Warrant Committee of the Town of Medfield

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Members Present: Chairperson, R. Morrill, D. Fischer, D. Hallisey, D. Mozer, J. O'Shaughnessy, S. Pelosi, T. Schlesinger, M. Whalen and J. Shannon

Mr. Morrill called the meeting to order at 7:05

Michael Sullivan (Town Administrator) met with the committee to provide an update on the budget process. Recent information coming out of the state house indicates that a decrease in state aid to the town is a possibility for the 2010 fiscal year. Based on this information, the committee was given an estimated tax levy breakdown under various state aid assumptions. The state aid allocation will probably not be available before February.

The minutes from the previous meeting (November 4) were submitted and approved.

Fire Chief, William Kingsbury, joined the meeting to discuss the budget for fire operations and ambulance for the 2010 FY. The minimum increase requested is primarily the result of the uncertainty of energy costs. Chief Kingsbury does not expect any capital budget requests for FY2010 in light of the economic environment. Salary contract remains under negotiation since the expiration of the last contract two years ago. If an agreement is reached, any past salaries would be due immediately. Any negotiated increases are not included in the suggested budget. Chief Kingsbury offered to be available should additional questions arise.

Frank Perry attended the meeting on behalf of the Assessor's Office. He presented a FY2010 budget to the committee. The suggested budget is level funded from FY 2009.

The committee members spent some time summarizing what had been presented by the guests. The Warrant committee meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Hallisey