

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

To the Medfield Community:

In the year since we last gathered for our Annual Town Meeting, we have experienced – in fact, the world has experienced -- economic volatility and instability, the unraveling of prominent institutions, accelerated governmental and political transformation, and rising levels of social uncertainty. Yet, within this climate of doubt and change, the townspeople of Medfield will do just what we have been doing for over 350 years – we will come together on June 1st for a Common Purpose. Just as we have through the ups and downs of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries – through revolutions and civil wars, through economic growth and turmoil, through periods of amazing industrial and technological triumphs and disappointments, and through periods of social achievement and strain – the citizens of Medfield will meet in an extraordinary exercise of self-governance and community participation. And why? Our Common Purpose. That is, to advance the interests of our town; to preserve the quality of our lives; and to consider what is possible among neighbors and friends. This is the power of sharing such a bond – to quality education, safe streets, open space, the well-being of the young and the old, municipal services, and commerce and recreation. The Town Meeting, even with all of its imperfections, is the night when we gather and demonstrate our commitment to the business of being a community with a Common Purpose.

Therefore, it is my honor and pleasure, for the seventh time, to invite all of the citizens of Medfield to attend our Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday evening June 1, 2009 at 7:30PM at the Medfield High School Gymnasium. I encourage you to come and participate.

I ask that you review this Report on the 2009 Warrant – and please bring your copy with you to the Town Meeting as a “scorecard” as we address the warrant articles. I look forward to seeing you on June 1st at the high school. Come, enjoy and be a witness to our Common Purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott
Town Moderator