

Government Oversight Committee

A meeting of the Government Oversight Committee was held in the Town Hall Hearing Room on Monday, July 14, 2008. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

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

Absent: Jack Howard

New committee members Brian Carey, Kim Doherty, Bob Isadore, Ed Voelker were welcomed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting, which had been distributed, were corrected to include the names of Jack Howard and Charlotte Striebel as being absent. Motion to approve as corrected, was made by Tom Sullivan, seconded by Jack Grebe. Vote was unanimous.

The possibility of bringing civics back into the schools was a topic of discussion. It was noted that Martha's Vineyard had received grant funds for doing this and Kim Doherty stated that a recent issue of *The View* had an article regarding this and would bring her copy for members to review. We were advised that Mattacheese Middle School has a Student Advisory group, which is an after school activity, and members felt this might be a good place to begin a study.

We were also advised that the Lighthouse Charter School has a civic program and has been sending students to our Town Meetings. Charlotte Striebel volunteered to contact the school for more information.

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:30 PM. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte B. Striebel
Recorder