

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR

To the Medfield Community:

If all politics are local, then we are privileged. The format of our classic New England open Town Meeting invites every voter in Medfield to be a distinguished, participating member of our local legislature. In Medfield we embrace a rich tradition of neighbors coming together on the last Monday in April to enact local laws, address appropriations and establish town policies.

Through the circulation of this Report on the 2007 Warrant, I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday evening April 30 at 7:30PM at the Medfield High School gymnasium. The gymnasium is a meeting venue where we can enjoy being together in one room as we discuss, debate and decide the issues of the day. As usual we have a robust agenda. I will do my best to guide the meeting, and balance deliberation and expediency, as we conduct the Town's 2007 business. I understand that an open town meeting format seems imperfect -- sometimes inefficient, cumbersome or messy -- but I endorse Thomas Jefferson's sentiment that it has proved itself a very wise invention for exercising the art of self-government. And we are reminded every day in the news not to take for granted the precious rights and privileges of self-government.

Please review this Report on the 2007 Warrant -- and then bring it with you to the Town Meeting as your scorecard of warrants and articles. I look forward to seeing you on the 30th. If it is determined that we cannot conduct the town's business in one evening, we will reconvene on Tuesday evening, May 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott
Town Moderator