

TOWN OF AVON
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE

JUNE 23, 2015

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TOWN CLERK

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Kevin Foster

The Avon Public Safety Building Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Tracy Self. She informed the Committee the election was going to be held on Tuesday, September 15th. She told them that the last ballot they had for the new Public Safety Building was held on September 15th, 2009 – exactly six years ago from this new ballot. At that time 674 people came out to vote with the results being: 459 against and 215 for the new facility. Tracy said she was very concerned about the close vote they had at the last Town Meeting and they needed to get more people on board.

Some of the Committee members said they had heard different things regarding the new building; mainly the residents were concerned about the two departments not being in the same building as it is now. Tracy did mention that the Police are not always in the building; they are usually out and about in the town policing the area. Others did say the building is much too small for both departments and that they do need more room.

Tracy said the agenda for the evening would be:

- 1.) Look into having more coffee hours / luncheons.
- 2.) Send out another *MoneySaver* flyer.
- 3.) Visit the Council on Aging and try and get them involved / out to vote. They need to set up a date to visit them. Elaine Dombrosky said she would stop in to see Jane Hanley to set up a meeting for August.

Tracy asked the Committee when would be a good time to put the flyer in the *MoneySaver*. The Committee agreed that it would be better to do a week night and not a Saturday for the get-

together. It was then suggested that they have the coffee hours at the Fire / Police Station – that way people can actually see the horrible conditions of the existing building.

Social media was next brought up. It's the way to go these days – and you can get to a lot more people. What about a Facebook page? Carl Fischer said he would create the page for them. He could also put his PowerPoint presentation on it too. What about a video tour?

The Committee agreed they should do a couple of coffee hours in August, which would be closer to the election and it would be fresher in people's minds. Also, it was mentioned that they should have a couple of checkers at the voting, as well as people to help out with signs and flyers. It was then asked how they could get people out to register to vote. Maybe they could do it online - they should go to Town Hall and look into it.

When there were no more items to discuss, Tracy said the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.