

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR

To the Medfield Community:

April in Medfield means spring blossoms and town meeting. Through this *Report on the 2006 Warrant*, I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will have a new “feel” this year – since we will be holding the meeting for the first time at our wonderful new high school auditorium. Once again, Medfield’s heritage of democracy and self-governance shall be put into action. Since the frontier days of 1651, we, as townspeople, have met to address the important issues of the day. I encourage your attendance at Town Meeting; I invite you to be a participant in this year’s financial, strategic and operational discussions and decisions.

The law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts says: “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 24th, I will briefly summarize the “rules” governing our dialogue and deliberations. As with the past 4 years, my guidance will come from a traditional blend of fairness, prudence and expedience. We all prize respectful, informative communication that speaks to the best interests of our community; but, with the persistent need to balance deliberation with expediency, we will require reasonable time limitations on discussion. Certain warrant articles will be addressed at the beginning of the meeting or in a specific order due to their type or interdependency. The order of the majority of the articles will be determined by lottery. If it is determined that we cannot conduct the town’s business in one evening, we will reconvene on Tuesday evening, April 25.

Please review this *Report on the 2006 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 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott  
Moderator