

ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD

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2019 ANNUAL SITE CELEBRATION FOR ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD

The clanking of a hammer striking the wedge inside of stone, the sound of spellbound tales from a traveling storyteller, the sounds from a tasty and feisty fiddle and lovely melodies, the sound of an adze striking timber in rhythmic fashion, and the learning of uses for nature's natural bounty are just some of the sights, sounds and skills visitors can experience during Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Site Celebration Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at 29 Stockbridge Corner Road in New Durham, NH.

Local artisans and demonstrators who are keeping these traditional

crafts alive would like to share their talents and skills with visitors. Visitors can experience stone splitting, herbal uses, fiber artisans, skills used for traditional timber frame construction, history of early fiddle playing, a traveling storyteller, and more which will provide a glimpse into the past of these old-time traditional skills. For added fun, the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee will be hosting a "Guess what it is" table, featuring gadgets from long ago. Stop by to see how many you can recognize, or maybe you have used.

The Committee is pleased to host this event. Visitors will have a chance to experience the vision and future uses for the farmstead. The Farmstead project has had many significant developments in the past year. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 to help with fundraising. The Committee is working to raise funds to cover the expenses for contracting the professional services for developing construction drawings.

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead site is located at the corner of Berry Road and Stockbridge Corner Road in New Durham. For more information, phone 603-859-4643.



Lissa Schneckburger is a World Class New England Fiddler and folk singer. Lissa will share her toe tapping songs and present some history of fiddle playing in early New England.



Papa Joe Gaudet is a traditional itinerant interactive Folk Tale storyteller and flute player. His travel program is open to all ages. He has traveled thought-out the country.



Charles W. Canney Camp #5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will share the experience of camp life for their ancestors and honor those who fought for our freedom.



Kevin Fife, of Twin Elms Landscape, LLC is a traditional dry laid stone mason. He is a Master Stone Mason and will demonstrate construction of a free-standing stone wall.



Shawn Perry of "Preservation Carpentry" will be demonstrating his skills and talents used in 18th and 19th century timber frame preservation and reconstruction.



Scott Drummy from Granite Ledge Farm is a Certified Permaculture Designer and will share his skills at tree grafting and horticulture.

Hosting so much more!!!

"Top of the Ridge Farm Bed and Breakfast" will be hosting a Bake Sale featuring homemade goodies. Spend a weekend stay in a cottage overlooking Waquoit Bay at Cape Cod; Two-week Session for a child at Camp Birch Hill in New Durham and so much more will be featured on the "Silent Auction Table". Try to guess the use for old tools and gadgets featured on the "What is it" table.

All proceeds benefit the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project.

**Suggested
\$5.00 donation
per person.**

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS:

- June 29th, 2019, Site Celebration at the future site 10 am to 3 pm.
- July 2, 2019, Planning Board Meeting.
- October 19, 2019, Italian Dinner, details to come.

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Site Celebration 2019

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FAMILY HISTORY OF ZECHARIAH BOODEY



Elder Joseph and Marcy Boodey. Son of Zechariah² Boodey. Joseph was born in the log cabin of the Boodey House.

Boodey family history records show the very first Boodey came to America from France. The French pronunciation of Boodey is "Boo-Day". The first Zechariah¹ Boodey is said to have deserted from a French ship which had landed in Boston. He made his way through the wilderness to the Parish of Madbury in a secluded hovel. After a period of time he settles on land, "squats" and builds his farm and rears up a family of eight daughters and one son, named Azariah.

Azariah Boodey was born August 15, 1720 and married his first wife Bridget Bushbie. She was born about 1715. They had nine children, four daughters and 5 sons. Three of these sons would in time call New Durham their home, Robert, Zechariah² and Joseph¹.

Early New Durham comprised an area, six miles square, in the shape of a rhomboid running north and south, and was marked into two divisions having 100 lots in each. The lots in the first division were to be one hundred acres each; those in the second division identically numbered, to have all the land belonging to each share respectively. This land was to be drawn up within a year and the lots to be drawn in the customary manner. Each lot owner was to build a house at least sixteen feet square. In addition to the house as described, each family should have three acres cleared for mowing or tillage. These terms come from the original Town Charter, signed December 10, 1762.

A Deed for the sale of property to one of Zechariah's² grandsons recorded the purchase of Zechariah's² farm from (Col.) Esquire Thomas Tash, who owned an extensive track of land on the south side of the Ridge. Zechariah² purchased the land, one hundred acres, for the lawful sum of forty-five pounds, the lot known as number "49" in the first division, November 1768.

Zechariah² Boodey was born in Madbury, NH August 12, 1745 and died June 14, 1821. He married Mary Demeritt who was born November 28, 1743 and died October 3, 1835. She is connected to the Demeritt family of Madbury, NH. They settled in New Durham November 1768; New Durham was incorporated a few years prior.

Children of Zechariah² and Mary are: Bridget, Betsey, John, Daniel, and Joseph³ who was born April 12, 1773 and died May 12, 1867. Joseph³ married Marcy Pike, born October 16, 1777, died August 23, 1856.

Zechariah² Boodey was very active in his community and political affairs. He held a number of offices, some appointed and some elected. He served as Selectmen for many years. Zechariah² Boodey contributed to the defense of his country in the days of the Revolution.

Joseph³ Boodey, later known as Elder, was born April 12, 1773. He is the 3rd son of Zechariah² and Mary Boodey. He married Marcy Pike on November 13, 1800. Their Children are Zechariah, who died as an infant, Artemas, Almira H., Daniel, Jacob P., and (Colonel) Zechariah³ who was born June 20, 1813, Socrates H., Betsey P. and Joseph M.. (Colonel) Zechariah³ married Joanna Oram Runnels, who is the granddaughter of Elder Benjamin Randal. Her parents are Urselah Pinkham Randal, daughter of Benjamin, and Samuel Runnells Jr. of Farmington, NH.

Joseph³ was ordained to the gospel of ministry October 18, 1799 by Benjamin Randal. Elder Joseph¹ Boodey, Robert Boodey and his wife Margery are original signers of the Free Will Baptist Covenant, June 30, 1780.

In Elder Joseph's³ 93rd year of life, he composed a poem titled "Retrospective", dated April 12, 1866. In the poem he provides an interesting piece of history for the Boodey House: *In seventeen hundred and seventy-three, As my good parents told to me, April the twelfth on Monday morn, In a log cabin I was born.* (There are six more verses.)

The house was passed down through the family, generation after generation.

Colonel Zechariah³ Boodey and Joanna Oram Runnels. Joanna is the granddaughter of Elder Benjamin Randal. Col. Boodey is the grandson of Zechariah² Boodey.



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Zechariah² Boodey passed the house and property to his son Elder Joseph³ Boodey. Next the hose was passed to three of his children, Joseph M., Betsey, and then onto Colonel Zechariah³. Ellen A. Colbath, daughter of Colonel Zechariah³ was next to inherit the property and house, due to the fact all the Colonel's sons had died. At this point, the family has daughtered out, a term used when there are no male heirs. The daughters being Ellen (Nellie) Boodey Ferguson and Annie Canney Colbath French. At this time the house went back and forth among these families until September 1940, when it was conveyed to Ellen B. Ferguson. John K. Ferguson, son of Ellen (Nellie) and James Ferguson, was next in line to inherit the properties. Crissa Colbath Ferguson Evans, and siblings, children of John K. Ferguson were left the estate. Crissa was instrumental with the successful completion of the House being gifted to the Town of New Durham in 2006, and its dismantling in 2008.

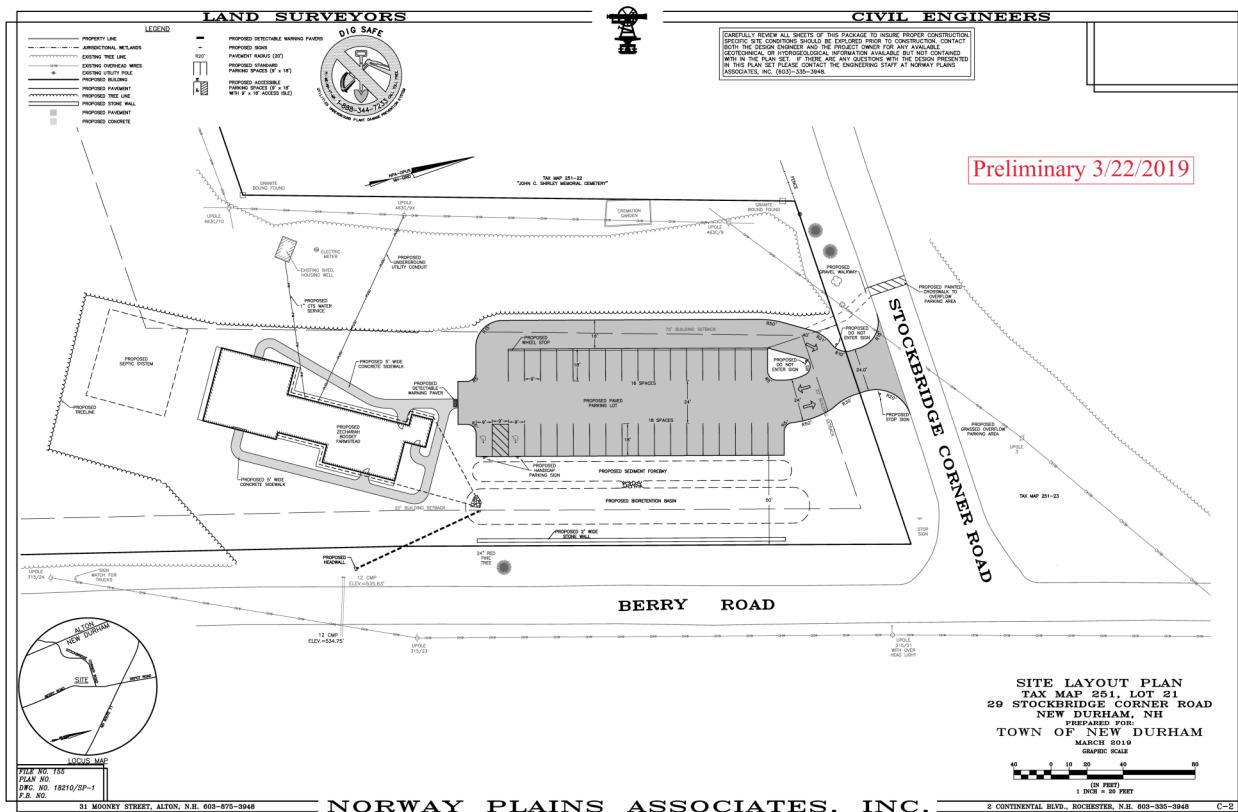
NORWAY PLAINS ASSOCIATES, INC. COMPLETING SITE PLANS AND SEPTIC DESIGN

In the fall of 2018, the Town awarded engineering contracts for the septic and site plan design to Norway Plains Associate, Inc. from Rochester, NH.

Building off of the work completed by the 2018 UNH Capstone students, the team, lead by Vice President Scott Lawler, has been working with the Committee developing the plans for local and state land use regulatory boards review and approval. At this time the New Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment has granted the requests for Special Exceptions. Final presentation for the Site Plan Review will be made to the Planning Board during the month of July.

The full plan package includes existing conditions, overall site plan, site layout, drainage controls, septic design, lighting, landscaping and sign placement. Construction details are included to ensure proper execution of the design for the site. Committee member Crissa Evans expressed her excitement to see the vision on paper and the progress made.

“AS MY GOOD PARENTS TOLD TO ME, APRIL THE TWELTH ON MONDAY MORN, IN A LOG CABIN I WAS BORN.”
ELDER JOSEPH² BOODEY





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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:

Catherine Orlowicz, Chair
Frances Frye, Vice Chair
Cheryl Cullimore, Secretary
Tatiana Cicuto, Member
Scott Drummey, Member
Christine C. Evans, Associate Member and Family Representative
Rick Fogg, Associate Member

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MEET YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Catherine E Orlowicz, Chair

Catherine has lived in New Durham since 1988. She graduated from McIntosh College with a degree in Business Management and secondary in Accounting. Her working 35-year career has been with the automotive industry in the Quality Assurance department. Catherine worked at the historic Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden in Portsmouth as a Docent. Her responsibilities included guiding visitor of this fine historic mansion and completing assignments as directed by the executive director. As the Office Manager for the New Durham Highway Department she assisted overseeing the successful completion of a \$500K road reconstruction project. Catherine has maintained her technical knowledge by attending formal programs, workshops and events related to historical preservation and early American history. Her efforts are supplemented by reviewing professional publications, membership with historical associations, and has established personal networks. Catherine is New Durham's Town Historian, appointed in 2006; President of the New Durham Historical Society since 1996; and has volunteered for Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project since 2004, serving as Chair since 2006. For the past 30 years she has volunteered and served as an official on many civic boards and committees for New Durham.

Christine "Crissa" Evans, Associate Member

Crissa has been involved with the reconstruction of the Zechariah Boodey House prior to its donation to the town of New Durham in 2006. She is a Boodey Family member and own a good portion of the Boodey Farm which has remained in the family since being settled in 1768 as part of the towns first division. She is a Graduate of New England College with a BS in Human Services and am a Registered Nurse. Crissa brings fifty-year of work history of building cohesive, honest and respectful teams that make decisions by consensus. Committee members have an equal say and all participants are involved in the day to day planning, developing and implementation of common project goals. She has so enjoyed how the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee developed from a grassroots group of three with an interest and commitment in preserving our past and working toward how that can be accomplished. For the past two years, she has been living in Oregon and has decided to return to New Hampshire. She is a New Englander at heart, and is looking forward to being back in Town and very active with the Committee's work.

Cheryl "Sherry" E Cullimore, Secretary

Sherry has lived in New Durham since 1974. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in History, concentrating on Early American History. She has worked in this field teaching for over 30 years. She has traveled throughout the state giving classes on various aspects of New Hampshire history to students. She has also been active with several historical societies over the years. Since 1989 Sherry has been working at the Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden in Portsmouth, first as a guide and then chair of Museum Properties. She is honored to be involved with the research and mounting exhibits, leading students and visitors through our local and state history, and the caring, conserving and preserving of hundreds of objects from buildings, textiles, furniture to ceramics. At present she is secretary to the New Durham Historical Society, secretary for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead and has been involved with the Boodey Project since its inception over 10 years ago.

Next edition, will feature Committee members Tatiana Cicuto, Scott Drummey, Frances Frye and Rick Fogg.