

**TOWN OF AVON**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2014**

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**TOWN CLERK**

**In Attendance:**

Tracy Self, Chairman  
Elaine Dombrosky  
Tim Flanigan  
Alex Sinclair  
Glenn Fernald  
Jason Suzor  
Carl Fischer

Police Chief Martineau  
Fire Chief Spurr

**Absent:**

Marie Drottar  
Kevin Foster

The Avon Public Safety Building Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, October 21st, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy Self commenced the meeting and immediately turned it over to Chief Spurr to get his input on the proposed new Public Safety Building. He began by speaking about the needs of the Fire Department for the new building. He said they could renovate the existing building for the Fire and Police by putting the Fire Department out back in a trailer during the renovation. One of the things he mentioned was the need for a Community Room, which would accommodate at least 35 people. He said it was necessary for their Monday night meeting/training session. Chief Spurr continued and said they could keep the center of the building as the "bones" are good there and you could level the "wings" of the building and move them 10' to 15' farther out. He said they would like to keep the same characteristics of the square and not have anything like the Avon Cooperative Bank.

Chief Spurr went on and mentioned having an elevator in the building. You could put a bridge going across the second floor from the Fire to the Police, that way you would only need to have one elevator.

The Committee then discussed keep the building where it is. If you did it would be a renovation and not a new building. This way it would be an easier sell to the town. It was then mentioned that the Police would like to be visible to the townspeople. A discussion then ensued whether or not to keep the Fire and Police together. During this discussion septic was brought up and would a new septic system fit on the property. They need to check into it to see how far away from the building it has to be.

The next item brought up was where would they relocate to. Chief Spurr said that they might use the property at 284 Bodwell Street as a possibility. Atlantic Management owns it and it is available.

Continuing, Chief Spurr talked about fire bays and what space they need to house their apparatus. He told the Committee they could add another bay – and then went on to talk about the different sizes ... and what he would recommend. He mentioned having them 75' x 60' deep or bays 80' x 80' would be great.

The Committee then brought up whether to have a one floor building or a two floor building. If you had a one floor building then you wouldn't need an elevator, which is very expensive to put in and maintain. At this time Chief Martineau said they should leave it up to the Architect and Engineers to give them the options. Let them decide which would be cheaper – to renovate the existing building or demolish it.

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

Chief Spurr said they are in desperate need of apparatus space. He said they need to get their "stuff" under cover. Everything they have they use so they need to take care of it. He also mentioned that Engine 3 is being "stored" at Brooks Lumber as their other one is at the dealership.

The new consensus might be to renovate the Fire Station and put a new building down at the Crowley School for the Police Department. They need to get an amount as to what it would cost them to do this, as well as to find out what this would cost each taxpayer.

The next topic brought up was whether or not to have people at the exit polls on Election Day. It was decided that it would be a waste of time.

It was brought up that maybe they could ask Jeff once again to give them costs for a separate Fire Station; a separate Police Station and another cost for keeping them together. Chief Martineau said maybe they should go down to \$10 million and by keeping it low they might get the taxpayers to approve it. They should also see what it would cost the average taxpayer on \$12 million.

The Crowley School was brought up and some members wanted to know what could be built on that site. Do they need to talk to the Conservation Commission? Chief Spurr said they do not want to be down at the Crowley as it is at the bottom of a hill and it would be hard to get out of there during snowstorms, etc. It would deter from their response time.

The Committee all agreed they need to look into codes and getting new renderings from Jeff. They also need to know what could be built at the Crowley location. Another thing they need to look into is the cost of a space building. They will do this for the next meeting.

When there were no more items on the agenda, Tracy scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, November 18th, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.