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## Zechariah Boodey House Committee Meeting Minutes August 9, 2016

Present: Fran Frye, Cathy Orlowicz, Sherry Cullimore, Crissa Evans.

The meeting convened at 10am in the Conference Room of the New Durham Town Hall.

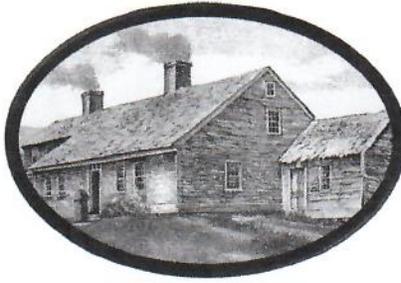
Sherry gave the receipt for the Porta Potty to Cathy, as she volunteered to cover the cost for the rental, and the receipt for the new Boodey House banner to Crissa as she volunteered to cover the cost for the purchase.

Cathy passed out the minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. There being no corrections Crissa moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, and Fran seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The notes were immediately posted at Town Hall and on the Town Administrators' door.

Cathy has been in contact with the Town's Finance Director, Jen C. At this time we do not have a final status of balance. The corrections that had been requested to be made in 2015 have not been made as yet. However, Cathy's financial records do not reconcile with what the town records. Our records show that we have \$285 (from the 2014 "Music on the Ridge") more than the Town's records. Jen will research when the Town deposited the \$285, what account it was deposited, and correct the problem. Cathy has provided Jen with copies of all her records to help in the research. These records were provided to the Town when it was determined a total of \$2,285.00 had not been deposited into the Boodey Fund, in 2015. The \$2,285.00 in donations were made during 2014. We do need to keep on this to make certain the problem is corrected as soon as possible. We keep excellent records so that make assist in this issue. We did receive \$170.00 in donations at the site celebrations, July 30, 2016.

We had a debriefing on our site celebration, July 30, 2016. Cathy did pass out her notes/summary regarding just the site preparation for the site celebration. She recorded all the individual hours that were spent prepping the area so that they can be used as in kind donations. There was lots of feedback from visitors. We think there may have been upwards of 100 people visit the site. Crissa met resident Terry Collins from the Ridge in New Durham, who would love to help us with researching that may be needed for our project. There were several Boodey's whom attended our event, including one from England. There seemed to be lots of interest in the site with both the history it represents and the usage that is planned for the site and the buildings. The location is great, lots of traffic. One selectman attended and had many interesting questions on our plans for providing more space for local use as well as the many rental opportunities. Everyone was asking what are we going to do, and we all spent time answering those questions about our future plans. We saw lots of enthusiasm.

The layout of the house and barn with the hay bales defining the corners and creating the rooms gave a reality and life to our plans and a vision to our ideas. It is good to know that we are getting the word out about the Boodey House. Wendy, one of the spinners, expressed interest in renting our space for her spinning classes when we are ready. She liked our approach to preserving the past to support the future, and the atmosphere of the space.



The day involved a community with artisans. Feedback from many, from set up through the celebration expressed, "prepared well, well thought out, planned well, a lot of planning went into it, good to see where the rooms were going to be." Rick Fogg a general contractor from Alton, and a member of the Alton Rotary, was very impressed at what we had done; "This will show people we are serious." The Committee's goal was to share its vision for the future Boodey House and Barn with a wider audience, and to see if there is interest and support for this vision.

August 28, 2016 is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Music on the Ridge. This year *An Artful Noise* will be providing their lovely music at the church on the Ridge. Pastor Nason has the Town of New Durham insurance binder that he asked for. Crissa is the point of contract with the quartet. All arrangements have been made by her. During the day of the event, Crissa will do the introduction, the group will talk about themselves and their music, then Cathy will speak about our project, there will be a break for refreshments then more music. The program is from 2-4pm. Refreshments will be fruit water and cookies. Sherry will bring trash barrels and 4 bags of ice, a tablecloth, cooler and flowers. Cathy will bring the change box, the display board and foam boards. Fran will bring the donation basket and cookies, and Crissa will bring cookies, and flowers.

Cathy has put posters about, in the Baysider, the Town Newsletter, on the town website, and on Facebook. Set up will be at 12:30pm at the church.

Some time was spent on the Business Plan section: Advertising and Promotions, and Strategy and Implementation, as well as some word-smithing.

Crissa and Hal will be placing the red decals on the Boodey House Fundraising Goal thermometer, located at the transfer station, at 37%!!!!, of goal. Cathy shared hours of operations for the facility, so they can get access when the place is open.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2016 beginning at 1:00pm, in the Conference Room of the New Durham Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Cullimore, Scribe