

**TOWN OF AVON**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 5, 2014**

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TOWN CLERK

**In Attendance:**

Tracy Self, Chairman  
Elaine Dombrosky  
Tim Flanigan  
Kevin Foster  
Alex Sinclair  
Glenn Fernald

**Absent:**

Marie Drottar  
Jason Suzor  
Carl Fischer

The Avon Public Safety Building Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, August 5th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy Self commenced the meeting and the first item on the agenda was to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Kevin Foster made a motion to accept the Minutes as read and Elaine Dombrosky seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

The next items on the agenda were the questions Tracy had asked Jeff. The first question she had asked him was to give them the (probable) cost of one building vs. the cost of two buildings. The next was to find out if the septic system was large enough, and finally, what would the cost be of putting an elevator in. As far as the septic is concerned, Jeff said it was large enough. The Committee then discussed getting quotes from the elevator companies which are located in the Avon Industrial Park. Lastly, Jeff had emailed Tracy the Space Needs Assessment for a one building Public Safety facility; the Space Needs Assessment for a new Police facility; and the Space Needs Assessment for a renovated Fire facility, which would be in the existing location.

Beginning with the one Public Safety Building, Jeff has brought the square footage down from 36,000 sq. ft. to 24,669 sq. ft. with a cost of \$12,598,360. For a new Police Station it would be 12,322 sq. ft. with a cost of \$6,443,868. And lastly, for a renovated Fire Station it would be 14,226 sq. ft. with a cost of \$3,806,828.

The next topic brought up was whether or not to have a Community Room vs. a Firing Range. The Committee then discussed the pros and cons of this.

The next item up for discussion was Dispatch. It was stated that our Dispatch people do more than just dispatch. They are there to help out whenever the need arises, whether it is to help with a prisoner or to deal with people off the street, etc. They are the first ones that people see when they enter the building. It was discussed in detail the positives of having a Dispatch Center in town. It was also stated that, technically, Dispatch falls under the Police Department.

At this time Tracy said after having looked at the 3 options Jeff had sent them, they need to agree on one of them. The Committee unanimously decided that the Fire and Police should be kept together in the square with a probable cost of \$13 million. Now that that had been settled, the Committee said they must now find a solution for relocation. They talked about the Crowley site and conservation land. Kevin Foster mentioned the composite site and Avon Place was also mentioned, but it was duly noted that the building was falling apart.

Tracy then asked what should be their next step. Alex Sinclair said as a courtesy they should send the Space Needs Assessment to the two Chiefs so that they can look them over and cut back on space. Tracy asked how they should let the Chiefs see the Assessment. Should she email it to them or have them come to a meeting? It was decided that Tracy would email it to them and then invite them to the next meeting.

The Committee next discussed getting the word out to the townspeople about the new facility. Should they hold off until they have something to show them (a design of the new facility) or should they start talking now about it? Tracy did mention that if Jeff did a conceptual design it would cost them \$7,200. Tracy then brought out the renderings of the old Public Safety Building, which Jeff did with the square footage of 36,000 sq. ft.

Tim Flanigan wanted to know what a new facility would equate to per household. How much and for how many years?

Tracy said she would invite the two Chiefs to their next meeting and she would find out how much a new facility would cost each taxpayer.

When there were no more items on the agenda, Tracy scheduled the next meeting for September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.