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“BOODEY HOMETOWN REVELS” CELEBRATION



What a delight it was for all of us with the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee, seeing the smiling faces and folks visiting one another and having a great time at the Boodey Hometown Revels event held July 15, 2023. The event was gifted a day without rain!

The day began with a celebration of the achievement of a major milestone for the

Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project. A groundbreaking ceremony was held, made possible with the support of our community and by a significant offer made by a local business, Ironwill Contractors from New Durham, NH. John and Wanda Chamberlin, their family, and crew are donating their services, materials, and equipment toward the installation of the parking lot

(rough grade), the installation of the state-approved septic system, the excavation for the foundation of the building, and drainage needs for the site per the approved site plans. Their very generous offer equals a donation of \$41,000.00.

John Chamberlin was invited to join the current Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee and Cont. Page 4

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS:

- *Boodey Hometown Revels July 13, 2024 10-3pm*
- *Ongoing Site Work Spring 2024*
- *Hometown Cookery Cookbooks are available , Contact Chair*

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GROUND BREAKING NEWS—SITE WORK BEGINS

It's been an exciting year for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project, and we are excited to share with you what has been achieved this year due to our community coming together through volunteering, in-kind offers of help, or financially supporting the progress. Thanks to the collaborative partnerships from many individuals, businesses, private and public organizations, Town Officials, the Department of Public Works, and the citizens of New Durham, the project achieved a level of development, attracting some very generous offers to move it forward.

John and Wanda Chamberlin, owners of Ironwill Contractors, wanted to do something to help and presented an incredible offer of help valued at \$41,000.00 toward the excavation work for the project. Their offer included their services, labor, equipment, and materials. Their work would consist of installing the state-approved septic system, the parking lot to finished grade, the required drainage features, grading of the site, and the excavation for the foundations of the building. However, the site had to be prepared before their work could begin.

To our amazement, Robert "Bob" Hamilton, owner of Hamilton Landscaping, offered to help with the tree removal process in the area where the septic system will be installed. Bob generously donated his services and equipment to cut the trees, remove the logs, and brush from the site. His help was valued at \$3,500.00. By spring, the sounds of chainsaws buzzing and equipment humming could be heard from the site.

The plans for the site required trees to be removed from the parking area and in the area for the locations of the buildings. This was a much larger project, and the work had to be completed before John Chamberlin could begin his work. We started our search for someone to help.

Johnny Matarozzo, owner of M & M Logging, began his work in early September. It was an impressive operation with many large pieces of equipment. He and Jason Landry, owner of Landry and Sons Logging, worked together to cut, chip, and haul away the remaining trees. Watching the activity of the large equipment consisting of two feller bunchers, the grapple skidder, and the unit that did the wood chipper, delimiting, cutting to length, and the chip blower was impressive. The total cost for their work was \$4,000.00, and the balance would be donated to help the project. The Non-profit organization, Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative, donated \$2,300.00 to the tree removal cost; the balance of \$1,700.00 came from the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee's 2023 operating budget.

Once the tree clearing was completed, John Chamberlin and his hard workers began removing stumps and debris and level-

ing off the site. Norway Plains Surveyors assisted by marking out the parking area to be excavated and confirmed that the area was excavated to the required depths. Greymont Earth Materials, LLC hauled in gravel. Al Greymont and his team delivered 18 semitrailer loads of gravel. Following each delivery, Ironwill Contractors would spread the material.

The progress made each day was fantastic. As the cold season arrived, the impacts of a rainy year and unforeseen circumstances changed the work's completion timeline. The excess loam on site, stump removal, the parking area's completion, and the septic system's installation will happen in 2024.

Our verbal expressions of gratitude to these community-minded local business people were warmly accepted; however, they each shared with us that they "are just giving back to their community." Their "giving back to their community" inspired others to follow their lead. It is like the old saying, "One good deed deserves another."

In closing, we feel it's a proud moment in New Durham that our community has come together to support the progress of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project. On behalf of the Committee and the town's citizens, we thank everyone who has donated time, materials, services, and funding to make this possible. Your contributions will never be forgotten.



PRESERVATION BARN TIMBER FRAME ASSESSMENT

As many of you know and may have personally experienced, this year's weather pattern created many unforeseen challenges with scheduled outdoor activities. Like you, the barn's timber frame assessment was rescheduled numerous times. Finally, from the end of July into early August, there was a break in the weather.

Perry Preservation Carpentry began their phase of the work with hired crew members, Committee volunteers, community members, and a rented telehandler supporting the heavy lifting, unloading, and laying out of the timber frame. The pieces were placed on cribbing inside the town's salt shed at the Department of Public Works site. The use of this area was such a respite from the sun and rain showers.

Shawn Perry, owner of Perry Preservation Carpentry, final report will document his evaluation of the barn's timber frame pieces for its condition, make recommendations for either repairs to the

timbers or replicas of the timbers, and record dimensions of the timbers to assist architects with their technical drawings. He also confirmed the initial tagging of the barn parts when the barn was disassembled and identified the species of the barn parts.

Mr. Perry said the efforts of everyone involved were essential for nearly every day. He wrote, "The commitment of the volunteers was unexpected and especially helpful." His crew recorded 97 hours to complete this phase of the work. He asked that we include "his thanks to everyone and to include the Town's Department of Public Works."

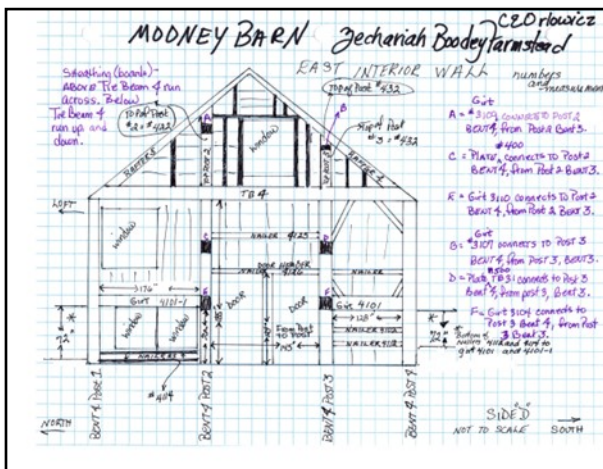
The field notes, drawings, and photographs collected when the Mooney/Damon barn was disassembled were referenced many times and helped a great deal with assisting with tag and timber identification. Mr. Perry complimented the committee on the care, depth of detail, and amount of information documented when the barn was disassembled. The information was vital during this process and will be

essential in future phases of the project.

Once Mr. Perry finishes the assessment report, the project will have the necessary documents to contract with an architectural firm, develop the technical drawings needed for budgetary quotes, and develop a solid plan for reassembly and construction for this important historic preservation project.

We want to thank Al Greymont. Before this work began, the storage trailer had to be relocated to the work area. Greymont Trucking volunteered to move the storage trailer, and once the work was done, the trail was moved back to its original location.

We want to thank Mr. Perry, his crew, Mike Egeler, Steve Orlowicz, Scott Drummey, the Select Board, and Committee member Crissa Evans, who helped feed the team of workers and the Department of Public Works employees. We could not have done this without you.





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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.

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Family Representative
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Select Board representative members for the symbolic gesture of digging the first shovel full of soil while the song “To Dream the Impossible Dream” played in the background.

The day was filled with fun and celebration. Many people were observed clapping their hands or tapping their feet to the sweet sounds of bluegrass tunes, and some were moved to even dancing. Yummy BBQ and root beer floats sold out. The spinning of old tales captured the attention of the young and young at heart, accompanied by the gentle sounds of the flute. The clip-clop of the hooves from the horses drawing their wagon transported passengers back to a time when this mode of travel was a common way of life. The murmur of voices as demonstrators engaged folks by sharing their skills and talents used daily in their traditional trades and arts and explaining how the old ways are still relevant to today’s way of life.

We would like to thank our valued partners, Cedar Mountain Blue Grass Band, Mitchell Hill BBQ Grill & Brew, Marzbar Sweets and Treats, Muddy Road Brewery, Papa Joe Storytelling, Stoneboat Farm, Miller Farm, Charles W Canney Camp #5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, NH 12th Infantry, New Hampshire Farm Museum, Shawn Perry of Perry Preservation Carpentry, New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Friends, New Durham Parks and Recreation, and Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative for an amazing day and a memorable event. Success belongs to you.

A special thank you to our volunteers who helped accomplish so much leading up to this annual event and all that was needed for the day of the event. These volunteers gave many hours to prepare the site, set up, take down, and clean up for the event. Thank you, Mark McFadden, Tom Baker, Karen Whitcomb, Caeli Drummey, Steve Orlowicz, Phil Tucker, Ken Laquire, and the DPW.

Plans are underway for the next “Boodey Hometown Revels.” Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 13, 2024. Join us to celebrate the progress made over 2023.