

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR

To the Medfield Community:

Welcome to town meeting season. Through this *Report on the 2005 Warrant*, I have the honor and pleasure of inviting you, and urging you, to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amos Clark Kingsbury High School gymnasium. We once again celebrate Medfield's heritage of self-governance: established in 1651; exercised in earnest through the pioneering and colonial periods of the 18th century; carried forth through the town's growth and evolution in 19th and 20th centuries; and rekindled again by us this month.

The community greatly appreciates your participation in Town Meeting. It is our chosen forum to address the important financial, strategic and operational responsibilities associated with living in, and continually building, such an excellent community. And, importantly, from this forum our collective determinations become the laws, regulations, budgets and initiatives of Medfield.

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." Therefore, at the beginning of our meeting on the 25th, I will describe the "rules" governing our dialogue and deliberations. Guidance will come from the established, traditional blend of: fairness, prudence and expedience; respectful, informative communication; and consideration of the best interests of the community. As usual, the constant need to balance due consideration with due expediency will require a reasonable time limitation on some 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 26.

Please review this *Report on the 2005 Warrant* and please bring it with you to the Town Meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott F. McDermott
Moderator