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RE: Houtz Hall--Etna Community Building

There seems to be a lot of grant money allocated to communities in the area. I personally see a great need for some of it to go to the Etna Community Building, Houtz Hall. The pandemic caused a halt to the fund raisers, that were barely covering expenses. The volunteers are wearing down.

The building is wearing down. There is so much that needs to be done. I was very heart broken when I last saw it. I could hardly believe how things had gone neglected since my retirement. But the money is not available.

I believe they did not have to pay property taxes before and now that has really cut into the budget.

I would like to request that someone visit the much needed, loved and historic community building and assess the repairs needed. Please consider helping the citizens of Etna if possible. Maybe someone could help them get a grant.

Thank you for your time,

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