



TOWN OF MEDFIELD

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Town Moderator

To my friends and neighbors in the Medfield community:

On Tuesday evening, the voters of our town will gather for a **Special Town Meeting** to determine if we will authorize the sale and disposition of a portion of the property at the former Medfield State Hospital to a chosen development partner, Trinity Financial. I invite, encourage, and urge all Medfield voters to attend this important and strategic legislative meeting.

Tuesday, June 21, at 6:00pm at the Amos Clark Kingsbury High School.

- The meeting's main venue will be the high school gymnasium. We will also provide an outdoor venue under a tent adjacent to the main entrance of the high school. Children are permitted to accompany parents and are encouraged to sit within this outdoor venue. Finally, a socially distanced, air-conditioned option for seniors will be located in the high school's library.
- All registered voters in Medfield are eligible to attend the meeting, participate in the proceedings, and vote on the two Articles open for consideration. The sale and disposition of the land requires a two-thirds vote.
- Registration of voters for the Special Town Meeting begins at 5:15pm. Registration is at the main entrance to the high school
- The Town of Medfield website www.town.medfield.net has a highly informative and comprehensive library of presentations, meetings, videos, proposals, and answers to FAQ's.
- The Moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, and make public declaration of the votes.

On Tuesday night our collective judgment will set the course for Medfield's future. We gather as the town's legislative body. Consistent with our heritage, we use the open town meeting format of direct, democratic, participatory self-government as the instrument for making such a significant decision. We will discuss, debate, and deliberate – and then we will decide.

Since the closure of the former state hospital in 2003, many, many of our friends and neighbors have devoted an immeasurable amount of time and effort planning for Medfield's future and the future of this unique property. We met in a Special Town Meeting in 2014 voting to acquire the land and buildings from the Commonwealth. Then we gathered community input and prepared a comprehensive Master Plan; and we met again in a Special Town Meeting in 2019 to pass zoning provisions for the property.

No matter how you feel about the ultimate determination, I urge you to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm. Participate -- choose to be a member of the town's governing legislature. I hope to see you at the high school.

Finally, I want to wish everyone in Medfield a great summer of 2022. The last couple of years have been challenging for our community. But the warm nights and long days of a New England summer provide us all the perfect occasion to enjoy, refresh, relax, renew, and re-energize. Have a great summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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