

Warrant Committee
Town of Medfield

Medfield Town House
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 7:00 PM

Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chairperson Robert Morrill, David Fischer, Diane Hallisey, Jim O'Shaughnessy, Steve Pelosi, TJ Schlesinger, Maryalice Whalen, Jim Shannon and Deborah Mozer

Mr. Morrill called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the meeting held January 6, 2009 were amended and approved.

Mr. Morrill reported that Mr. Schlesinger, Ms. Whalen and he had attended a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the Building Committee on the previous Thursday evening. It was reported that the meeting was convened to discuss whether and to what extent monies previously approved for site assessment of the Town Garage building project should be spent. It was noted that the Town had submitted an application for funding by the federal government under the terms of economic stimulus legislation currently pending before Congress. Additional discussion was held on general funding from the Commonwealth to Medfield.

Deborah Kelsey, the Administrator of the Town Library joined the meeting. With Ms. Kelsey were Trustees of the Library, i.e., Isabel Palson, Robert Luttman, Maura McNicholas, Jane Ready, and Jim Whalen. Ms. Kelsey and her colleagues discussed the draft budget for the Library for next fiscal year. It was noted that the physical infrastructure of the facilities were in need of major repair, replacement or upgrading, including communication systems, heating, and carpeting. The Committee asked several questions and there was an extended discussion of the Library's operation. The Trustees thereupon excused themselves from the meeting.

Michael Sullivan, Town Administrator, joined the meeting. The Committee and Mr. Sullivan held further discussions on the funding process and how the Town and its departments might react to various scenarios of reduction in state funding.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim O'Shaughnessy