

**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Draft of Minutes of November 13, 2025 meeting**

\*The meeting was called to order at 6:38PM by Co-Chair Tina White. Present were Tina, Jen Benware, Sandi Capponcelli and Don Capponcelli.

\*The minutes of the August, September and October, 2025 meetings were not available for review.

\***MTAP Funding** – There appears to be about \$3,600.00 available through the Vermont Municipal Technical Assistance Program for technical assistance in seeking more grant funding and community engagement. For the present time the Committee wishes to proceed with planned rest room renovation work.

\***Children's Christmas Shop** – Set for Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3PM. There have been many donations to this event, some being expensive donations.

- There is a rental on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Setup time will be noon on Friday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cleanup will have to take place immediately after the event as there is a reservation for the space on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

\***Review of Halloween Party** – There were about 70 people in attendance, some from out of town. There did appear to be a gap in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ages this year.

- The decorations were outstanding this year.
- Shall we continue with the musical chairs game? There were many tears...
- The family doing the DJ work donated their time.
- No props will be allowed with the costumes next year. There was too much swinging of costume-related weaponry.
- There had been a lot of help with the event cleanup.
- We were short on tables.

\***Rest Room Renovations** – There may likely be a delay in the tentatively-planned December 1<sup>st</sup> startup of the rest room renovation work.

\***Other Business:**

-Weather Emergency Trailer – The Committee thinks the present location of the trailer is unsightly and blocks access to the building's oil fill pipe. It also occupied the space that had worked well in past years for the Halloween Party's "needle in the haystack" game. The Weather Emergency Committee had inquired about the possibility of storing the trailer's contents in the basement of the Community Center. But there are issues with summer humidity in the space, and the Athens Community Christian Church uses the basement area for its Vacation Bible School. There was some discussion about clearing stored items in the oil tank room to provide storage space in that spot for the Weather Emergency Committee.

. The Committee will ask that the trailer be moved to the other side of the ramp, at a distance which would allow ramp snow clearing. The Weather Emergency Committee would be welcome to run power to a dehumidifier within the trailer if they wished to.

- WiFi – There are problems with the WiFi hot spot equipment located at the Town Office. Christian was to have looked into a recommendation for a WiFi booster so that we have good cell phone service at the Community Center. Tina will inquire further.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM (Sandi Capponcelli moved to adjourn; seconded by Tina White).

Respectfully submitted,

Don Capponcelli