

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

To my friends in the Medfield Community:

Spring is upon us – the time when the townspeople of Medfield traditionally gather together, as we have for 360 years, to address the important local issues of the day. We are largely a self-reliant group. As with our pioneering forbearers who came out of Dedham to the east banks of the Charles River, we engage ourselves primarily with our work, our families, our homes and our personal interests. Self-reliance, and independent thought and action, are the hallmarks of personal and social advancement. But, in a complimentary way, our success and achievement is also a product of our commitment to common purpose. Our Annual Town Meeting is one important ‘living’ example of that commitment – we meet to provide for the structure and support of tremendously important values: the education for our children, a library and open spaces for all, the well-being of young and the old, municipal services, local commerce, recreation, and safety in our homes and streets.

Therefore, it is my honor and pleasure as your Town Moderator to invite all of the citizens of Medfield to attend our Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday evening April 26, 2010 at 7:30PM at the Medfield High School gymnasium. I encourage you to come and participate. It is an extraordinary exercise of self-governance and community participation.

Last year we gathered as a Town in a climate of economic volatility and instability – in the previous months we had witnessed the unraveling of prominent financial institutions, the transformation of the governmental and business landscape, and we all harbored feelings of some degree of social discomfort and uncertainty. In 2010, many of the feelings persist – and many of the consequences of the economic downturn and financial uncertainty directly impact the Town of Medfield. Our capacity to provide for the common purpose is now focused on the fundamental services, programs and initiatives of the Town. Our 2010 Town Meeting agenda, and our operating budget, reflect both theses economic realities and the focus on our core commitments.

I ask that you review this Report on the 2010 Warrant – and please bring your copy with you to the Town Meeting as a “scorecard” as we address the warrant articles and the Town’s operating budget. I look forward to seeing you on Monday evening, April 26 at the high school. Come, enjoy,

and participate, where the principles of self-reliance find their voice in the most democratic form of self-government, and where common purpose find's its voice in community.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott
Town Moderator