

## Government Oversight Committee

A meeting of the Government Oversight Committee was held in the Town Hall Hearing Room on Monday, February 11, 2008. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

**Absent:** Jim Hall, Tom Murphy,

The minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting, which had been distributed, were approved upon motion made by Tom Sullivan, seconded by Jack Howard. Vote was unanimous.

The Chair advised that she had received a copy of "Committee and Board Operating Procedure" which had been approved by the BOS on January 22, 2008, indicating that boards and committees use Roberts Rules of Order for their operating guidelines.

Item #4, regarding alternates not being able to fill an absence of a member unless such absence created a quorum problem, was discussed. The question was raised as to what was the use of having alternates if they could not fill in for an absent member. Following discussion, the members voted unanimously against that particular section of the policy.

It was announced that Martin Rivero had submitted his resignation to Jack Grebe. Jack advised Martin to also submit the resignation, in writing, to the Moderator. For the record, the Chair wrote Martin thanking him for serving on the committee. Possible members were discussed and names will be submitted to the Moderator.

Members have been invited to meet with the Finance Committee this evening (2/11/08) regarding our recommendation to move the ATM to May. There is apparently a negative impact on the School Committee, as the Town of Dennis will hold their meeting on the same date. It was reported that the Town Administrator saw no problem with the two towns holding their meeting on the same day. It was agreed that Tom Sullivan and Jack Howard would attend the meeting and present the committee's view points.

The members discussed whether ballot questions should be placed on the ATM Warrant before being placed on a ballot. This was in regard to the non-binding question on town-wide trash pick-up. Tom Sullivan moved that all ballot questions be presented at ATMs for discussion and approval before being placed on a ballot, and that a change to this affect should be made to the Charter. The motion was seconded by Jack Grebe. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:00 PM. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte B. Striebel  
Recorder