

**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Draft of Minutes of October 2, 2025 meeting**

\*The meeting was called to order at 6:38 by Co-chair Tina White at 6:38PM. Present were Tina, Sarah Rattet, Jen Benware and Don Capponcelli, committee members.

\*The minutes of the August 7, 2025 meeting were not available for review.

\***Review of Chili Cookoff** – There were 33 people in attendance, and net proceeds were \$126.00. There were 10 chili recipes entered in the competition.

- It was suggested that the committee procure 13-gallon trash cans to distribute throughout the room in future cookoffs

- Some of the sodas were observed to be out-of-date. Soda inventory should be checked prior to events.

- Attendance was down in comparison to prior years. Perhaps this was because the event is usually on the last weekend in September.

- More signage is needed in future events. Currently the signs are \$18.00 each. Sarah suggested that the committee look into a printer that would print posters.

\***Halloween Party** – To be held Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7PM. Flyers are out- Tina has arranged for flyers to go out with homework folders in Grafton and Saxtons River. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers from off the grill. Setup will be the night before and at 4PM on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Can there be a dance party? With a DJ?

- Krista will plan the games.

- There was too much candy last year. Tina suggests a limit of 3 bags for this year.

- There was a discussion about decorations and how to hang decorations from the ceiling. It was decided to install up to 33 decorative hooks from the ceiling.

- Curtains are needed for under the counter.

**Vermont Trust Initiative** – Tina White, Krista Gay and Sherry Maher are to meet with Dani Parkins on October 10 at 1PM. There will be a discussion as to whether a 501 C-3 nonprofit organization formation is necessary. There is \$5,000.00 in Vermont Municipal Technical Assistance (MTAP) funds available for scoping studies. Additional questions can be emailed to Tina prior to the meeting.

\***Other Business:**

- Christian will look into a router to boost the Town Office WiFi signal TO THE Community Center
- There was a discussion of signage. Tina will look into the possibility of a 3ft. X 3ft. sign at a right angle to the road at the driveway entrance.
- Levi Knowlton (age 15) is available for community service work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM (Sarah Rattet moved to adjourn; seconded by Don Capponcelli).

Respectfully submitted,

Don Capponcelli