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“BOODEY HOMETOWN REVELS” COME CELEBRATE



Wonderful Live Music 11 to 2 pm



Papa Joe
World
renowned
Itinerate
Story-
Teller,
ongoing.



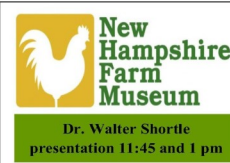
Stoneboat Farm
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
ongoing.



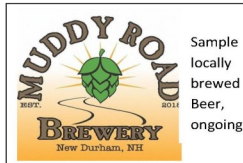
Rich Leonard, Miller Farm
12 to 3 pm



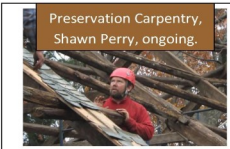
12th NH Infantry, ongoing.



Dr. Walter Shortle
presentation 11:45 and 1 pm



Sample
locally
brewed
Beer,
ongoing



Preservation Carpentry,
Shawn Perry, ongoing.



You are invited to join us in celebrating the accomplishments for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project, at the annual “Boodey Hometown Revels” Saturday July 15, 2023! The Celebration will take place at the site for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, 29 Stockbridge Road in New Durham. This event is open to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Our visitors will be transported back to a time in our history when the events and activities taking place were an every day way of life for our early settlers. Sounds from the rhythmic sound of “thwack” as the adze strikes the timbers; the joyful sounds of stringed instruments and voices in harmony to tunes of bluegrass sounds; the clip clop sound made as draft horses pull their

wagon filled with folks seeking to experience a time before the automobile; presentations will be given about agricultural practices, from growing of fruits, beer and the transition from usage of livestock to motorized tractors; learn about the history of the 12th NH Infantry and NH presence during the Civil War and more. (Page 2)

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS:

- June 16 & 17 Barn Assessment
- Boodey Hometown Revels July 15, 2023 10-3pm
- Late July / Aug—Installation Begins
- Hometown Cookery Cookbooks are available , Contact Chair

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GROUND BREAKING NEWS

It is with much gratitude we are excited to announce that late summer early fall, the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead project will begin the installation of the state approved septic system and begin the installation of the parking lot and drainage areas, as approved, in the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Site Plan.

This phase of the project has been made possible due to very generous donations of funds, support through annual operating budgets, and in kind services.

The Committee was granted permission by the Select Board during their May 9th meeting to move forward with a very generous offer made by Ironwill Contractors of New Durham. John and Wanda Chamberlin presented a proposal of in-kind services, totaling \$41,000.00 towards this phase of work. Their proposal included the donation of materials, supplies, labor and equipment for the installation of the septic system, a total value of \$11,000.00. Total cost for the septic install is \$14,013.00. The balance of the cost will be funded through the Boodey Fund. This fund holds the money received through charitable donations and fundraising activities given to support the Boodey Farmstead Project.

The installation for the parking area will be completed to the point of final finish gravel, the layer prior to paving. The Select Board voted to permit the Committee to purchase gravel through the Town's aggregate source. The cost for the gravel will be funded through the Boodey Fund. All other costs are

included in the charitable donation made by Ironwill Contractors.

Ironwill's offer also included digging for the setting of the building's foundation and drainage around the perimeter, and backfilling. The value of their generous offer for the parking area, drainage, and foundation is \$30,000.00. The foundation will be done at a later date.

Ironwill Contractor's offer has spurred support from other community service oriented businesses. Hamilton Landscaping has offered to cut and remove the trees in the area designated for the septic area.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. This support helped put the project in a financial position to be able to accept offers such as this.

We are grateful and thank Ironwill Contractors and Hamilton Landscaping for their generosity and support in bringing this project to this significant phase of work.

We are planning an official ground breaking ceremony on July 15th, at 11:00 am at the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead property located at 29 Stockbridge Corner Road in New Durham, during the "Boodey Hometown Revels". All are welcome to join us.

BOODEY HOMETOWN REVELS



(Page 1) What would be a celebration without food? Joining this event will be Mitchell Hill BBQ Grill and Brew and Marzbar Sweet and Treats. Additionally we are pleased to be hosting, by return request, "Cedar Mountain Bluegrass Band", Stoneboat Farm horse drawn wagon rides. Also, Itinerant Storyteller Papa Joe, Rich Leonard, the 12th NH Infantry. The NH Farm Museum speaker Dr. Walter Shortle will speak about the transition from livestock to the use of motorized farm tractors. Shawn Perry of Preservation Carpentry will be

working on one of the timbers from the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead and Muddy Road Brewery will be offering samples of locally brewed beers. And much more....

At 11:00 a special "Ground Breaking Ceremony" will take place. This project has been honored and supported by a strong public and private collaboration. Please join us as we recognize all who have made contributions, bringing this project to ground breaking.

COLLABORATION WITH TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD AND HEARTWOOD SCHOOL

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee continues its effort to seek collaborative partnerships, with like minded individuals, groups, and organizations with the forward movement for the preservation of this historically important town owned property.

In the past, this project has benefited from participating with educational institutions, with phases for this project.

During the Fall of 2022, we reached out to the Timber Framers Guild (TFG) to explore a possible collaborative effort with them. The Timber Framers Guild is a national organization dedicated to the preserving of the timber framer's trades

and skills and the support for continuing this trade through educational support. The Guild was first recommended to the Committee when the cape house was dismantled in 2008, by Preservation Timber Frame.

This outreach led to speaking with representatives from the Heartwood School, Executive Director Eric Howard. The School is located in Alstead NH. Mr. Howard expressed his desire to introduce additional courses focused on preservation of timber frame structures in the school's curriculum. We are pleased to announce the upcoming "Barn Assessment" by contractor Shawn Perry is being offered to the School Students and Guild Members as

educational training for completing an assessment of the conditions of timbers.

Mr. Howard expressed that he would like to do a "Community Project" in New Durham. There have been some preliminary conversations regarding how the School, the Guild and the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project would collaborate on achieving this objective, the preservation of an important part of New Durham's heritage and continuing education and preservation of the timber frame trade. Everyone agrees this would be a win-win opportunity for all sides involved.

PRESERVATION BARN TIMBER FRAME ASSESSMENT TO BE COMPLETED

As of this writing, there has been a flurry of activity taking place to organize for the upcoming barn's timber frame assessment. Preservation Carpentry, from Lebanon Maine, will be completing the assessment of the timber frame from the barn, which was gifted to the town for use and reconstruction for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project. The barn was located in an area of Alton, NH once known as New Durham Gore.

Shawn Perry and his crew will remove the stored pieces of the barn from the trailer, lay them out, and photograph and document their current conditions. Once done, the pieces will be reloaded into the storage trailer. Mr. Perry will complete a report with recommended treatments for the pieces. Mr. Perry will utilize photographs and sketches made when the barn was dismantled. At that time, the pieces were numbered to identify where they were located when the barn was standing.



The end report will be an important tool when deciding the type of treatment required for the frame and the cost associated with the replacement or repair of the timber.

The assessment is scheduled for June 16 and 17 at the Department of Public Works.

We would like to express our thanks to the Select Board, Town Administrator and the Department of Public works for their support and assistance given toward this effort.

A special thank you to Al Greymont for helping with the movement of the storage trailer.



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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

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

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

OR

**FACEBOOK: ZECHARIAH
BOODEY FARMSTEAD**

BEAUTIFACATION OF BOODEY SITE



Volunteers Phil and Hazel helped Committee member Crissa Evans (not pictured) with beautification at the site.

Looks wonderful. Thank you