

Government Oversight Committee

A meeting of the Government Oversight Committee was held in the Town Hall Hearing Room on Monday, June 12, 2008. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Present: Jim Hall, Jack Grebe, Jessie Mazzur, Tom Sullivan. Also in attendance Dan Horgan, Town Moderator

Absent: Jack Howard, Tom Murphy, Charlotte Striebel

There was not a quorum present, so no official business was conducted, however there was extensive discussion with Dan Horgan as new Town Moderator.

The membership vacancies on the committee were reviewed. Currently there are two vacancies, with concerns about the membership of Tom Murphy, who term expires Oct. 1, 2008. Jim Hall's term expires on June 30, 2008 and is willing to be reappointed. There was some question about Martin Rivero's name still on the Town Clerk's list when he resigned earlier this year. Dan Horgan will check with the Town Clerk so he knows how many vacancies need to be filled.

Dan suggested that the proposed letter to be sent to the Selectmen requesting a change in the date of town elections to the second Tuesday of May after the first Monday be delayed to a later date to assure that the Annual Town Meeting date in May is finalized.

Dan requested a copy of our Cape-wide survey of town meetings that we took in early 2006. Jack Grebe to provide.

Dan distributed copies of "Charge for the Government Oversight Committee" which outlines the purpose and specific charges to the committee, which was adopted on January 28, 1993.

Other issues were discussed with Dan, including a lottery procedure for the selection of articles, closing time, number of articles on the warrant, TV coverage and pre-ATM meetings on controversial or complex articles.

Dan suggested we have a permanent chair and vice chair or co-chairs. He also expressed his wish to attend two of our meetings a year.

Jack Grebe suggested that Dan be on the distribution list for the minutes of our regular monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Grebe for Charlotte Striebel