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“ZBF COMMITTEE REFLECTS ON 2022”



Ribbon cutting for new kiosk sign , July 16, 2022

The year began with attendance at the organizational meetings to plan out celebrations for New Durham’s 260th birthday. The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee decided to rebrand its annual site celebration event for this special occasion. We renamed the event “Boodey Hometown Revels” and added some new attractions for our guests. The day began with the dedication of the kiosk sign, its builder Scott Drummey, cutting the ribbon. We are so grateful to our artisans and sponsors for their support of this major fundraiser. It was pleasing to hear and see our visitors enjoying their time at this special event. We would like to express our appreciation to the following: Cedar Mountain Bluegrass Band provide wonderful live bluegrass music; Mobile Mini Food Truck provided food and beverages; Stoneboat Farm for the horse drawn wagon rides; William “Will” Truax, Heart Stone Farm, Charles W. Canney Camp #5, Moore Farm Country Store & Herb Shoppe, and

Granite Ledge Farm for sharing their talents and knowledge with our attendees. Your generosity contributed to this very successful event. We thank the many sponsors for their donations for the silent auction table and the delicious homemade bake sale goodies. Sponsorship from Meredith Village Saving Bank and Profile Bank was much appreciated. Their support made it possible to hold the type of event we envisioned, and for our guests to learn and have fun. Of course, we appreciate the support given by the Town Administrator, Select Board, and the town’s Highway, Fire, and Police departments. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 15, 2023, “Boodey Hometown Revels” day!

The Committee participated in the following fundraising events: Alton Home Show; sale of cookbooks at the New Durham General Store; the Annual Holiday Craft Fair and supported the Town Historian with her display titled “A Glimpse of New Durham Past”.

In September, the Committee attended a workshop meeting with the Select Board to share with them the progress made for the project. For two members, it was an introduction to the project. A summary was given about the connection to the historical importance for the house, as it relates to our local and country’s history; the events which took place in the east room on June 30, 1780; the association with the lives of persons significant in our past, Elder Benjamin Randall, Elder Joseph Boodey, and Zechariah Boodey. The approved site plan and septic designs were shared. The future plans for adaptive uses of the property were presented. The uses would be a house museum and a place of assembly, with potential for rental opportunities. This rental income would be used to support the project. The Committee proudly introduced an opportunity presented from Ironwill Contractors. They have made an

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SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS:

- *Boodey Hometown Revels*
July 15, 2023 10-4pm
- *Hometown Cookery*
Cookbooks are available ,
Contact Chair

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offer for Continued from Page 1: services, materials, and labor and equipment for the installation of the septic system and site preparation for the foundations and drainage, and site work for the parking area. Their offer is a total of \$41,000.00. The Committee requested and was granted permission, by a letter of intent, to pursue the scope of this very generous offer as related to the installation of the septic system. Ironwill is offering \$11,000.00 to this phase of work. With Ironwill's offer, and the funds available in the Charitable Fund, all funding is available. The findings will be brought back to the Select Board for their consideration, in late January 2023. It is with much gratitude to Ironwill for this very generous offer, which will help moving forward with accomplishing this phase of the project.

Since this presentation Hamilton Landscaping has offered to remove the trees in the area for the septic installation. His offer has been approved by the Select Board. We thank him for

helping us with this need.

This spring 2023 the barn's timber frame will be taken out of the storage trailer and professional timber framers will complete and assessment on the frame, which will yield a report as to their condition and recommendation for use and/or repair or replacement. The Select Board approved this work to be completed and encumbering the 2022 operating budget funds designated for this purpose.

The "Hometown Cookery" cookbook sales continued through the year and are currently available at the library or contact Cathy. We thank all the wonderful cooks who shared their special recipes with us.

Two editions of the "Boodey Chronicle" were issued, one in late spring and fall.

Thank you to the citizens, donors, and officials from this community and beyond for supporting our objectives and mission. Thank you for making an investment for the preservation of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project and

making the vision to save and preserve an important piece of our local history. "Preserving the Past to Support the Future".

We are very happy to announce we have partnered with a newly formed 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called the "Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative". The mission of this organization is to support the fundraising efforts for the project. Such support is to be in addition, and not as a replacement, to any support provided to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project by the town whether budgeted, donated or otherwise.

For more information regarding this project or to learn how you may help, go to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead webpage located on the Town's website at www.newdurham.us/boodey-farmstead-committee. Or call Cathy at 603-859-4643 or email cathyo@tds.net.

FUTURE USES ~ ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD



The Barn – Gifted to the Town 2018 – Dismantled Spring 2018

This barn will provide space for holding educational events, private, public and civic events and activities. It will provide an opportunity for rental purposes, for events such as, weddings, demonstrations, lectures, and funding events. The revenue from rentals would support the Farmstead and its activities. Additional uses could include community meetings, a place holding local elections, youth, and scouting programs and so on. Future space needs for the community could be met with the barn.



The Addition

This will be used for bathrooms and utilities functions. There will be a pass through hallway to the house and barn. Users of the properties would have access to the bathrooms from the barn or the house.

A ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD COMMITTEE DATA

Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Charitable Fund Account

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>	<u>Interest on Account</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>
2010 to 2012	\$6,867.32	\$2.60	\$4,110.85
2013	\$3,472.50	\$7.56	
2014	\$1,251.00	\$9.98	
2015	\$2,591.00	\$11.43	
2016	\$1,534.00	\$15.88	
2017	\$5,357.80	\$30.54	
2018	\$12,974.31	\$173.77	\$13,430.55
2019	\$10,597.00	\$397.82	\$10,045.42
2020*	\$2,492.25	\$266.00	\$600.00
2021	\$12,530.00	\$104.17	\$6,214.13
2022	\$3,502.00	0.00	\$2,105.00
Total Income	\$63,169.18	\$1,019.75	
Grand total Income	\$64,188.93		
Grand total Expended			\$36,505.95
Balance Remaining for Boodey House Fund Account end of 2022			\$27,682.98

Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Town Funds

<u>Year***</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Source</u>
2011	\$7,000.00	Warrant Article
2014	\$201.00	Operating Budget
2015	\$201.00	Operating Budget
2018	\$5,900.00	Operating Budget
2019	\$7,626.00	Operating Budget
**2020 Budget frozen by Select Board, due to Pandemic. Funds not spent.	\$9,251.00	Operating Budget
2021	\$4,915.00	Operating Budget
2022	\$4,915.00	Operating Budget
Total Funds	\$40,009.00	
Actual Available Appropriated Funds		\$30,758.00
Years***2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 No Funds Requested or Appropriated to the Project		

The Committee has raised \$2.09 for each \$1.00 invested by tax appropriation.

Summary of Committee and Volunteer Hours 2018 to 2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
2018	\$25.52	1,399	\$35,702.48
2019	\$25.43	1,434	\$36,466.62
2020*	\$25.43	257	\$6,535.51
2021	\$28.54	586	\$16,724.44
2022	\$29.95	950	\$27,113.00
Total Value:			\$122,542.05

*Mid-March 2020 the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project was impacted by the Pandemic: All meetings and activities canceled per order of the Select Board. Report as of 1/14/2022.



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*“PRESERVING THE PAST
TO
SUPPORT THE FUTURE”*

MISSION STATEMENT

To reconstruct the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, while maintaining historic integrity of the buildings; to teach future generations about our collective pasts; featuring New Durham's importance in that history; provide a useful asset for the community.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT OR
WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT, PLEASE VISIT

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boodey-farmstead-committee](http://www.newdurhamnh.us/boodey-farmstead-committee)

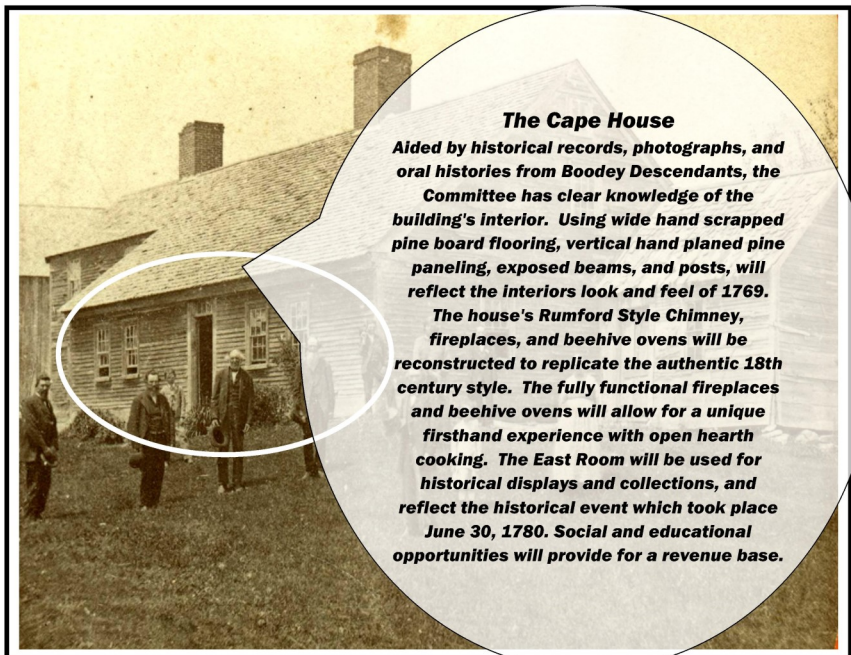
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FUTURE USES ~ ZECHARIAH BOODEY FARMSTEAD

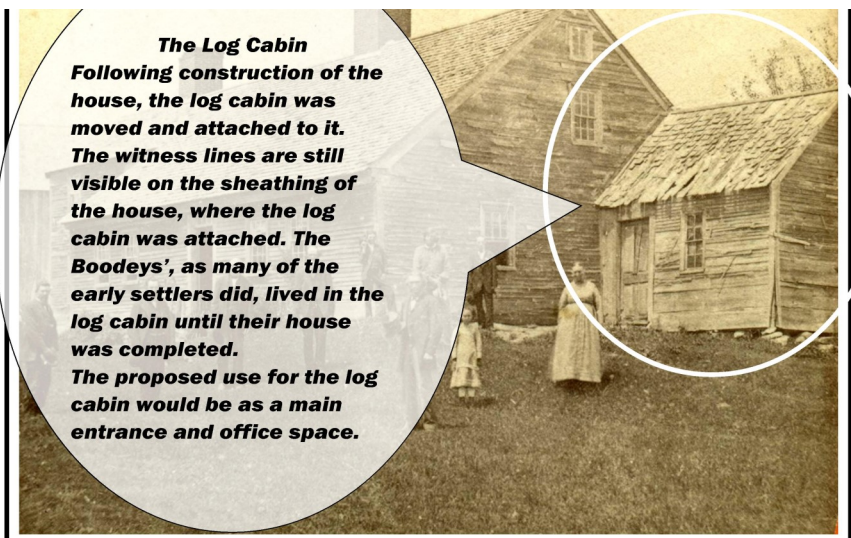
INTRODUCING MEMBER CAT EDDLEMAN MURZYN

Cat grew up in southeast Georgia and slowly moved northward over the years to finally settle in New Hampshire. She and her husband had been seeking out land to build a homestead and found that New Durham was the perfect spot. Upon finding the land, she and her husband started attending community events and discovered the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee. Being a lover of history and old things, she joined the effort in preserving the Boodey Homestead. Cat has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting having graduated magna cum laude from Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut. She has 22 years' experience in accounting and uses these skills in assisting the committee in its activities. Cat works full time as an accountant and in her spare time can be found sewing, crafting, gardening, and spending time with her son and husband.



The Cape House

Aided by historical records, photographs, and oral histories from Boodey Descendants, the Committee has clear knowledge of the building's interior. Using wide hand scrapped pine board flooring, vertical hand planed pine panelling, exposed beams, and posts, will reflect the interiors look and feel of 1769. The house's Rumford Style Chimney, fireplaces, and beehive ovens will be reconstructed to replicate the authentic 18th century style. The fully functional fireplaces and beehive ovens will allow for a unique firsthand experience with open hearth cooking. The East Room will be used for historical displays and collections, and reflect the historical event which took place June 30, 1780. Social and educational opportunities will provide for a revenue base.



The Log Cabin

Following construction of the house, the log cabin was moved and attached to it. The witness lines are still visible on the sheathing of the house, where the log cabin was attached. The Boodeys', as many of the early settlers did, lived in the log cabin until their house was completed. The proposed use for the log cabin would be as a main entrance and office space.