

Boodey House Committee – Feb. 23, 2012

Present: Arron Sturgis of PTF, Crissa Evans, Sherry Cullimore, and Cathy Orlowicz

The meeting opened at 7:30pm at New Durham Town Hall. The Jan. 26, 2012 meeting was canceled because of health issues. A balance sheet was passed out to show our fund raising efforts. See secretary's records.

Minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed. The meeting date will be corrected from Nov 11 to Nov 16th. Motion to accept the minutes with the date correction made by Cathy and seconded by Crissa. Vote was in favor to accept, unanimous.

Cathy passed out the statement from Preservation Timber Framing showing that our bill for dismantling the Boodey House is paid in full! With Arron present we spent some time going over the plans for the future of the Boodey House and the direction we should take. The Evans family has saved the rubble stone on the original site, which can be taken to the new site when needed. We do need to create a new overall plan to start. Arron will get a parts list for us so that Cathy can present it to the selectmen. Discussion ensued on plans for the house.

It is possible to build the house in phases. Perhaps have an opening when the house gets started and a celebration when the log cabin is added.

Fireplace genre is a question, since there were several fireplaces added onto the original. We would probably go with the original/earliest fireplace. Was it a Rumford fireplace?

Arron suggested that the chimney was a clear phase of rebuilding, as would be the timber framing and foundation. These phases might be used as demonstration classes and we could build a program around it. There are some grants towards educational workshops/ programs. Siding can also be a weekend workshop. Arron does this type of workshop.

Maintenance needs to be included in the budget to keep the house going afterwards – very important.

March 4, 2012 we are Bingo-ing again! Sherry will bring her slow cooker, apple cake, tablecloths and bake something else. Crissa is making American Chop Suey, and bringing hotdogs, and baked goods. Cathy will bring drinks, condiments, money, and sandwiches.

We signed the new Ethics Policy for Jan. 25, 2012, and a memo from 2/22/2012 regarding non-public information was read.

Planning for the 250th celebration for New Durham continues. We will display items from the Boodey house and family, have brochures to hand out and a donation jar.

Crissa has an idea for a fundraiser this summer on the original site of the Boodey House, possibly a musical afternoon with a Harp Orchestra with bagpipes, lemonade and cookies.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Our next meeting is on March 29th at 7pm at Town Hall.

Sherry Cullimore, Sect'y