Some benefits and concerns shared by attendees…

Benefits:

- Revenue from sale of the property (but split with the state) could be used to help lower the cost of the Dale Street School project;
- Ongoing property tax revenue;
- The need for indoor court space (especially noted by a Medfield Youth Basketball representative) that could also be used for other recreational purposes;
- An urgent need to give Parks & Recreation more permanent space due to Pfaff closure;
- Long-overdue need for an all-ages community center that provides programs beyond what the Pfaff has been able to offer; and
- The opportunity to realize other recreation projects, such as a disc gold course.

Concerns:

- Loss of open space, destruction of the pastoral beauty of the site, and impact on wetlands and wildlife;
- Destruction or removal of historic assets (from former Medfield State Hospital) or other negative impacts to the historic site might endanger the historic tax credits on which Trinity Financial is relying for redevelopment of the main campus across the road;
- Not wanting a building that fronts Hospital Road;
- Lack of town control over the site once the building is sold;
- Increased traffic (especially after Bellforge Arts Center opens and Trinity housing is built);
- Promises of community use of basketball courts may not be realized if more profitable revenue-producing rentals are prioritized; and
- Lack of clarity on the parameters for a request for proposal to ensure others (such as Bellforge) would not be excluded.