**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Draft of Minutes of July 7, 2022 meeting**

. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Sandi Capponcelli at 6:47 PM. Present were Sandi, Matt Shea and Tina White, committee members. Also present was Don Capponcelli.

. Approval of the minutes of June 2, 2022 was tabled to the next regular meeting. Don forgot to forward the minutes to Sandi to forward to the committee.

. There were no changes to the agenda.

**. Assembly Room wall color** - A Benjamin Moore interior satin, color “Frappe” was selected. Walls and trim will all be one color for at least the time being.

**. The last Wednesday in July** (07/27/2022) was selected as a **volunteer painting day**. There was a discussion of area teens who could be contacted for community service work.

* Don will finish touch-up sanding needed on the walls. In advance of the volunteer painting day, wall primer will be needed on all raw drywall finish, and masking along all the baseboards will be needed. Don will welcome help with the masking and primering.
* We need lots of tarps.

. There was no discussion of the immediate follow-up to the volunteer painting day.

**. Energy Audit** - Sandi and Janet Perry accompanied Megan from Efficiency Vermont on a tour of the Community Center building, Town Office and Town Garage. Efficiency Vermont can be a liaison between the Town and energy-efficient grant sources and related contractors. With regard to the Community Center there is a grant which would pay a portion of the replacement of the current fluorescent light fixtures with LED fixtures. The Committee also discussed pursuing an upgrade of the existing ceiling insulation to R-60 (including a change to the attic access) and the possibility of instant hot water units.

**. Dates for donation collection** – Donations will be accepted during the week prior to the Aug. 27’th Open House for another “un-tag-sale” during the event. There should be specific days and hours for the collection, and at least one Committee member should be on-hand. Sandi, Tina and Matt each agreed to take turns being on-hand. Other Committee volunteers are needed.

**. Other Business**

1. – There is another large grant source through the State of Vermont and backed by HUD that will be for municipal buildings, having an emphasis on community-building. Large wish lists are encouraged. Written quotes would be advantageous over budget allowances. Matt Shea suggested that the Committee look beyond basic infrastructure. Following discussion related to backup generator, bathroom and energy-related upgrades, the Committee also discussed the possibility for a small commercial-grade kitchen (similar to the basement of the West Townshend Country Store) and a stage with electricity for outdoor concert bands (possibly located off the south entrance porch and facing the sloped lawn to the west of the building).
2. 8-ft. folding tables – Sandi has found restaurant equipment outlets in Rutland, Vt. and Holyoke, Ma. Tables of decent quality are priced at around $150.00 apiece. It was decided that three tables should be purchased, primarily out of the proceeds from the past un-tag-sale.

. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Capponcelli