



**REPORT ON THE WARRANT
FOR THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**AMOS CLARK KINGSBURY HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2015
7:30PM**

Prepared by
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Guidelines for the Conduct of the March 23, 2015 Special Town Meeting

There are 2 Articles for our consideration tonight. We will address these Articles consistent with the printed Proceedings of the Meeting and in the order they appear on the Warrant. Article 1 requires a 2/3 vote for passage. Article 2 also requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

The subject matter of the meeting is limited to the Articles. The Moderator will limit the discussion and debate to the particulars of the Articles. State statutes provide: "The Moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, and make public declaration of all votes."

All non-voting visitors, and residents not duly registered to vote, must be seated in the area designated for visitors.

The Moderator will recognize the Warrant Committee for the purpose of making the Main Motion on each Article. Immediately after the Main Motion, the Moderator will recognize a member of the Warrant Committee for the purpose of providing the Warrant Committee's Report. There will be no requirement of a 'second' from the floor on Main Motions.

As each article of the Warrant is presented, the discussion and the vote are not on the Article as posted, but rather on the Motion that is on the floor for consideration. To avoid confusion, the Moderator will allow only one Motion to Amend be pending on the floor at any one time.

After the Warrant Committee Report, we will have a presentation by the sponsors of the Articles. After Committee presentations, the Selectmen will have an opportunity to state their positions and point of view. The Moderator will then ask Michael Sullivan, Town Administrator, to briefly address each Motion.

For each Article, the Moderator will then open the microphones for those in attendance to specifically, and exclusively, ask questions or seek clarification from the members of the sponsoring committee or board, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, or Town Counsel. This is not the time designated to debate the merits of the Motion or to make a statement expressing support or opposition to the Article.

The Moderator will then open the floor and ask voters wishing to speak to the Town Meeting to go to a designated microphone – proponents of the Motion on the floor will be directed to Microphone #1; and opponents of the Motion on the floor will be directed to Microphone #2. This will allow the Moderator to assess and gauge the need for Town Meeting to hear certain positions, arguments, and points of view. Upon being recognized by the Moderator, the speaker should identify her/himself by name, street address and town office (if any). This speaking opportunity is not a time for lengthy speeches or broad historical reviews – speakers should endeavor to accurately, briefly, and clearly state their positions, make persuasive arguments, bring new and insightful information, and enrich the understanding of the Town Meeting through their comments.

The Moderator may announce and enforce time limits on speakers. The time limits will be at the judgment and discretion of the Moderator. Please do not be offended if you are asked to complete remarks within a limited and defined timeframe. Please appreciate and respect the good faith efforts of the Moderator to balance open and constructive dialogue with the expediency and efficiency required of any well-run meeting.

When the time comes to vote on a Motion or Amendment, it will be the practice of the Moderator to initially take a voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the outcome of a voice vote, the Moderator will then routinely ask for a show of hands. If the Moderator is still in doubt, or wants further verification, then a count by standing vote will be taken. If members of the Town Meeting doubt the ruling of the Moderator on a voice or hand vote, by state statute, any seven voters may demand that a standing vote be taken. Such count shall be administered by the Deputy Moderator. Only one standing count will be taken on each Motion or Amendment. Once the voting procedures commence, no further discussion will be allowed on the Motion until the Moderator declares the outcome of the vote.

All cell phones, portable devices, and pagers should be turned to 'off' or 'silent' throughout the Town Meeting.

Thank you.

TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

Norfolk, ss

To the Constables of the Town of Medfield in Said County, Greetings:

In the Name of the Commonwealth, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Medfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Center at Medfield on Ice House Road in said Medfield on Monday the thirtieth day of March, A.D. 2015 at 6:00 o'clock A.M., then and there to act on the following items:

Article 1. To choose all Town Officers required to be elected annually by ballot, viz:

One Moderator for a term of one year.

One Selectmen, One Town Clerk, One Assessor, One School Committee Member, Two Library Trustees, One Park Commissioner and One Trust Fund Commissioner for three years.

One Member of the Planning Board and One Member of the Housing Authority each for a term of five years.

And, to vote on the following question,

Debt Exclusion Vote

Shall the Town of Medfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to construct, equip, furnish and landscape a public safety building, including associated parking and communications facilities and expenses related to the temporary relocation of the police and fire departments and provision of a parking lot for the staff of Dale Street School, including all costs incidental or related thereto

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PROCEEDINGS

1. Declaration of Quorum and Return of Service
2. National Anthem and Welcome
3. Introductions by Town Moderator
4. Moderator's Guidelines, Review of Proceedings, and Basic Motions

Article 1. Solar Photovoltaic Installation

5. Positive motion from the Warrant Committee on Article 1
 - A majority report from the Warrant Committee
6. Presentation from the Medfield Energy Committee/Board of Water and Sewer
7. Open the floor for factual questions or points of clarification only
8. Open to the floor for debate, discussion and comments
 - Proponents at Microphone #1
 - Opponents at Microphone #2
9. Termination of the floor debate

VOTE on Motion on Article 1 (2/3 vote required)

Article 2. Public Safety Building

10. Positive motion from the Warrant Committee on Article 2
 - A majority report from the Warrant Committee
11. Presentation from the Permanent Planning and Building Committee (PBBC)
12. Comments from Board of Selectmen as Article Co-Sponsors
 - Selectman Peterson, Selectman DeSorgher, Selectman Fisher
13. Open the floor for factual questions or points of clarification only
14. Open to the floor for debate, discussion and comments
 - Proponents at Microphone #1
 - Opponents at Microphone #2
15. Termination of the floor debate

VOTE on Motion on Article 2 (2/3 vote required)

If Motion passes on Article 2 it requires majority vote at the Town Election, March 30, 2015

16. Thank you and Motion for Dissolving of Special Town Meeting

TOWN OF MEDFIELD
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 23, 2015

On Monday, the twenty-third day of March, A.D., 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M. the following Articles will be acted on in the Amos Clark Kingsbury High School gymnasium, located at 88R South Street in said Medfield, viz

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money and determine in what manner said sum shall be raised, for the purpose of designing, constructing and equipping a solar photovoltaic array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including any utility interconnect fees or charges, including all costs incidental or related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

(Water and Sewerage Board and Medfield Energy Committee)

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money and determine in what manner said sum shall be raised for the purpose of constructing, equipping, furnishing and landscaping a Public Safety Building, including associated parking and communications facilities and expenses related to the temporary relocation of the police and fire departments and provision of a parking lot for the staff of the Dale Street School, said building to be located at the site of the present police and fire stations at the intersection of North and Dale Streets, including all costs incidental or related thereto, provided, however, that the appropriation authorized under this article be contingent upon approval of a so called Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, in accordance with Chapter 59, section 21C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen and Permanent Planning and Building Committee)