

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Government Oversight Committee was held on Jan. 24, 2011 in Town Hall meeting room B. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Jack Grebe, Vice Chairman. A quorum was present.

Present: Ed Voelker, Art Schirch, Jack Howard and Jack Grebe.
Absent: Charlotte Strieble, Tom Murphy, Juliana Biega and Dan Horgan.
Visitor: Harris Contos.

The minutes of the Sept. 20th 2010 meeting were approved after clarification of the posting of the draft copy of the minutes. Jack Grebe stated that the new law only states that the draft copy of the minutes "shall be made available upon request by any person within 10 days".

It was agreed that the election of officers be postponed until all members are present.

The suggested letter to the selectmen regarding the vetting process of town committee applicants was discussed at length. Due to the sensitivity and ramifications of such a letter, it was decided again to wait for a full committee to be present. Points commented on by Harris Contos and committee members were the policy on recruitment applicants, lobbying for candidates, and oversight of the process to assure town policies are being followed.

There was a brief discussion on a code of ethics for the town – should we have one?

Jack Grebe stated that the committee should honor Jessie Mazzur for her 28 years of service as a charter member of the GOC. A citation or proclamation should be presented by the selectmen or the town moderator at the annual town meeting. Jack indicated that it was difficult to get the accomplishments of the committee over the span of so many years. The only source would be to go through 28 annual reports, which is a daunting task. Ed Voelker indicated that he had some historical data that might be useful, but the rest would have to come from the town clerk's office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jack Grebe, Vice Chair
Cc: Town Clerk