

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

To my friends and neighbors in the Medfield community:

It is springtime in Medfield, so it is my honor and pleasure to invite you to attend our Annual Town Meeting to be held on **Monday evening, April 29, 2019, at 7:00pm in the Amos Clark Kingsbury High School gymnasium**. *Please note that 7:00 pm is our new starting time.*

I urge all our voters to come to our Town Meeting. Our annual meeting is not only one of the proudest traditions of Medfield's heritage, but is also one of the most effective instruments conceived for direct self-government. We are the legislative branch. Our collective determination will continue to set the course for Medfield's future. Our votes and resolutions on April 29 become local laws and regulations. The budgets approved by the Town Meeting will determine the town's operating and capital expenditures in Fiscal Year 2020.

Here in Medfield, we have a special place to call our home. We value education, community, open space, safe streets and homes, the well-being of the young and the old, quality municipal services, and the advancement of local commerce. However, it takes hard work, open communication, and the commitment of many for us to achieve these core objectives. Our Annual Town Meeting, even with all of its imperfections, is the night we gather to speak with one another, deliberate as a law-making body, and demonstrate our pledge to balance and advance the forces that will continue to make Medfield a truly special place. Please join us at Town Meeting and be a part of the hard work, open communication, and commitment to the future.

As for procedures, the law of the Commonwealth provides: "The Moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, and make public declaration of all votes." At the beginning of our meeting on the 29th, I will describe the guidelines for our dialogue and deliberations. My guidance will come from the traditional blend of fairness, prudence, expedience, respectful communication, and consideration of the best interests of the community.

Please carefully review the *Report of the Warrant* and bring it with you to the meeting. The *Report* provides an excellent overview of town finances and the full text of articles under consideration. I look forward to seeing you on Monday evening, April 29.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott
Town Moderator