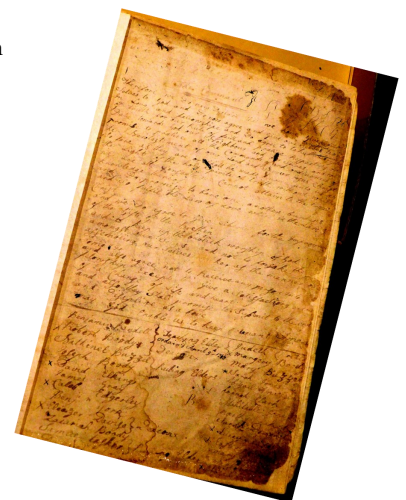
*Zechariah Boodey House circa 1880*

Zechariah Boodey began clearing up his lands; he felled the wild native forest, once seen only by the natives. He built a log cabin to offer some form of comfort against the ever changing New England weather, and to provide a place for shelter while the “dwelling” house was constructed. These early log cabins are not the same style of log cabin we have come to know and see in New England today. Log cabin homes built by our early settlers were built to be temporary shelters, made of thick planks or poles, notched on the ends to fasten them together. The crevices were plastered with clay or the stiffest earth which can be had, then mixed with moss or straw. The roof was either bark or split boards. The chimney was a pile of stones; within which a fire was made on the ground, and a hole was left in the roof for

the smoke to pass out. Another hole was made in the side of the house for a window, which was occasionally closed with a wooden shutter. The Boodey house is a New England Cape style, single family dwelling, constructed circa 1769. It was built upon round glacial cobble locally available. These stones were also utilized as a chimney foundation and house perimeter foundation. A large flat rock was placed at the front entrance. The dwelling house is constructed of heavy timber frame. The marks left by the use of a broadaxe or adze are visible on the heavy timbers. The timbers’ joinery were custom mated to their neighbors and marked using roman numerals, typical of the English Scribe Rule. This is a system that custom fits each joint to an adjoining one. In 1892, Miss Betsey P. Boodey, daughter of Elder Joseph and Marcy Boodey, gave a tour of the house in her 73rd year of her life to a local writer. He wrote “The floor was made of rough board fastened down with wooden pegs, and there was the old fireplace with kettles hanging up over the fire, and about the room were chairs and tables that were made 135 years ago. The house until within a year was occupied by Miss Boodey. She however, left the furniture which her father used. The little study in the rear of the house contains a bookcase filled with interesting old books. The sleeping rooms with old fashioned beds are interesting to look into”. Facts presented by Miss Boodey: “In 1762 Zechariah Boodey father of Elder Boodey came here from Barrington, and built a shanty near where the house now stands, which was then a thick forest. He lived in the hut for several years and then built the present house. It has never been rebuilt and is consequently nearly 120 years old.” On June 30th, 1780 a significant event occurred in the East room of the Zechariah Boodey House. The seven original members signed the original covenant, establishing the Freewill Baptist Church. This photograph of the original Covenant was taken from the first Church Record Book dated 1780, and written by Elder Benjamin Randal. “The writer asked why Elder Randall selected the Boodey House to hold his meetings in, and Miss Boodey replied that he chose it because it was the best house in Town and the front room was large.”

In the spring of 2006 the cape house was gifted to the town by the Ferguson Family Trust.

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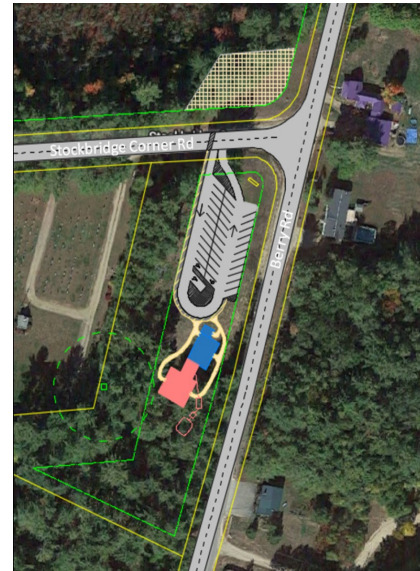




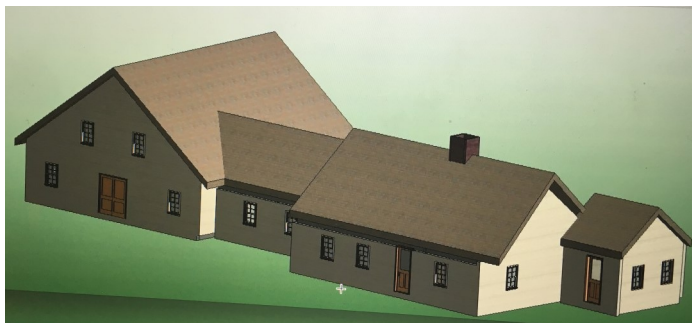
## UNH CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENTS SENIOR PROJECT

Our team of UNH Civil Engineering Senior Students presented the final Capstone Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Design Report in May 2018. The members of the team included Andrew Blizzard, Jacob Barbieri, Daniel Neubauer and Michael Perkins. This joint venture provided an opportunity for the students to apply their education to a real world project. The final report contains the site plan (photograph at right) showing all regulated setbacks can be met and the floorplan will fit on the site.

Estimated costs were developed for the completion of the project. The process brought to light questions about the layout allowing for reconsideration and change. Their work will be the foundation for future discussions with professional engineers. It was a pleasure to work with these students.



## 3D TECHNOLOGY ADDS NEW PROSPECTIVE TO PROJECT



three dimensional view other than on flat pieces of paper. Views of the north and south face were presented. Upon suggested recommendations made by the students the committee agreed to some changes. Placement of the buildings is based on historic photographs and family written and oral histories. “This

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In addition to the development of a floor plan of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project, the UNH Civil Engineering Capstone

project resulted in this rendering of a 3D digital model. This allowed the Committee to visualize the proposed project in a

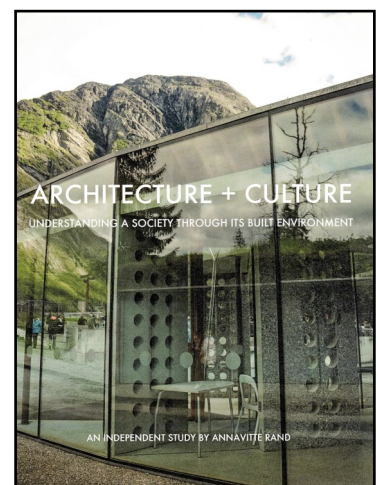
makes the project look real” commented Committee member Sherry Cullimore. The efforts and results from this program have benefited the project by saving of funds and design considerations.

## UNH INDEPENDENT STUDY SENIOR PROJECT

This past May 2018 Independent Study Civil Engineering Student Annavitte Rand presented to the Committee her final published booklet, titled “Architecture + Culture Understanding a Society through its Built Environment” involving the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Pro-

ject. Ms. Rand asked to have the project included as a case study comparing and contrasting structures in Norway and the New England Region. Ms. Rand noted “The aesthetics, materials and form of each building were explored to reveal the values of the surrounding culture, their beliefs, their history and their interest in preserving the past.”

The final presentation included a slide presentation and a video documentary of the many sites she visited while developing her project. The Committee enjoyed working with Ms. Rand.



  
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PRESERVING THE PAST  
TO  
SUPPORT THE FUTURE

MISSION STATEMENT

*The Committee has undertaken a substantial project to expand access to our historic and cultural heritage. The restoration, reconstruction and repurposing of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, a historic building from our past, and the addition of the barn will be a cornerstone connection to local businesses, and other surrounding historical and cultural entities, by encouraging growth in our communities' local economy. This building will yield a location, available to a vast variety of people, for social, educational, and civic events and activities.*

Committee Members:

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Tatiana Cicuto, Member  
Scott Drummey, Member  
Christine C. Evans, Associate Member and Family Representative  
Rick Fogg, Associate Member

**VOLUNTEER EFFORTS ADD UP TO SUCCESS**

Successful dismantling of the barn was completed in the middle of July. The Committee is grateful to the numerous individuals who responded to our calls for volunteer services. Volunteers removed the interior rooms, shake siding, windows and doors and tons of nails from the saved materials. Later, they assisted with loading the material in the storage trailer. All the prep work allowed for the professionals to come in and begin the process of disassembling the roofing, siding and timber frame. All work was completed within budget.

The contributions for all the in-kind services received and for

the volunteer hours equate to the following value:

- Total volunteer hours: 740.25
- Dollar value: \$18,891.18
- Total in-kind services dollar value: \$6,455.00

The support of so many made a difference toward the success of this phase of the project. Thank you for believing this project was worthy of your valuable time and effort. Volunteer efforts do add up to success. Thank you.



Volunteers loading timbers into trailer. Ironwill Contractors donated use of their equipment and operator. Burley Chamberlin, operator.