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**Adele Taylor Property Use Committee  
P.O. Box 139  
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**Regular Meeting**

**December 12, 2013**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Mark Borrin, Paul Punturieri, Allen Hoch, Robert Goffredo, Tim Woods, Joanne Farnham (Alternate)

Public: Nancy Wright, Hollis Austin, Cristina Ashjian, Jean Beadle, Allan Ballard, Judy Ballard, Russ Wakefield, Richard Plaisted, Bud Heinrich

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM

The committee welcomed property trustee Richard Plaisted. He advised the committee that he first approached the Moultonborough School Board about the property and they determined that they had no interest in it. He then approached the Board of Selectmen who had some interest in purchasing it and began negotiations. He could see the property used for a gym or park. He wanted the Town to have it and if not, then he will dispose of it and has interest from other parties. He is hoping the Town will find some use for it as the land is good. It's a big old house on main street. He mentioned that the proceeds would be given to the schools for a scholarship fund for town children. He felt that is what Adele (Taylor) would have wanted.

Mark Borrin read into the record additional emails received from John and Judy Sonja, Bud Heinrich, Maggie Stiers, Janet Cramer, Cristina Ashjian and Alan Ballard.

The committee then discussed the report. Mark Borrin mentioned that it came to his attention that there be some contradictory things going on in the report specifically the attachment for public comments/emails/ letters. He believes that the public comments using names and taken form elements of what they said and recommended that they be stricken from the record as we already have minutes which stated what occurred. Paul Punturieri disagreed and stated that the comments were extracted from the minutes and stated what the people actually said. Whether email or spoken its part of the record and should a part of the report and not including then would be disservice to the public and the commenter's. Mark Borrin felt that the minutes are the interpretation of what was said and that the public comments duplicate that and is not needed. Paul Punturieri again disagreed and stated that all the information is part of the final report and was integral in creating the report.

Allen Hoch agreed with Paul and that it gives a concise synopsis of what the public said. Bob Goffredo also agreed and felt that there was only one person who offered a correction and no one else has complained. Bud Heinrich felt it was an impressive list of citizens and should be included in the report.

Nancy Wright stated that she was under the understanding that the report would contain public comments and therefore did not write a letter and would like to see her comments in the final report.

Jean Beadle stated that if you're interpreting public comments, people should okay what you are

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interpreting. Cristina Ashjian stated that the minutes are the official record and see public comments if we choose to keep them they are in random order and should be listed alphabetically or by dates because as your minutes clearly show this does not indicate people that made comments on more than one occasion. Most importantly it is a selective list and stated that her first comment on the list is taken out of context. She believes the select board should be able to look at the minute and not just a list of selective snippets.

Russ Wakefield agreed with Cristina and asked if the comments were interpretations of the comments. We want to see actual statements, not interpretations. Paul Punturieri stated that the public comments were not interpretations, but were extracted from the minutes and was part of what the committee used to create the final report. What the BoS will read is the committee's final report and includes these other 7 or 8 attachments. Russ Wakefield agreed that if the comments were people actually said he sees no problem with it, but if there was potential to be misleading that it shouldn't. Paul Punturieri stated that the minutes have been posted as well as the comments and no one has complained of being misstated. There are also video tapes of the meetings.

Cristina Ashjian commented that the order of the attachments should be changed. The first attachment should be the minutes followed by the comments. Hyperlinked attachments should be last. She cautioned the committee on using summarized selective comments which were extracted from the minutes directly which in some cases might not be the full story and in some case are either embellished or not embellished.

Mark Borrin stated he brought this up because he was uncomfortable interpreting comments. Paul Punturieri stated that they were not interpretations but captured from the minutes and sees no reason for not including them. He asked if there was concern about including or not including something someone said. Why not put it out there for all the public to see. Mark Borrin asked then do we bullet point all of our minutes? If we do one we need to do all. Anyone who spoke needs to have a heading or bullet points. Paul Punturieri stated he watched the tapes and constructed minutes from that. The minutes are not verbatim, but reflect what people stated.

Mark Borrin was concerned about duplicating efforts. Tim Woods asked if every person who spoke was included and Paul Punturieri answered it does unless he missed it accidentally. Tim Woods was uncomfortable with comments being interpreted.

Nancy Wright felt that if people come out and attend their comments should be included and did not submit a letter because she came and spoke and felt that the report could be slanted. Mark Borrin strongly disagreed and stated that there was no intention to purposely slant the report. Cristina Ashjian spoke to the duplication and that it is taking peoples comments out of context. She then referred to comments attributed to her were exactly as stated in the minutes, but has no context of the discussion. She requested and the committee agreed to remove her comments from the bulleted list.

Bud Heinrich disagreed and felt that if it is gutted out of the report, you will really lose the flavor and content and that the addendum has been for 5 or 6 days and has anybody complained? He stated he was quoted rather harshly, but reserves the right to hang himself and was quoted fairly and does not think it should be stricken.

Paul Punturieri explained that minutes are the public record of the meetings. Public comments are comments that reflect what people said. If there was duplication of effort so what? He took the time to write them out and was used for the draft report. As to context, the minutes give you the context, the video gives you the context and the report gives you the compilation of that outcome. Why are we making such a big deal about something so minor?

The committee was polled to the whether we want to keep it as is or changed. Joanne Farnham, Paul Punturieri, Bob Goffredo and Allen Hoch voted to keep it as is. Tim Woods voted to remove

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it. Mark Borrin asked if anyone wants their comments stricken from the addendum. There were none from the audience, but Cristina Ashjian asked if we were planning to reorganize the comments chronologically or alphabetically rather than randomly. Mark Borrin stated that the committee has been random in everything so far and would leave this list random also and asked the committee if we could add that this is a random list. Allen Hoch asked if emails comments would be removed from the list. Both were answered affirmatively. The wording "This is a randomized list of public comments from multiple meetings and taken from committee minutes". Mark Borrin suggested that the word selectively be included in the statement and Paul Punturieri disagreed and stated that best he could it includes all people who commented with the exception of December 11<sup>th</sup> and this meeting.

Corrections to the report were discussed.

Bud Heinrich felt that establishing a cistern in the village would impact fire insurance rates as having a volunteer fire department trumps everything else. Tim Woods state the ISO rates also go by the amount of water available so having a cistern would do that. Russ Wakefield mentioned last week's BoS budget meeting and stated that Center Harbor has put in a system to increase water availability and their insurance rates were reduced.

Richard Plaisted as former Fire Dept. Chief stated that there is a pond at the old Troop E building and all it needs is to have the old draft site fixed and that Chief Bengtson should address this as well and there are a lot of hydrants in this town that have not been take care of since he left the department.

The last committee bullet point recommendation was changed to read "Use Existing Buildings Commercial and Public"

The issue of minutes for tonight's meeting as well as December 11<sup>th</sup> was discussed and was agreed that the committee will meet to approve these minutes and then the final report at 6:45 pm just prior to the BoS meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cristina Ashjian clarified that she wanted to be clear that there was no attempt to exclude public comment as that was not the case and applauded the public input the committee received.

Mark Borrin thanked the committee for excellent work. The committee expressed their thanks to Chairman Mark Borrin as well for a job well done.

Allen Ballard thanked the committee for doing a bang up job. Judy Ballard stated that we are needed n Washington.

Allen Hoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Woods. Agreed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.