

## Government Oversight Committee

A meeting of the Government Oversight Committee was held in the Town Hall Hearing Room on Monday, January 14, 2008. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**Present:** Jack Grebe, Jim Hall, Jack Howard, Jessie Mazzur, Charlotte Striebel, Tom Sullivan.

**Absent:** Tom Murphy, Rico Poliseno, Martin Rivero

The minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting, which had been distributed, approved upon motion made by Jack Grebe, seconded by Jack Howard. Vote was unanimous.

Tom Sullivan stated that he had spoken to the Town Clerk regarding the change in time for local elections. She advised that all departments were facing a projected 3% cut in their budget and that by opening the polls at 10:00 AM, would save approximately \$3,000. Jessie asked if this item would be placed on the Warrant. Jack Howard felt that this would affect voters, especially those who work off Cape.

Jack Grebe moved that a letter be sent to the Board of Selectmen voicing our opposition to the proposed action and stating that our committee is looking to increase participation in local elections and that this is not the way to proceed. The motion was seconded by Jack Howard. The vote was unanimous.

The committee discussed the change in the date of the Annual Town Meeting. Tom Sullivan moved that commencing in 2009, the ATM be held on the first Tuesday in May and that the local election be held the following Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Jack Grebe. The vote was unanimous. A letter to this effect must be delivered to the Board of Selectmen by January 24<sup>th</sup> in order to have space held for the Article.

We need to remind the Town Clerk that after Town Meeting begins, only one entrance to the auditorium should be open and a person(s) should be on duty to register late arrivals.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte B. Striebel  
Recorder