

TOWN OF AVON
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER, 25, 2014

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In Attendance:

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

Fire Chief Spurr

Absent:

Marie Drottar
Jason Suzor

The Avon Public Safety Building Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, November 25th, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Tracy Self commenced the meeting and immediately passed out information from Jeff McElravy regarding program and budget documents. She had already emailed everyone the documents earlier in the day and some people had a chance to look them over before the meeting. They stated the following:

- ✓ The new documents now include numbered footnotes which indicate: (1) Code Required; (2) Required by Standard; (3) Required by Operational Need
- ✓ Police program with range removed but 600 sq. ft. training room added
- ✓ Fire program with 600 sq. ft. training room added, minor adjustment in apparatus bay size per Pacheco Ross recommendation
- ✓ Budgets based upon updated programs

At this time Tracy mentioned the residential cost impact would be ninety-four cents per thousand, averaging \$250 per household.

Next, a conversation followed regarding having one building vs. having two. Tracy said the relocation cost could be Two Million Dollars and they would not be able to get that money back. An annex building was then brought up. Elaine Dombrosky said if you could get it before it goes out to bid than it would be cheaper (\$500,000), but once it goes out to bid it could cost up to

\$1 million dollars. You could use this building for relocation purposes, but then you could also have the building afterwards – it wouldn't be a throwaway. Chief Spurr brought up a classroom and said you could put it out back as well.

Kevin Foster then said he would go out and look at other contractors for a space building, but they need to decide whether they are going to have one or two buildings so they will know where to begin. He said they need to get practical and not have any frivolous things on or in the building.

The Committee then got back to Jeff's Space Needs Assessments and discussed what was and what wasn't in them. A question was brought up. If there were going to be two buildings, which department would get the Dispatcher? The Police? If they did, who would man the Fire Station? It was brought up that clerical was missing out of Jeff's report. Would you have to hire someone else? A discussion then ensued about an elevator – the pros and cons. The Committee then discussed maybe having one building on the property with two floors.

Tracy then brought up the fact that they need to write one Article for both the Fire and Police to hand to the Selectmen when they meet with them on January 8th.

Next up, the Crowley School location. The Committee talked about what could and couldn't be built down there. They talked about the conservation land; sewerage; how big a building, etc.

The Committee mentioned using a steel-framed building, 100' x 120', to be used temporarily, as well as bringing in a Communication trailer to put out in the back of the existing location.

It was then brought up that maybe they now need to have a conceptual design plan made up and not go by the square footage. They need to see what it looks like so they can finally move forward. There's money for this, so let's get a design. Carl Fischer made the motion to have the Architect make a conceptual design and it was seconded by Glenn Fernald.

A question was then asked of Chief Spurr. What would he need for bays? He said he would need five (5) 65' bays and he explained why.

Continuing on, Tracy said she would have both the Fire and Police make a list of what their needs are. Chief Spurr said he would do this. He also mentioned that 284 Bodwell Street was still available for relocation purposes.

Tracy said they need to bring a design; a price tag; and the two options with them when they meet with the Selectmen. It was brought up that they would probably need a floor plan rather than a conceptual design.

When there were no more items on the agenda, Tracy scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, January 6th, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.