

**Town Meeting has been postponed to:
Tuesday, May 29, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Wilson Middle School**

The Board of Selectmen voted this postponement at their meeting of April 4, 2007.

The decision to postpone Town Meeting was made after extensive consultation with Town Counsel and the Election Division in the Secretary of State's Office regarding irregularities in the March 27, 2007 election of Town Meeting members from Precincts 8 and 9. Specifically, in each of those precincts, a properly nominated candidate for Town Meeting was inadvertently omitted from the ballot.

These irregularities may jeopardize the actions of Town Meeting, because the constitution of the Town Meeting membership, and thus the votes taken by the body, could be called into question even after the Town Meeting is adjourned. To ensure the validity of the votes of Town Meeting, prior to convening Town Meeting it is necessary to hold a special election in Precincts 8 and 9 with all properly nominated Town Meeting candidates listed on the ballot.

Such an election can only be called by order of either the Superior or Supreme Judicial Court and the Board of Selectmen has authorized Town Counsel to seek such an order. It is hoped and anticipated that this order will be issued expeditiously, and that a Special Election will be held, only in Precincts 8 and 9 and only for the election of Town Meeting members, on or about May 22. Thus, Town Meeting has been re-scheduled to May 29.

Please feel free to call the Town Administrator's Office (508-647-6410) or the Town Clerk's Office (508-647-6430) with any questions.

We thank Town Meeting members and the community for their patience and understanding while we work to ensure that a properly constituted Town Meeting is convened at the earliest possible date and that the validity of its votes and actions is secure.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Gloff,
Chair, Board of Selectmen