



THE TOWNHOUSE MINUTE

JANUARY 2026



A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to the very first edition of **The Townhouse Minute**, the monthly newsletter from the Town Administrator's Office. This publication is designed to keep residents informed and engaged with the latest town news, updates, and important announcements. Each month, The Townhouse Minute will share information from town departments, boards, and committees to help keep you connected to what's happening in Medfield.

Kristine Trierweiler
Town Administrator

If you are part of a town department or committee and would like to submit content for the February issue, please email Kamryn Smith, ksmith@medfield.net.

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FY27 BUDGET

FY2027 Budget Development Underway

The Town of Medfield is actively preparing the FY2027 Annual Budget, a multi-month process that supports essential town services, school operations, and long-term financial planning.

Budget development began in fall 2025, with budget information and updates posted on the Town's website.

Key Dates Ahead (Spring 2026)



March 30, 2026

Annual Town Election



March 31, 2026

Town Meeting Warrant Hearing
(Not less than 30 days prior to Town Meeting)



April 6, 2026

Town Meeting Warrant to print



April 23, 2026

Town Meeting Warrant mailed to all households



May 4, 2026

Annual Town Meeting

FY27 Budget Outlook Highlights

Early projections estimate:

As of January 27, the FY27 Forecasted Revenue was **\$76,015,047**, allowing for a **1.8% increase** over FY26 for Town and School Operating Budgets.

More details and budget materials are available online.

Upcoming Warrant Committee Meetings



● **Tuesday, Feb 10, 2026** - 6:00 PM
Chenery Hall/Remote

● **Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026** - 6:00 PM
Chenery Hall/Remote

More dates & details are available online.

<https://www.town.medfield.net/>

Stay Informed

Residents can review the FY27 budget calendar, meeting presentations, and future updates online:

FY2027 Budget Information Page

www.town.medfield.net/2424/FY2027-Budget

Your Participation Matters

The annual budget helps shape the services Medfield provides every day.

We encourage residents to stay informed and participate in upcoming hearings and Annual Town Meeting this spring.



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TOWN CLERK

2026 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, March 30, 2026

The following positions are open for nomination:

- **One Select Board member** for a term of three years
- **One Moderator** for a term of three years
- **One Assessor** for a term of three years
- **Two School Committee members** for a term of three years
- **Two Library Trustees** for a term of three years
- **One Planning Board member** for a term of five years
- **Two Parks and Recreation Commissioner** for a term of three years
- **One Housing Authority member** for a term of four years



Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office starting on December 15, 2025. (1st floor of Town House). Nomination papers require 50 signatures of Medfield registered voters per candidate and are due back to the Town Clerk's office by **February 2, 2026 at 5:00 pm.** Please note that last day to register to vote for this election is Friday, March 20, 2026 at 5:00pm.

2026 Annual Town Census

The Town Clerk's Office will mail the **2026 Annual Town Census** to Medfield households during the first part of the New Year. Residents are encouraged to complete and return the census promptly to ensure town records remain accurate and up to date.

The census is required by **Massachusetts General Law (Chapter 51, Section 4)** and is used by the Board of Registrars to verify and update the name, address, age, and occupation of all residents three years of age and older in preparation for the Annual Street List.

Please note: Completing the census does not register you to vote.

Completed census forms may be returned by mail or placed in the drop box located behind Town Hall.

Dog License Information (Included with Census)

The 2026 Annual Town Census will include a dog license application.

To obtain a dog license, residents must submit:

- Proof of a current rabies vaccination
- A \$10 check made payable to the Town of Medfield
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope so the license can be mailed back to you

Residents who prefer to pay online may do so by visiting:

www.town.medfield.net/149/Town-Clerk

Please note: The Town Clerk's Office does not accept cash.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office

Medfield Town House, 1st Floor

(508) 906-3048

<https://www.town.medfield.net/149/Town-Clerk>



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, the Medfield Fire Department responded to a total of **1,688 incidents**, reflecting the continued high demand for emergency services across the community. Of these calls, **972 were emergency medical and rescue responses**, making up **58%** of all responses, and **716 were fire-related calls** including structure fires, hazardous conditions, and alarms.

Total Responses in 2025

1,688

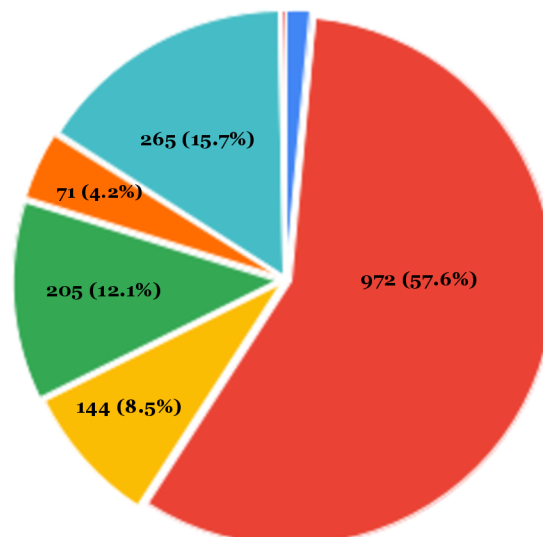
↑ **13% Increase from 2024**

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Fire	26
Rescue & Emergency	972
Hazardous Condition	144
Service Call	205
Good Intent Call	71
False Alarm	265
Severe Weather	1
Special Incident	4

CALL BREAKDOWN

- Fire
- Rescue & Emergency
- Hazardous Condition
- Service Call
- Good Intent Call
- False Alarm
- Severe Weather
- Special Incident





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FACILITIES

Construction of the Council on Aging Garage commenced at the start of the new year. The contractor has completed a portion of the site work, foundations, and slab placement prior to the heavy winter weather. They will look to continue on with construction of the building shell in the coming weeks. The project is expected to be completed by the end of April 2026.

COUNCIL ON AGING GARAGE UPDATE



MEDFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

JANUARY UPDATE



For a quick update of the SBC meeting on 1/7 please watch this short [video](#). To receive our monthly newsletter with more update information: [SBC Updates](#)

At the January meeting the SBC planned out the hiring of an OPM (Owner's Project Manager). The OPM will be in charge of helping the SBC in all aspects of the future building project. There will be 6 members from the SBC on the OPM Hiring Subcommittee. You can view all the documents related to the MSBA on the Medfield Town website in the [Medfield School Building Committee section](#).

We hope to finalize the OPM decision in early April. Once an OPM is in place, we begin to make the many decisions needed over the next several months to complete a future successful building project. We strongly encourage the community to stay engaged and provide as much feedback as possible!

PARK & RECREATION UPDATE

The SBC has been asked how the future building project impacts Park & Rec. Park and Rec moved out of the Pfaff center over a year ago when the building was condemned. When the SBC begins the design process (hopefully this May), we will consider as many options on the Dale Street property as possible. Those options will include the Pfaff Center land if the Park and Rec Department decides they don't want to use the land. At the [Select Board meeting on 1/6/2026](#), Park & Rec gave an excellent update for a future Community Center.

Winter Stormwater Reminder: Salt & Deicing

As winter weather continues, residents are reminded that snow and ice management practices can impact local waterways. Salt, sand, and other deicing materials that enter storm drains flow directly to rivers and streams without treatment. To help protect water quality, residents and property managers are encouraged to shovel early and often, use salt only where surfaces are icy or slippery, avoid piling snow near storm drains, and sweep up excess salt once ice has melted. Small actions taken during winter storms can make a meaningful difference in protecting Medfield's waterways.





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MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

Medfield Receives **\$4.5 Million** Additional State Grant

The Town of Medfield is excited to announce that the Healey-Driscoll Administration has awarded Medfield an **additional \$4.5 million** through the FY26 HousingWorks Infrastructure Program (HWIP) to support the Medfield State Hospital Redevelopment Project.

This increase brings Medfield's total FY26 award to \$5.5 million. With three consecutive HWIP awards in FY24, FY25, and FY26, the Commonwealth has now provided a total of \$10,486,600 in infrastructure funding to help advance this important redevelopment effort.



With gratitude from the Town

The Town extends its sincere thanks to the **Healey-Driscoll Administration, Secretary of Housing Edward M. Augustus Jr., Senator Rebecca L. Rausch, Representative Joshua Tarsky, Representative Marcus S. Vaughn, and the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities** for their continued support of Medfield's redevelopment and housing initiatives.

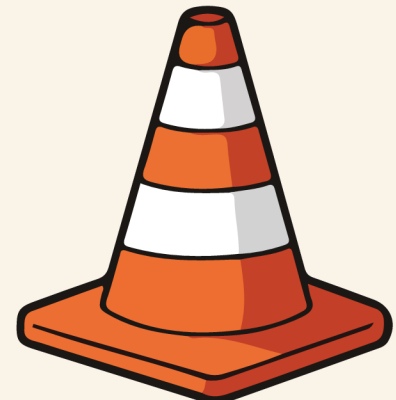
Offsite Construction Notice: Intersection Improvements

The Town of Medfield would like to inform residents of upcoming roadway and utility work in the Hospital Road area near the Medfield State Hospital campus.

Construction will take place at intersections involving **Hospital Road**, including connections with **Harding Street, Cottage Street, and Stonegate Drive**. Work may include excavation, utility installation, and roadway restoration.

Construction is expected to continue through **April 10, 2026**, with work generally occurring **Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–4:00 PM**, weather permitting.

Residents may notice construction vehicles, noise, dust, and traffic delays. Access to certain roadways or intersections may be temporarily closed during work. The Town and its contractors will work to minimize disruptions.





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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Photovoice Gallery

MEDFIELD OUTREACH/MEDFIELD CARES ABOUT PREVENTION (MCAP)

Over 50 students, parents, Town leaders, and community members attended the Medfield Photovoice gallery on January 22nd, showcasing MHS students' photographic reflections on the many positive and negative health influences in their everyday surroundings.

The project was the culmination of a months-long collaboration between Medfield Outreach/Medfield Cares About Prevention (MCAP), Medfield High School, the Bellforge Arts Center, and Medfield TV. Students were trained in the fundamentals of risk and protective factors and had the opportunity to receive a free professional photography lesson before embarking on the project.

The gallery showcased students' artistic works with their reflective captions designed to inspire dialogue and promote understanding of student perspectives on wellness. Attendees also heard musical accompaniment from the Medfield Guitar Club as well as spoken reflections from MCAP coordinator Krissy King and MHS junior Christopher Unger.

For those who were not able to attend, the digital gallery will be available for viewing through Medfield TV this spring.



Junior Scouts with Medfield Fire Department

Junior Scouts Learn Safety & First Aid from Medfield Fire Department

A group of Medfield Junior Girl Scouts (4th and 5th grade) recently participated in an outstanding safety and first aid program led by the Medfield Fire Department. With approximately 14 scouts in attendance, the group was engaged from start to finish—asking thoughtful questions and learning valuable basics they can use every day. The visit made a lasting positive impression and helped strengthen connections between the scouts and the department. Thank you to everyone who helped make this program happen!



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BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The **Select Board** is seeking volunteers who are interested in serving on a Town board or committee. Residents who wish to participate are encouraged to **submit a letter of interest** to the **Assistant to the Town Administrator Kamryn Smith** at ksmith@medfield.net.

Boards and committees also welcome associate members, which can be a great way to get involved.

Boards & Committees Currently Seeking Members

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| • Affordable Housing Trust | • Medfield Historic District Commission |
| • Board of Health | • Medfield Outreach Advisory Board |
| <i>Associate Member</i> | • Medfield Wildlife Committee |
| • Board of Water and Sewerage | • Memorial Day Committee |
| <i>Associate Member</i> | • Permanent Planning and Building Committee |
| • Committee to Study Memorials | • Town Greeter |
| • Community Gardens Committee | |
| • Kingsbury Pond Committee | |

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Administrative Municipal Collections Assistant to the Treasurer/Collector**
- **Energy Manager**
- **Firefighter/Paramedic**
- **Full-Time Payroll/Benefits Coordinator**

View current job openings & apply online at
<https://www.town.medfield.net/Jobs.aspx>

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Medfield is now accepting applications for **unpaid Summer 2026 internships** for high school and college students. College credit may be available.

Apply at <https://www.town.medfield.net/2266/Internships>

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Town House will be closed on **Monday, February 16** in observance of **Presidents Day**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Health

- Tues, Feb 10, 2026 · 5:30 PM · Remote

Conservation Commission

- Thurs, Feb 5, 2026 · 7:00 PM · Remote

Council On Aging

- Wed, Feb 4, 2026 · 9:30 AM · Center @ Medfield

Medfield Energy Committee

- Wed, Feb 11, 2026 · 7:00 PM · Remote

Medfield Historical Commission

- Tues, Feb 11, 2026 · 7:30 PM · Remote

Medfield Outreach Advisory Board

- Mon, Feb 2, 2026 · 7:00 PM · Medfield Outreach Office

Planning Board

- Mon, Feb 2, 2026 · 7:00 PM · Remote
- Tues, Feb 10, 2026 · 7:30 PM · Remote

School Building Committee

- Wed, Feb 4, 2026 · 7:00 PM · 1st Floor, Public Safety Building/Remote

Select Board

- Tues, Feb 3, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Chenery Hall/Remote
- Tues, Feb 17, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Chenery Hall/Remote

Transfer Station & Recycling Committee

- Mon, Feb 2, 2026 · 6:30 PM · Department of Public Works

Sign Advisory Board

- Mon, Feb 2, 2026 · 7:00 PM · Remote

Warrant Committee

- Tues, Feb 10, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Chenery Hall/Remote
- Tues, Feb 24, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Chenery Hall/Remote

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Wed, Feb 4, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Remote
- Wed, Feb 25, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Remote

**Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please visit <https://www.town.medfield.net/> for the most up-to-date information.*

STAY CONNECTED

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Never miss a meeting again! Sign up for emails/texts from your favorite boards and committees

Sign up for important emergency alerts from the Town!

