

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 2021
VIRTUAL AGENDA
7 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes of Nov. 16, 2021
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN FORUM
4. 7:05 P.M. FY22 TAX RATE HEARING
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. COVID
 - B. ARPA Funding
 - C. Request for Dangerous Dog Hearing
 - D. Hybrid Meetings
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Allyson Garcia School Committee Resignation Letter
7. ADJOURN

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOV. 16, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, Member Chris Geraghty, Clerk Carol Constant, member Andrea Miles, and Town Administrator Lisa Wong.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Etelman motioned to approve the draft minutes of Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 2021. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Constant – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Aye

Cyr – Aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Constant offered her gratitude and thanks for the Veterans' Day ceremony and accompanying video. Miles reminded the public about Curative COVID-19 testing every Saturday at town hall.

ONE-DAY BEER & WINE LICENSE REQUEST

Miles motioned to approve the One-Day Beer & Wine License request from Willits Hallowell for Nov. 19, 2021 at the art museum lobby. Constant seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Constant – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Aye

Cyr – Aye

PRECINCT REDISTRICTING

Etelman motioned that the Selectboard of South Hadley vote to accept as presented the 2020 Re-precincting Plan for the Town of South Hadley, including the map, legal description, and block listings as presented. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Constant – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Aye

Cyr – Aye

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Cyr and Wong highlighted a visit from Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Keneally and Undersecretary of Community Development Ashley Stolba to discuss the town's Local Rapid Recovery Plan on Nov. 10.

Miles and Cyr noted they appreciate the Weekly Wrap-Up Wong sends out each week.

For the full Town Administrator's Report, see the Nov. 16, 2021 Selectboard Packet on the town website.

ADJOURN

Miles motioned to adjourn. Constant seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Constant – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Aye

Cyr – Aye

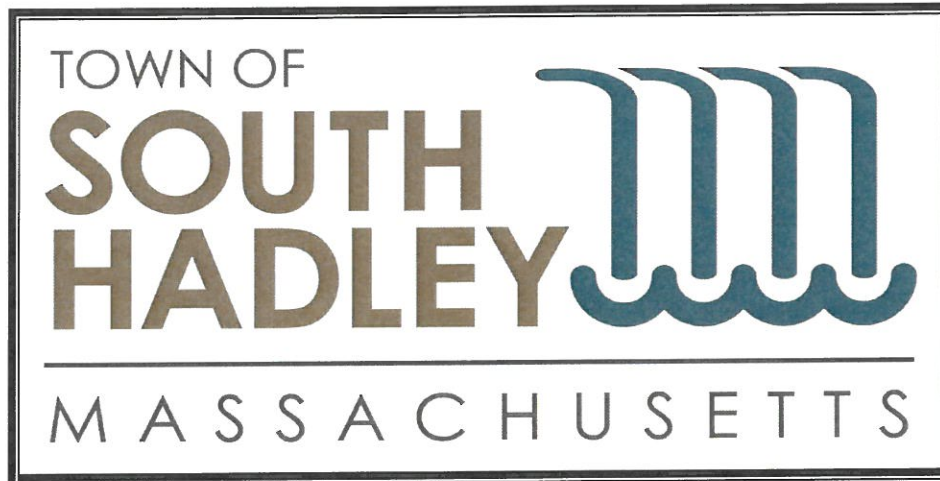
The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration

Tax Rate Motion

I motion to adopt a factor of 1 for all classes of property in the town of South Hadley for Fiscal Year 2022.

12/1/2021



Fiscal 2022 Tax Classification

PUBLIC HEARING ON
CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:05 P.M.
IN THE SELECTBOARD'S MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
CONDUCTED BY:

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY:

SELECTBOARD
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, F.D. #1
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, F.D. #2

Packet Contents:

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Analysis of average tax bill

14. Single Family
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Overview of Classification

Cities and Towns that are certified as assessing property at full and fair cash value may elect to shift the tax burden among the major property classes within certain limits established by law. The adoption of different rates does not change the total property tax levy; rather it determines the share of the total levy to be borne by each class.

The share of the levy raised by the Commercial and Industrial classes and Personal Property (CIP) may be increased 50% as long as the Residential and Open space (R&O) classes raise at least 65% of what they would have raised without the shift.

The “minimum residential factor” established by the Commissioner of Revenue is used to make certain that the shift of the tax burden complies with the Classification Act. If the minimum residential factor would be less than .65, the community cannot make the maximum shift and must use a CIP factor of less than 1.50.

An *Open Space Discount*, a *Residential Exemption* and a *Small Commercial Exemption* may also be chosen by communities. The choice of either or both of these first two affects the tax rate of Residential property, whether a community chooses to shift more to the CIP classes or not. The third option affects the tax rate of the commercial and industrial classes. The alternatives are considered and voted on annually by the Board of Selectmen.

Open Space Discount

What is open space?

- Open Space is defined as land maintained in an open or natural condition which contributes significantly to the benefit and enjoyment of the public.
- Exclusions:
 1. Land taxable under Chapter 61, 61A, 61B
 2. Land under a permanent conservation restriction
 3. Land held for production of income

The law allows a community to provide tax relief to the open space properties by shifting to the Residential class an amount up to a maximum of 25% of the residential factor.

In the past the Town has used an open space factor of 100%, which resulted in an equal tax rate for Open Space and Residential properties.

For fiscal 2022 the town has 16 properties classified as open space, with a combined valuation of \$365,600, of which there are 15 parcels that this discount could possibly affect.

Currently, there is one community within the Commonwealth that has adopted this exemption, however it is not implemented, nor does anyone apply.

If the Selectboard implemented this discount at the maximum of 25%, the tax rate for the Open Space class of property would decrease to \$12.36. The tax rates for Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Personal classes of property would remain at \$16.45 as the difference in the reallocation of the levy is minimal and would instead come out of the overlay account.

Residential Exemption

- Applied to every residential property which is owner-occupied
- At the option of the Selectboard, an exemption of not more than 35% of the average assessed value of all Class 1, Residential parcels may be applied to residential parcels that are the principal residence of the property owner.
- Dollar value of the exemption is subtracted from the assessed value of every eligible property
- Exclusions:
 1. Accessory land incidental to a residential use
 2. Seasonal homes
 3. Residential property not occupied by its owner

In the case of South Hadley, the figure would be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \frac{\$ 1,727,170,944}{\text{Class 1 Value}} & / & 6,887 \text{ Parcels} = \frac{\$ 250,787}{\text{Avg. Cl. 1 Value}} \\
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 \frac{\$ 250,787}{\text{Avg. Cl. 1 Value}} & \times & 35\% = \frac{\$ 87,775}{\text{Max Residential Exemption}}
 \end{array}$$

The approximate *number of owner-occupied primary residences* is $6,364 \times \$ 87,775 = \$ 558,600,100$. The granting of the Residential Exemption does not change the burden of the levy on the Residential Class. Therefore, the tax rate within the Residential Class will be increased accordingly. The effect is to increase the taxes on vacant land and accessory land to the primary residences, as well as non-owner-occupied homes. The effect to the tax rate would be as follows:

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Exemption</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Class 1 Residential -	558,600,100	1,168,570,844	24.31
Class 2 Open Space -	None	} } } }	16.45
Class 3 Commercial -	None		
Class 4 Industrial -	None		
Class 5 Personal -	None		

The overall effect of the Residential Exemption on a variety of properties is shown below:
 An **owner-occupied** primary residence valued at \$100,000 with the residential exemption applied, would go from \$ 1,645.00 to \$ 297.19 which would be a *decrease* of (\$ 1,347.81).
 A **non-owner-occupied** residence valued at \$100,000 with no residential exemption would go from \$ 1,645.00 to \$ 2,431.00 which would be an *increase* of \$ 786.00.
 A **vacant parcel** of land valued at \$50,000 would go from \$ 822.50 to \$ 1,215.50 which would be an *increase* of \$ 393.00.
 An **accessory parcel** of land valued at \$20,000 would go from \$ 329.00 to \$ 486.20 which would be an *increase* of \$ 157.20.

For fiscal 2022 approximately 1481 properties would have an increase in tax if adopted. Currently there are 15 communities within the Commonwealth that have adopted this exemption.

Small Commercial Exemption

- At the option of the Selectboard, any percent of valuation up to a 10% exemption may be adopted
- Business must have an average of 10 or fewer employees (DET mails list of eligible businesses to Assessors annually)
- Tax burden is shifted to the Commercial & Industrial classes (NOT Personal Property)
- Property must have a valuation of less than \$1,000,000
- Applies to class 3 (Commercial), 600-800 (Chapter land) and Mixed Use
- Assessors calculate impact and tax rates
- Can be used with other classification options
 1. Separate CIP rate becomes 2 rates: 1 C & I, 1 Personal Property
 2. Residential Exemption, Open Space Discount not affected

For fiscal 2022, 40 parcels would possibly be eligible to receive this exemption. If this exemption were to be adopted at the maximum rate of 10%, the tax rates for Commercial and Industrial property classes would be \$16.65. (Residential, Open Space and Personal Property tax rates would remain unchanged at \$16.45)

Currently there are 14 communities within the Commonwealth that have adopted this exemption.

Classification Considerations

1. Consider the percentage of Commercial & Industrial (C & I) properties as compared to Residential (R).
 - Will an increased tax burden on C & I significantly lower the R tax burden?
2. What is the mix of C & I properties?
 - How much is big business?
 - How much is small business? (Mom & Pop stores)
3. Will it adversely affect small businesses and drive them out of the community?
4. Will it slow big business development?
5. Does business significantly contribute in a non-tax way to the community?
6. Are the businesses of the type that require extraordinary municipal services?
7. Is the timing proper for the move to a multiple tax rate?
8. Will a shift to the C & I maintain or increase the relative or historical share of the tax burden?
9. Is it a matter of principle or economics?

Fiscal 2022

<u>PROPOSED Tax Rates:</u>		<u>Rate</u>	<u>% change</u>
Fiscal 2021 rates: \$17.22 \$ 2.24 \$ 2.58	Town	\$16.45	-4.5 %
	FD #1	\$ 2.03	-9.4 %
	FD #2	\$ 2.53	-1.9 %
<i>New Growth</i>		\$ 245,035.00	
<i>Tax Levy</i>		\$ 30,952,028.03	
<i>Debt Exclusion Total</i>		\$ 1,033,485.00	
<i>Maximum Allowable Levy Limit</i>		\$ 30,956,564.00	
<i>Excess Levy Capacity</i>		\$ 4,535.97	
MRF = <u>95.54%</u> Rate <u>\$ 16.45</u> R&O <u>91.8130%</u> CIP <u>8.1870%</u>			

<u>%</u>	<u>R&O</u>	<u>CIP</u>	<u>Res Factor</u>
100-----	16.45	16.45	100.00%
110-----	16.30	18.10	99.11%
120-----	16.16	19.74	98.22%
130-----	16.01	21.39	97.32%
140-----	15.86	23.03	96.43%
150-----	15.72	24.68	95.54%

Example: \$100,000 property value

<u>%</u>	<u>Res tax (decr)</u>		<u>Comm (+ incr)</u>	
100-----	1,645	(0)	1,645	(0)
110-----	1,630	(15)	1,810	+180
120-----	1,616	(29)	1,974	+358
130-----	1,601	(44)	2,139	+538
140-----	1,586	(59)	2,303	+717
150-----	1,572	(73)	2,468	+896

Maximum decrease on a residential \$100,000 property (**\$ 73**)

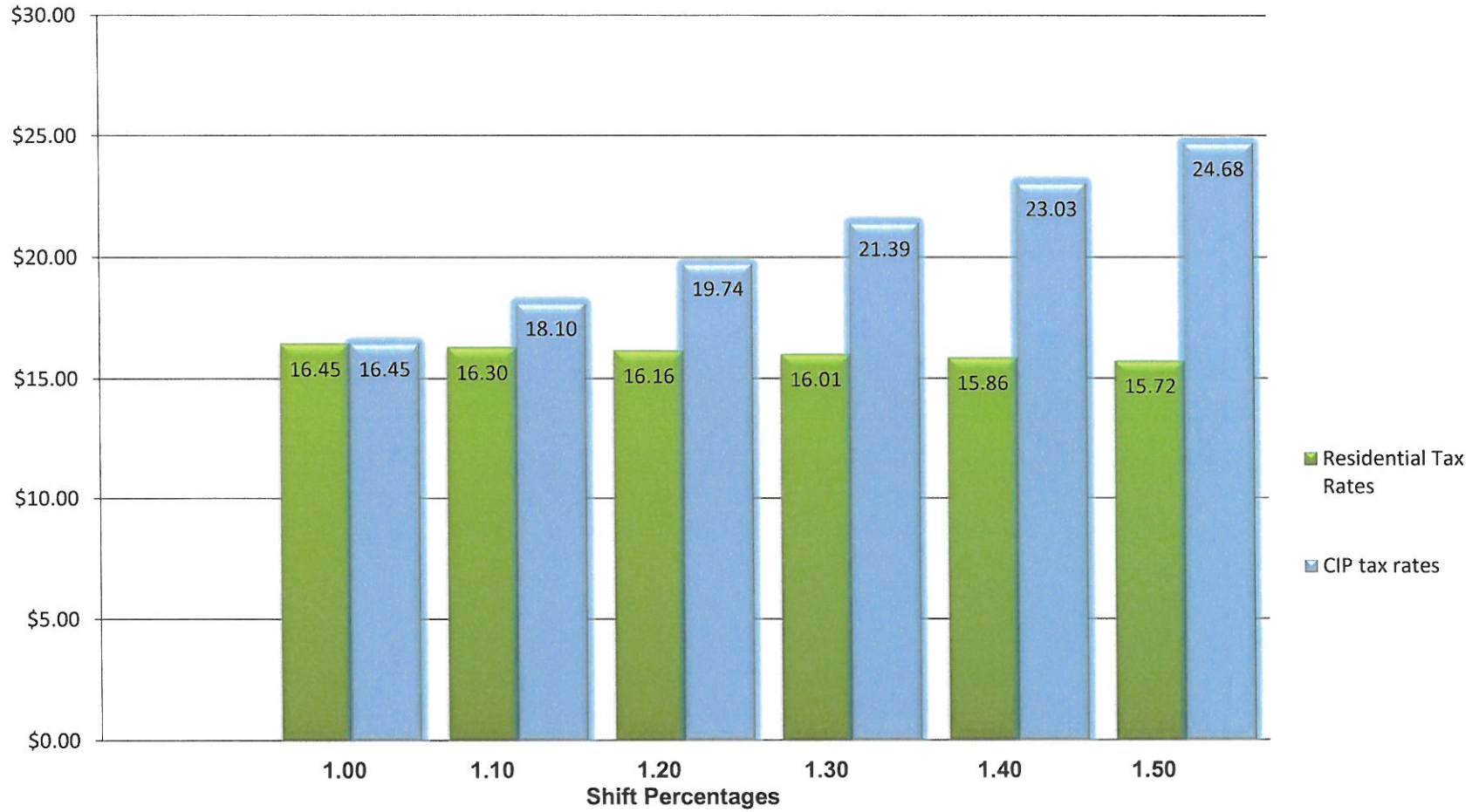
Maximum increase on a commercial/industrial \$100,000 property **\$ 896**

(The average value of a commercial/industrial property is \$349,800)

(The average value of a single-family home is \$300,300)

Tax Rates per 1,000

Tax Rate Alternatives -- Town of South Hadley



MassDOR - Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Division of Local Services
What If ... Scenario Worksheet for FY 2022

South Hadley - 275

CLASS	VALUE	%	
Residential	1,727,170,944	91.7936	R & O %
Open Space	365,600	0.0194	91.8130
Commercial	69,922,005	3.7161	
Industrial	42,714,500	2.2701	C I P %
Personal Property	41,409,202	2.2008	8.1870
Total	1,881,582,251	100.0000	

CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS

- Residential Exemption
- Small Commercial Exemption
- Open Space Discount

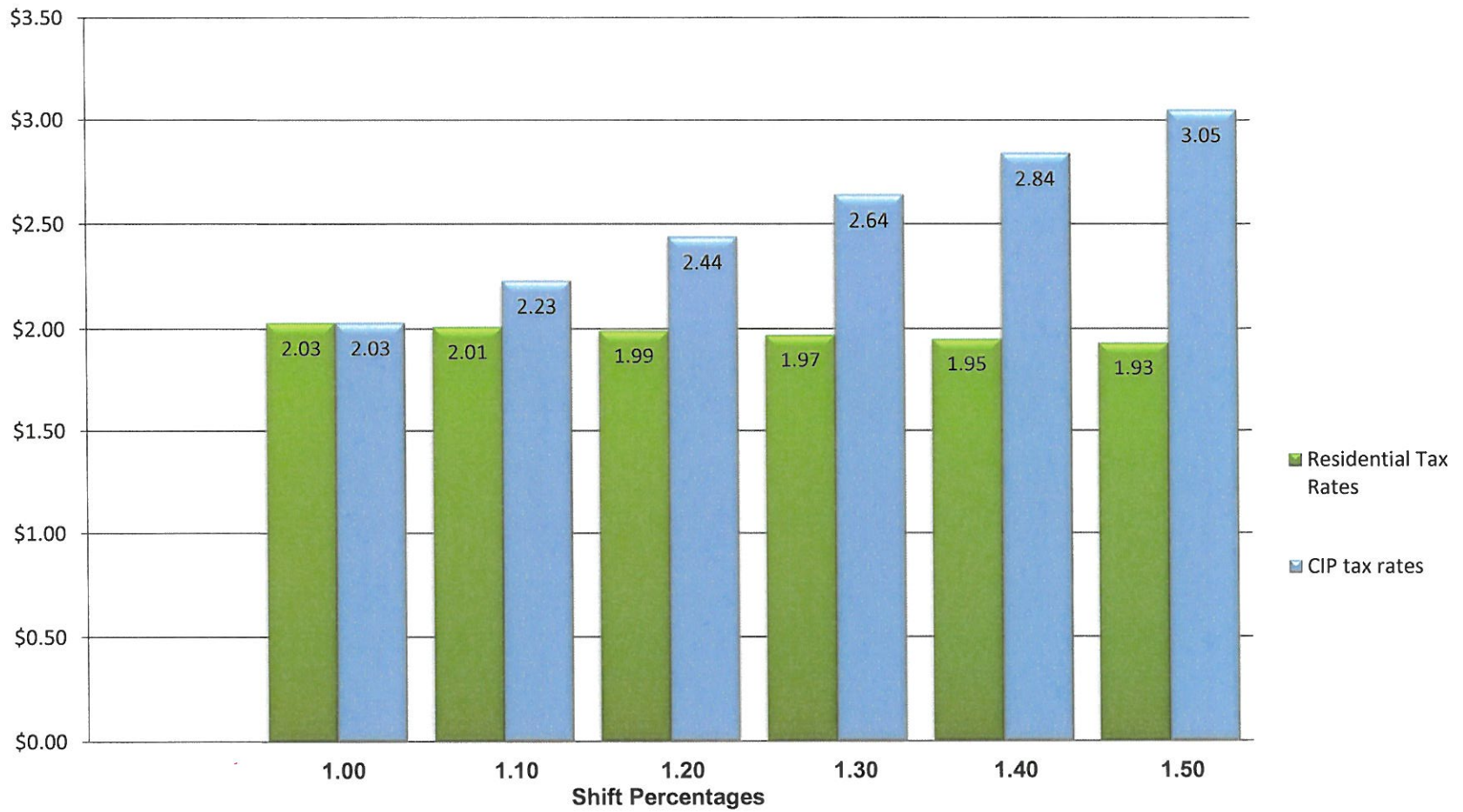
Tax Levy	\$	30,952,028
Single TaxRate	\$	16.45

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CIP Shift	Share Percentages							Levy Amounts					Esimated Tax Rates					
	Res Factor	Res SP	OS SP	Comm SP	Ind SP	PP SP	Total SP	Res LA	OS LA	Comm LA	Ind LA	PP LA	Total LA	Res ET	OS ET	Comm ET	Ind ET	PP ET
1.0000	1.0000	91.7936	0.0194	3.7161	2.2701	2.2008	100.0000	28,411,981	6,005	1,150,208	702,642	681,192	30,952,028	16.45	16.42	16.45	16.45	16.45
1.0500	0.9955	91.3843	0.0193	3.9019	2.3836	2.3108	100.0000	28,285,305	5,978	1,207,719	737,774	715,252	30,952,027	16.38	16.35	17.27	17.27	17.27
1.1000	0.9911	90.9751	0.0192	4.0877	2.4971	2.4209	100.0000	28,158,629	5,951	1,265,229	772,906	749,311	30,952,027	16.30	16.28	18.09	18.09	18.10
1.1500	0.9866	90.5658	0.0191	4.2735	2.6106	2.5309	100.0000	28,031,953	5,924	1,322,740	808,038	783,371	30,952,026	16.23	16.20	18.92	18.92	18.92
1.2000	0.9822	90.1565	0.0191	4.4593	2.7241	2.6410	100.0000	27,905,277	5,898	1,380,250	843,170	817,431	30,952,026	16.16	16.13	19.74	19.74	19.74
1.2500	0.9777	89.7473	0.0190	4.6451	2.8376	2.7510	100.0000	27,778,601	5,871	1,437,760	878,302	851,490	30,952,025	16.08	16.06	20.56	20.56	20.56
1.3000	0.9732	89.3380	0.0189	4.8309	2.9511	2.8610	100.0000	27,651,926	5,844	1,495,271	913,435	885,550	30,952,025	16.01	15.98	21.38	21.38	21.39
1.3500	0.9688	88.9287	0.0188	5.0167	3.0646	2.9711	100.0000	27,525,250	5,817	1,552,781	948,567	919,610	30,952,024	15.94	15.91	22.21	22.21	22.21
1.4000	0.9643	88.5195	0.0187	5.2025	3.1781	3.0811	100.0000	27,398,574	5,791	1,610,292	983,699	953,669	30,952,024	15.86	15.84	23.03	23.03	23.03
1.4500	0.9599	88.1102	0.0186	5.3883	3.2916	3.1912	100.0000	27,271,898	5,764	1,667,802	1,018,831	987,729	30,952,023	15.79	15.77	23.85	23.85	23.85
1.5000	0.9554	87.7009	0.0185	5.5742	3.4052	3.3012	100.0000	27,145,222	5,737	1,725,312	1,053,963	1,021,788	30,952,023	15.72	15.69	24.67	24.67	24.68

Tax Rates per 1,000

Tax Rate Alternatives -- Fire District #1



MassDOR - Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Division of Local Services
 What If ... Scenario Worksheet for FY 2022

So. Hadley Fire #1 - 493

CLASS	VALUE	%	
Residential	1,281,010,950	90.8885	R & O %
Open Space	0	0.0000	90.8885
Commercial	58,723,665	4.1665	
Industrial	40,886,300	2.9009	C I P %
Personal Property	28,810,243	2.0441	9.1115
Total	1,409,431,158	100.0000	

CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS

- Residential Exemption
- Small Commercial Exemption
- Open Space Discount

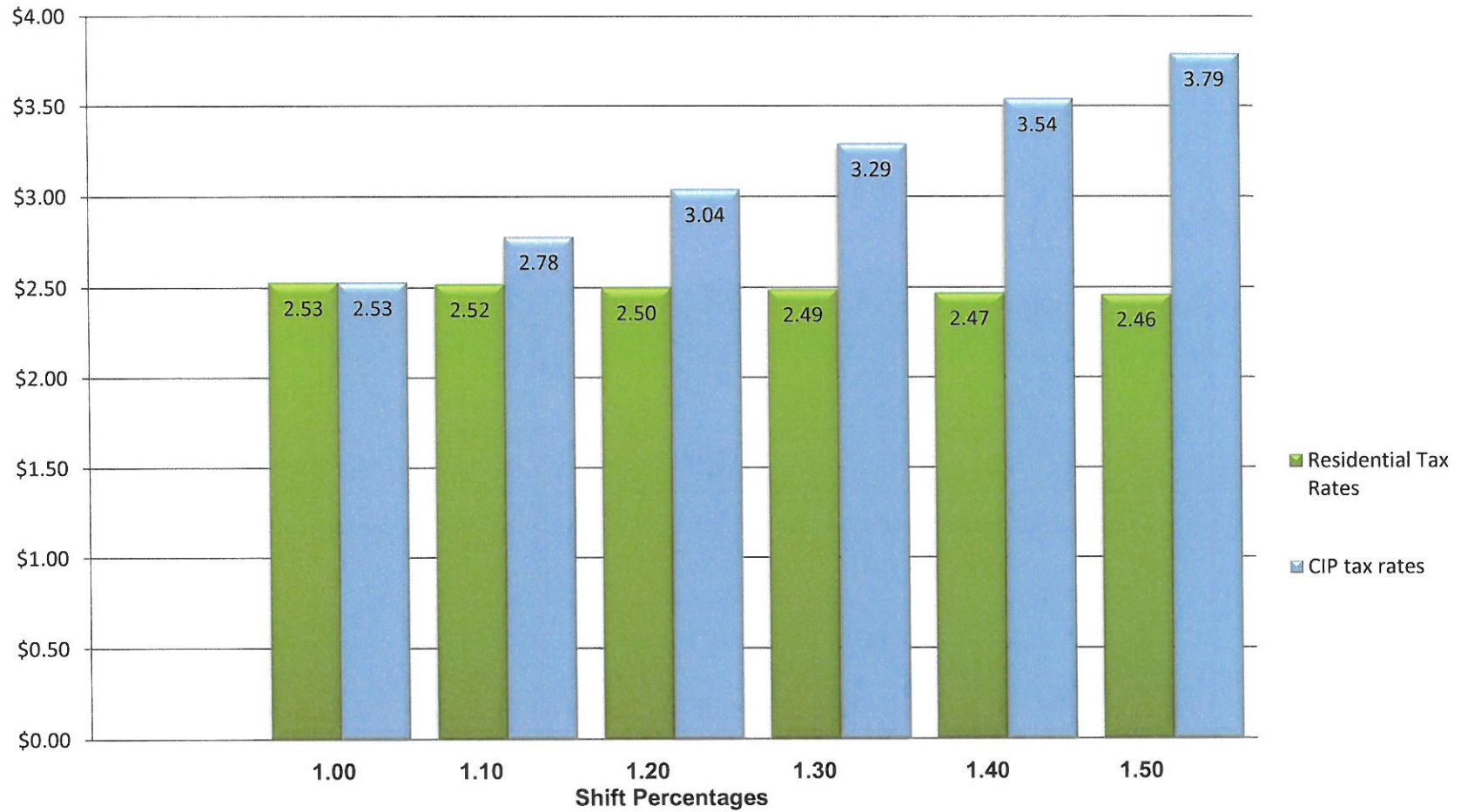
Levy	2,861,145
Single TaxRate	2.03

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	Res Factor	Res SP	OS SP	Comm SP	Ind SP	PP SP	Total SP	Res LA	OS LA	Comm LA	Ind LA	PP LA	Total LA	Res ET	OS ET	Comm ET	Ind ET	PP ET
1.0000	1.0000	90.8885	0.0000	4.1665	2.9009	2.0441	100.0000	2,600,452		119,210	82,999	58,485	2,861,145	2.03	0.00	2.03	2.03	2.03
1.0500	0.9950	90.4329	0.0000	4.3748	3.0459	2.1463	100.0000	2,587,417		125,170	87,149	61,409	2,861,145	2.02	0.00	2.13	2.13	2.13
1.1000	0.9900	89.9774	0.0000	4.5832	3.1910	2.2485	100.0000	2,574,382		131,131	91,299	64,333	2,861,145	2.01	0.00	2.23	2.23	2.23
1.1500	0.9850	89.5218	0.0000	4.7915	3.3360	2.3507	100.0000	2,561,348		137,091	95,449	67,257	2,861,145	2.00	0.00	2.33	2.33	2.33
1.2000	0.9800	89.0662	0.0000	4.9998	3.4811	2.4529	100.0000	2,548,313		143,052	99,599	70,182	2,861,145	1.99	0.00	2.44	2.44	2.44
1.2500	0.9749	88.6106	0.0000	5.2081	3.6261	2.5551	100.0000	2,535,279		149,012	103,749	73,106	2,861,145	1.98	0.00	2.54	2.54	2.54
1.3000	0.9699	88.1551	0.0000	5.4165	3.7712	2.6573	100.0000	2,522,244		154,972	107,899	76,030	2,861,145	1.97	0.00	2.64	2.64	2.64
1.3500	0.9649	87.6995	0.0000	5.6248	3.9162	2.7595	100.0000	2,509,209		160,933	112,049	78,954	2,861,145	1.96	0.00	2.74	2.74	2.74
1.4000	0.9599	87.2439	0.0000	5.8331	4.0613	2.8617	100.0000	2,496,175		166,893	116,199	81,879	2,861,145	1.95	0.00	2.84	2.84	2.84
1.4500	0.9549	86.7883	0.0000	6.0414	4.2063	2.9639	100.0000	2,483,140		172,854	120,348	84,803	2,861,145	1.94	0.00	2.94	2.94	2.94
1.5000	0.9499	86.3328	0.0000	6.2498	4.3514	3.0662	100.0000	2,470,105		178,814	124,498	87,727	2,861,145	1.93	0.00	3.05	3.04	3.04

Tax Rates per 1,000

Tax Rate Alternatives -- Fire District #2



MassDOR - Massachusetts Department of Revenue
Division of Local Services
What If ... Scenario Worksheet for FY 2022

So. Hadley Fire #2 - 494

CLASS	VALUE	%	
Residential	475,409,494	94.6552	R & O %
Open Space	365,600	0.0728	94.7280
Commercial	11,198,340	2.2296	
Industrial	1,828,200	0.3640	C I P %
Personal Property	13,452,499	2.6784	5.2720
Total	502,254,133	100.0000	

CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS

- Residential Exemption
- Small Commercial Exemption
- Open Space Discount

Levy	1,270,703
Single TaxRate	2.53

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1.0000	1.0000	94.6552	0.0728	2.2296	0.3640	2.6784	100.0000	1,202,786	925	28,332	4,625	34,035	1,270,703	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53
1.0500	0.9972	94.3918	0.0726	2.3411	0.3822	2.8123	100.0000	1,199,439	922	29,748	4,857	35,736	1,270,703	2.52	2.52	2.66	2.66	2.66
1.1000	0.9944	94.1284	0.0724	2.4526	0.4004	2.9462	100.0000	1,196,092	920	31,165	5,088	37,438	1,270,703	2.52	2.52	2.78	2.78	2.78
1.1500	0.9917	93.8650	0.0722	2.5640	0.4186	3.0802	100.0000	1,192,745	917	32,581	5,319	39,140	1,270,703	2.51	2.51	2.91	2.91	2.91
1.2000	0.9889	93.6016	0.0720	2.6755	0.4368	3.2141	100.0000	1,189,398	915	33,998	5,550	40,841	1,270,703	2.50	2.50	3.04	3.04	3.04
1.2500	0.9861	93.3382	0.0718	2.7870	0.4550	3.3480	100.0000	1,186,051	912	35,414	5,782	42,543	1,270,703	2.49	2.50	3.16	3.16	3.16
1.3000	0.9833	93.0748	0.0716	2.8985	0.4732	3.4819	100.0000	1,182,704	910	36,831	6,013	44,245	1,270,703	2.49	2.49	3.29	3.29	3.29
1.3500	0.9805	92.8114	0.0714	3.0100	0.4914	3.6158	100.0000	1,179,357	907	38,248	6,244	45,947	1,270,703	2.48	2.48	3.42	3.42	3.42
1.4000	0.9777	92.5480	0.0712	3.1214	0.5096	3.7498	100.0000	1,176,010	904	39,664	6,476	47,648	1,270,703	2.47	2.47	3.54	3.54	3.54
1.4500	0.9750	92.2846	0.0710	3.2329	0.5278	3.8837	100.0000	1,172,663	902	41,081	6,707	49,350	1,270,703	2.47	2.47	3.67	3.67	3.67
1.5000	0.9722	92.0212	0.0708	3.3444	0.5460	4.0176	100.0000	1,169,316	899	42,497	6,938	51,052	1,270,703	2.46	2.46	3.79	3.80	3.79

**South Hadley Valuation
Fiscal 2000-2022**

	Valuation by class					% of Total Valuation		Total Valuation	% chng
	R	O	C	I	P	R&O %	CIP %		
2022	\$ 1,727,170,944	\$ 365,600	\$ 69,922,005	\$ 42,714,500	\$ 41,409,202	91.81%	8.19%	\$ 1,881,582,251	7.5%
2021	\$ 1,602,366,944	\$ 364,000	\$ 68,848,185	\$ 42,281,500	\$ 37,114,829	91.53%	8.47%	\$ 1,750,975,458	5.5%
2020	\$ 1,514,543,900	\$ 381,100	\$ 69,285,525	\$ 42,104,700	\$ 33,089,198	91.29%	8.71%	\$ 1,659,404,423	4.1%
2019	\$ 1,456,736,301	\$ 379,800	\$ 68,864,815	\$ 40,075,350	\$ 27,752,189	91.42%	8.58%	\$ 1,593,808,455	3.3%
2018	\$ 1,409,962,929	\$ 378,400	\$ 66,451,100	\$ 38,947,600	\$ 26,495,729	91.45%	8.55%	\$ 1,542,235,758	3.9%
2017	\$ 1,351,301,493	\$ 378,400	\$ 69,892,720	\$ 37,458,000	\$ 25,817,432	91.03%	8.97%	\$ 1,484,848,045	2.2%
2016	\$ 1,319,449,500	\$ 378,400	\$ 70,660,110	\$ 35,342,100	\$ 26,598,515	90.87%	9.13%	\$ 1,452,428,625	3.0%
2015	\$ 1,277,583,605	\$ 378,000	\$ 68,480,570	\$ 38,481,200	\$ 24,649,555	90.66%	9.34%	\$ 1,409,572,930	-0.1%
2014	\$ 1,279,016,795	\$ 378,000	\$ 67,685,580	\$ 38,273,600	\$ 25,386,665	90.69%	9.31%	\$ 1,410,740,640	-5.1%
2013	\$ 1,344,616,660	\$ 394,800	\$ 73,258,675	\$ 40,364,275	\$ 27,651,467	90.49%	9.51%	\$ 1,486,285,877	0.6%
2012	\$ 1,338,967,050	\$ 394,800	\$ 73,138,775	\$ 37,986,675	\$ 26,844,020	90.66%	9.34%	\$ 1,477,331,320	0.6%
2011	\$ 1,331,499,955	\$ 394,800	\$ 72,928,670	\$ 39,093,875	\$ 25,308,939	90.65%	9.34%	\$ 1,469,226,239	0.4%
2010	\$ 1,322,522,955	\$ 394,800	\$ 72,916,470	\$ 39,220,375	\$ 28,104,763	90.40%	9.60%	\$ 1,463,159,363	-7.6%
2009	\$ 1,432,874,625	\$ 227,100	\$ 77,770,275	\$ 41,524,100	\$ 31,020,054	90.50%	9.50%	\$ 1,583,416,154	1.4%
2008	\$ 1,421,229,395	\$ 227,100	\$ 78,538,305	\$ 40,753,400	\$ 20,233,072	91.10%	8.90%	\$ 1,560,981,272	1.3%
2007	\$ 1,405,229,955	\$ 227,100	\$ 78,316,345	\$ 40,666,500	\$ 16,112,248	91.20%	8.80%	\$ 1,540,552,148	11.5%
2006	\$ 1,255,576,565	\$ 219,200	\$ 70,816,835	\$ 41,016,500	\$ 14,379,499	90.90%	9.10%	\$ 1,382,008,599	20.2%
2005	\$ 1,037,951,150	\$ 212,600	\$ 62,253,850	\$ 35,816,100	\$ 13,455,729	90.30%	9.70%	\$ 1,149,689,429	1.8%
2004	\$ 1,018,133,850	\$ 212,600	\$ 60,685,850	\$ 35,768,600	\$ 15,068,698	90.10%	9.90%	\$ 1,129,869,598	25.7%
2003	\$ 792,296,800	\$ 246,300	\$ 56,570,500	\$ 35,635,400	\$ 14,179,315	88.20%	11.80%	\$ 898,928,315	1.0%
2002	\$ 784,915,600	\$ 246,300	\$ 55,257,100	\$ 36,085,600	\$ 13,913,492	88.20%	11.80%	\$ 890,418,092	0.8%
2001	\$ 780,110,000	\$ 246,300	\$ 54,414,300	\$ 35,647,600	\$ 12,995,911	88.30%	11.70%	\$ 883,414,111	12.1%
2000	\$ 698,497,900	\$ 245,300	\$ 45,443,400	\$ 31,846,100	\$ 12,103,421	88.70%	11.30%	\$ 788,136,121	

R	Residential
O	Open space
C	Commercial
I	Industrial
P	Personal Property

12/1/2021

Analysis of average single family tax bill.
FY 22 (Estimated)
vs.
FY 21 (Actual)

PROPOSED

ESTIMATED

Average **Single Family**
Home Value for FY 2022

Taxes for
Fiscal 2022
Town \$16.45

Average **Single Family**
Home Value for FY 2021

Actual Taxes for
Fiscal 2021
Town \$17.22

\$ 300,300

\$ 4,939.94

\$ 280,200

\$ 4,825.04

\$ 114.90 increase over last fiscal year

Fiscal 2022
FD #1 \$2.03

Fiscal 2021
FD #1 \$2.24

\$ 300,300

\$ 609.61

\$ 280,200

\$ 627.65

\$ (18.04) decrease over last fiscal year

Fiscal 2022
FD #2 \$2.53

Fiscal 2021
FD #2 \$2.58

\$ 300,300

\$ 759.76

\$ 280,200

\$ 722.92

\$ 36.84 increase over last fiscal year

12/1/2021

**Analysis of Comm/Ind average tax bill
FY 22 (Estimated)
vs.
FY 21 (Actual)**

PROPOSED

ESTIMATED

Average Commercial
Industrial Value FY 2022

**Taxes for
Fiscal 2022
Town \$16.45**

Average Commercial
Industrial Value FY 2021

**Taxes for
Fiscal 2021
Town \$17.22**

\$ 349,800

\$ 5,754.21

\$ 340,900

\$ 5,870.30

\$ (116.09) decrease over last fiscal year

**Fiscal 2022
FD #1 \$2.03**

**Fiscal 2021
FD #1 \$2.24**

\$ 349,800

\$ 710.09

\$ 340,900

\$ 763.62

\$ (53.52) decrease over last fiscal year

**Fiscal 2022
FD #2 \$2.53**

**Fiscal 2021
FD #2 \$2.58**

\$ 349,800

\$ 884.99

\$ 340,900

\$ 879.52

\$ 5.47 increase over last fiscal year

Jeff Cyr, Chair
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Lisa Wong
Town Administrator

To: Selectboard
From: Town Administrator Lisa Wong
Re: COVID
Date: December 3, 2021

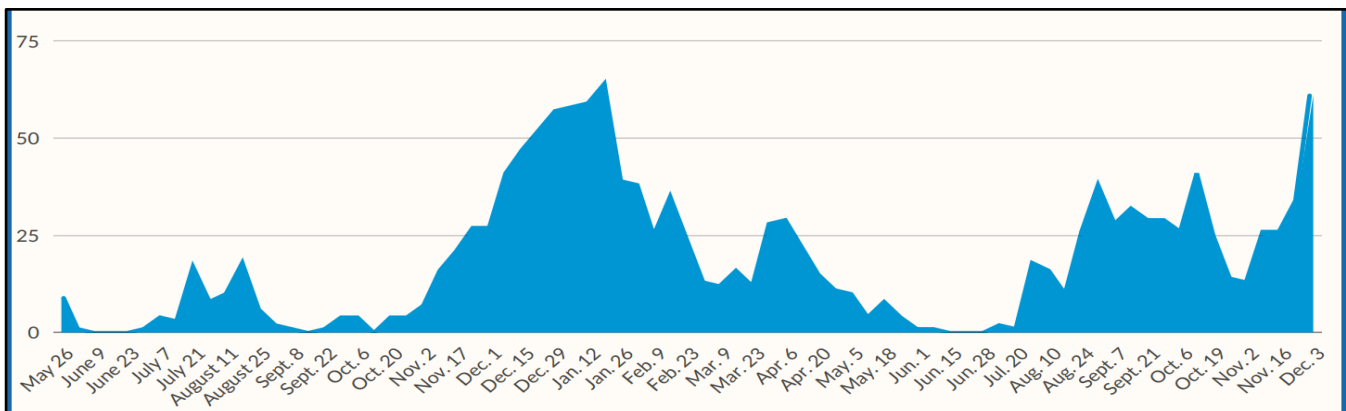
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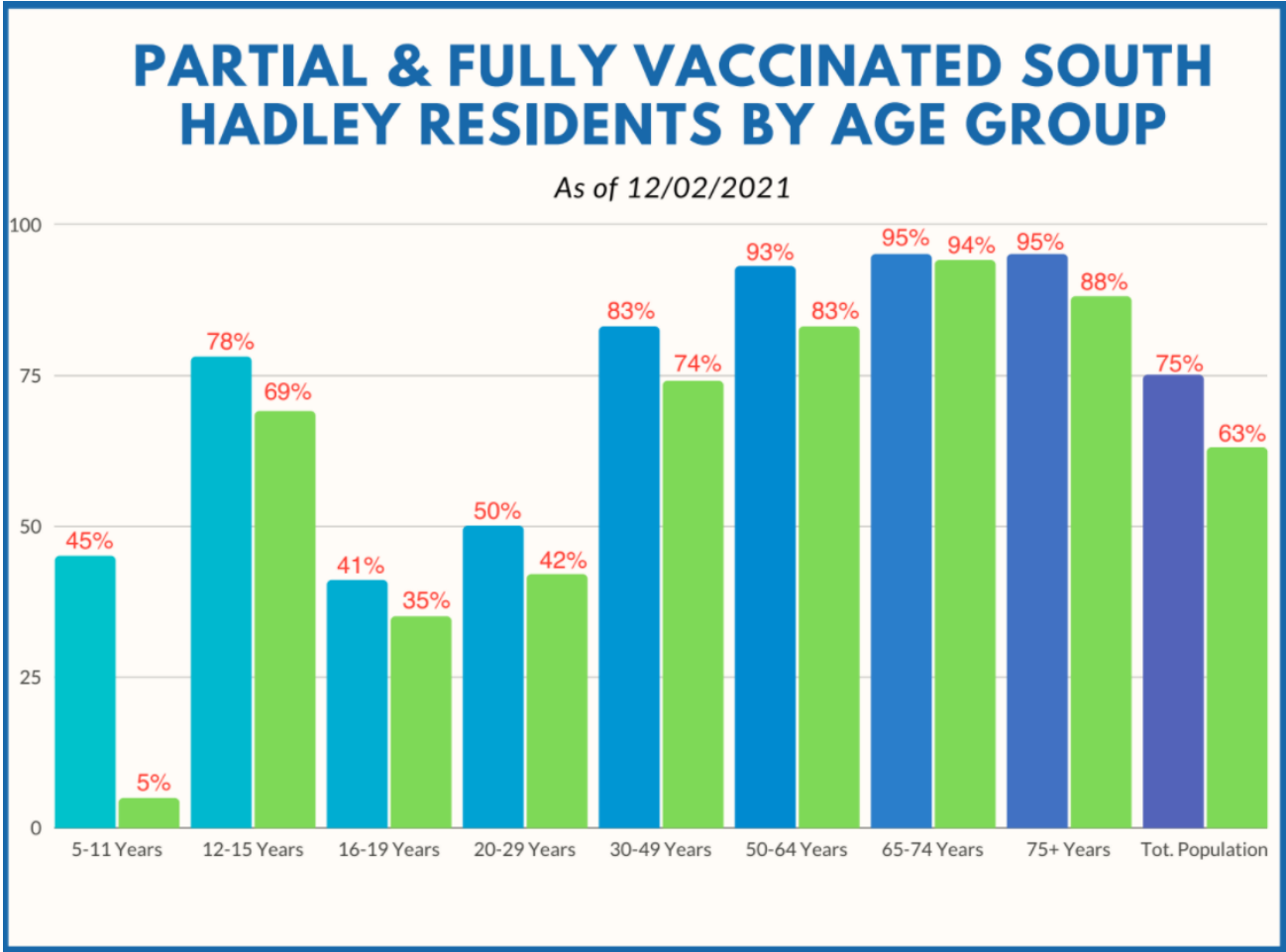
With the rise of another COVID variant and the onset of colder weather that will drive more people indoors, it is an optimal time to review the data and discuss action steps. The Governor, Lt. Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders met with city and town leadership on December 3rd. Since the case and vaccination rates vary wildly by region, the state officials feel it best to not impose any statewide mandates at this time, and to continue to defer to the local level.

The Omicron variant was classified as a new COVID "Variant of Concern" by the World Health Organization on November 26, 2021. The Centers for Disease Control is monitoring the variant and reported the first case from someone who returned to the US on Nov. 22 and tested positive on Nov. 29. With 99% of the cases still from the Delta variant, it's too early to tell what the impact will be. The CDC will continue to monitor its path, and issue recommendations accordingly. They continue to encourage vaccination, booster doses, and prevention strategies such as wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transition, handwashing and physical distancing.

Data:

The most recent COVID data shows 61 Confirmed Active cases as of Dec. 2. Last week the confirmed case count was 34 and the week of Nov. 16 was 24. Historical data shows that there has been spikes around the Thanksgiving/Winter Holidays period. Only one other week exceeded 60 active confirmed cases - 64 the week of Jan. 19. Chart: Confirmed Active cases from May 2020 to December 2021.





Public Buildings

A recent survey was done for each Town Building with employees to review hours, mandates and any other safety concerns. I recommend monitoring the COVID variant and data, and continuing to mandate masks in public buildings at least through January 15th (in line with the public schools) and then make a reconsideration then. Hours in buildings that are currently limited will be evaluated with a plan to extend hours gradually. There are also plans to create a permanent remote work policy.

Private Indoor Spaces open to the Public

South Hadley current advises businesses to adopt a mask policy, but it is not required. Adoption is inconsistent. The Health Department has addressed complaints by reaching out the businesses to see if accommodations can be made for customers who are concerned about the lack of masking.

Mask Advisory/Mandates

WBUR published a partial listing of Massachusetts towns with mandates that shows 49 communities with mask mandates for all indoor places and 69 communities that do not. 14 communities rescinded their mandates. Mask mandates are more widespread for public buildings, but nearby communities that rescinded their mandates include East Longmeadow, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Montague, Springfield and West Springfield. www.wbur.org/news/2021/08/30/mask-mandates-massachusetts

AREA TOWN MASK ADVISORY/MANDATE INFORMATION

TOWN - Current Status	Masks - Public spaces	Masks - Private spaces open to public	Penalties	Positivity Rate	Vaccination Rate
Amherst BOH	Mandate Effective 8/18	Mandate Effective 8/18	1st - \$50; 2nd - \$100; 3rd+ - \$200	0.5%	43% (Includes Pelham)
Belchertown BOH	Mandate Eff. 9/9	Mandate Eff. 9/9		5.0%	67%
Chicopee Mayor	Mandate Eff. 9/13	No		7.5%	59%
Easthampton	Advisory	Advisory		2.9%	75% (Includes Westhampton)
Granby BOH	Mandate Eff. 8/17	Mandate for bars and restaurants, Eff. 8/17. Rescinded 11/11	None specified	3.3%	69%
Hadley BOH	Mandate Eff. 11/19 for 30 days	Mandate Eff. 11/19 for 30 days	Not more than \$1000 per day	1.1%	68%
Holyoke BOH	Mandate Eff. 10/6; Advisory Eff. 11/3	Mandate Eff. 10/6; Advisory Eff. 11/3	Not more than \$300 per day	4.4%	57%
Northampton BOH	Mandate Eff. 8/11	Mandate Eff. 8/11	Not more than \$1000 per day	0.6%	75%
South Hadley Selectboard	Mandate	Advisory Eff .9/1		0.96%	63%

Percent positivity: Percent positivity is calculated using molecular tests only. Percent positivity is calculated by dividing the number of positive tests by the total number of tests during the previous 14 day time period.

Vaccination Rate is for all age groups 5 and above. Data is from December 2nd.

<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/57373/Mask-Mandate---Health---08-12-2021-FINAL?bidId=>

<https://cms2files.revize.com/belchertown/Legal%20Notice%20for%20Publication%209-9-21.pdf>

<https://www.granby-ma.gov/home/urgent-alerts/covid-19-municipal-response>

<https://www.hadleyma.org/board-health>

<https://www.holyoke.org/citywide-mask-mandate-to-go-into-effect-10-6-2021/>

<https://www.northamptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17932/Amended-Mask-Order-Final-8-26-21>

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Lisa Wong
Town Administrator

To: Selectboard
From: Lisa Wong, Town Administrator
Date: December 3, 2021
Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Background

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It provides \$350 billion to state and local governments for recovery efforts related to COVID. Funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024.

Eligible uses of these funds include:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

Restrictions on the uses of these funds include:

1. Funds allocated to states cannot be used to directly or indirectly to offset tax reductions or delay a tax or tax increase;
2. Funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund.

As these funds are TEMPORARY, the guidance from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is as follows:

- Care should be taken to avoid creating new programs or add-ons to existing programs that require an ongoing financial commitment.
- Use of ARPA funds to cover operating deficits caused by COVID-19 should be considered temporary and additional budget restraint may be necessary to achieve/maintain structural balance in future budgets.
- Investment in critical infrastructure is particularly well suited use of ARPA funds because it is a non-recurring expenditure that can be targeted to strategically important long- term assets that provide benefits over many years. However, care should be taken to assess any on-going operating costs that may be associated with the project.

Financials

South Hadley will receive a total of \$5,268,233

Received 6/21	\$ 922,391.64
Received 8/21	\$1,711,724.81
Expected 2022	\$2,634,116.45

The Selectboard has approved \$841,074.13

Approved 9/14	\$500,000	testing and remediation related to HVAC
Approved 10/26	\$341,074.13	testing and remediation related to HVAC
Pending 10/26*	\$68,000	replacement items, emergency go-bags, dumpsters

*subject to review of breakdown. \$41,864 has not been spent

Other approvals and requests:

- The Former TA approved a NearMap project, a mapping software for the Assessors office. \$14,886 has been expended. Eligibility needs to be confirmed by current TA and/or alternative funding explored.
- Police Union made a request for premium pay via a letter in November. Response is pending Selectboard discussion.

Process Recommendations

I am currently reviewing project approved and making recommendations to proceed, suspend, or provide alternative funding.

My recommendation for a process is as follows:

- 1) Review Regulations and Identify Priority Areas, Set approval process, Provide \$\$ parameters such as min/max amounts for categories – December 2021
- 2) Identify Stakeholders in each Priority Area, Conduct Outreach and solicited funding proposals – January-March 2022
- 3) Compile proposals into a report for public review and input – March 2022
- 4) Prioritize requests and set potential expenditure schedule
- 5) Approvals required for each project – could be done on rolling basis or set schedule

Resources and Ideas

U.S. Treasury – ARPA Rules: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>
 Brookline has an online interactive tool: <https://stories.opengov.com/brooklinema/published/alukqInNI>
 Holyoke provide grant rounds to solicit proposals: www.holyoke.org/notice-of-availability-arpa-round-ii/
 Northampton conducted a community survey and had an advisory committee:
<https://northamptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18627/ARPA-Survey-overview-for-City-Council-12-2-21?bidId=>

Costs as a Result of Mold at South Hadley High School

Items Approved by Selectboard	Approved by Selectboard for payment	Amount
Mold Testing - ATC	Yes	\$ 42,000.00
Mold Testing - Formata	Yes	\$ 2,500.00
Mold Mitigation - ServiceMaster	Yes	\$ 747,654.87
Mold Mitigation - ServiceMaster	Yes	\$ 36,919.26
Weight Room Estimate	Yes	\$ 12,000.00
Mitigation Costs		\$ 841,074.13
Items Waiting for Approval by Selectboard		
Cork and White Board Estimates *updated total w/ quotes 10/28/21*	Requesting approval	\$ 41,864.01
All Waste Dumpsters **added 10/28/21**	Yes	\$ 4,450.00
Replacement Items - Updated total from POs 10/28/21	Requesting approval	\$ 21,551.80
Replacement Items		\$ 67,865.81
Air Conditioner Splits and Dehumidifiers Estimates		\$ 500,000.00
Total Cost of Mold Mitigation and Prevention		\$ 1,408,939.94
Amount Approved by Select Board - September 2021		\$ 500,000.00
Amount Approved by Select Board 10/26/21		\$ 341,074.13
Service Master - Material and Consumables (pd 10/26/21)		\$ (13,206.98)
Service Master - Equipment and Tools (pd 10/26/21)		\$ (150,925.37)
Total Amount Remaining		\$ 676,941.78

SHHS - MOLD REPLACEMENT ITEMS

Description	Cost	PO #	Purpose
Emergency Go Bags and Binders	\$ 1,533.60	437639	Safety Evacuation Materials
Emergency Go Bag Vests	\$ 298.80	437660	Safety Evacuation Materials
Emergency Go Bag Glow Sticks, Water, Lifesavers	\$ 267.35	437661	Safety Evacuation Materials
Flag Holders	\$ 324.99	437671	Individual Classroom American Flag Holder
US Flags	\$ 1,500.00	437694	Individual Classroom American Flags
Lesson Plan Books & Grade Books	\$ 778.50	437708	Teacher Hardcopy Plan Books
Art Supplies - Paint, Paper, Markers, Colored Pencils, Glue, etc.	\$ 1,616.43	437711	Student Supplies from Applied Art Rooms
Foreign Language Class Supplies - Book, Map, Dry Erase Board/Markers	\$ 120.11	437720	Map of Latin America and Student Dry Erase Boards for Language Practice
Foreign Language Class Supplies - Spanish Novels	\$ 94.00	437721	Classroom Student Novels for Use with Textbooks
Science Dept Supplies - Microscopes, Coveralls, Posters, Gloves, etc.	\$ 4,350.80	437745	Student Lab Materials
Graphics Supplies - Camera Cases, Backdrops, Drawing Tablet	\$ 550.66	437756	Student Materials for Digital Photography Class
Rubber Entry Drainage Mats, Nurse Office Tote Bags, Magnetic White Board for Waiting Room, K-95 Masks	\$ 1,996.73	437763	Safety Materials (PPE) as well as New Floor Mats for Water Drainage at Front Entryway
Front Office Supplies - Heaters, Fans, Mouse, Mouse Pad, Earbuds	\$ 1,766.73	437772	Heaters and Fans Used to Aid in Floor Moisture as well as Computer Mouse and Earbuds for Chromebooks
Office and English Dept - Tabs, Clip Boards, Easel, Dry Erase Board	\$ 1,700.85	437774	Curriculum Materials for Students Use and Sharing Answers
Chalk	\$ 1,043.50	437775	For Utilizing Traditional Chalkboards
Art Supplies - Paper, Oil Pastels	\$ 1,200.00	437780	Student Materials that were lost in the Fine Arts Room
Science Dept Supplies - Microscope Slides	\$ 89.42	437783	Student Lab Materials
Dehumidifier, Calculators, Glowsticks, Masks	\$ 1,065.66	437788	Student Learning Material, Moisture Prevention, Evacuation Materials and PPE
Math Dept - Post It Easel Pads and Replacement Sheets, Grid Paper, etc.	\$ 611.73	437797	Student Mathematics Curriculum Materials
Science Dept - Glass Fuming Chamber	\$ 295.00	437798	Student Lab Materials
Math Dept - Scientific Calculators, Batteries	\$ 292.94	437801	Replacement Calculators for Student Use in Mathematics
Science Dept - Owl Pellets	\$ 54.00	437802	Student Lab Materials
White board Replacement Estimates	\$ 24,245.76	Quotes	Classroom Boards for Teachers to Use in Instruction
Corkboard Replacement Estimates	\$ 17,618.25	Quotes	Bulletin Boards for All Classrooms
All Waste Dumpsters	\$ 4,450.00	Quotes	Disposal of Mold Items
TOTAL:	\$ 67,865.81		

To: Board of Select Persons, Town Administrator Lisa Wong, and Board of Health
Director Sharon Hart

From: McClair W. Mailhott Jr.

Animal Control Officer

116 Main St

South Hadley, MA 01075

On November 29, 2021, I was contacted by the station and was informed that the dog from 4 Miami St was out again. This dog is owned by Brenda and Robert Chapdelaine. The dog's name is Brody and is a mixed Pitbull and has been terrorizing the neighborhood for months. I responded to 4 Miami St knowing that the owners would be trying to get the dog into the house before I get there. I contacted the station and requested officer and the supervisor to meet me at that residence. I pulled into the driveway and went to the door where I met Brenda coming out with a leash. I asked where the dog was. Brenda stated she and her husband are out looking for it. I informed her that he dog may have bit another dog. Brenda replied, "No Brody would never do that. I informed her that the dog was not going back to her house and an officer was standing by should her husband find the dog.

I went on to tell her that she was going to be receiving another citation for not having the dog leashed and allowing it to run around. That this time it will be in hand and that I would not be leaving it on the door as I did in October. Brenda stated she did not have any citation left on her door and smiled.

As I was leaving, I noticed seven (7) neighbors hanging around the property owned by Chapdelaine. I spoke with them and they advised me at **enough is enough**. That they are fed up with not being able to walk the neighborhood without being in fear that Brody is going to bite someone again or attach another dog. They explained that the Chapdelaine's cannot control the dog. That they put the dog on a leash outside the door and that is when the dog gets away and is always dragging its leash.

On July 25, 2021, I spoke with Brenda and explained she was to comply with the following:

That the dog be confined to a fenced in yard or a runner that can withstand at least 300lbs of pull. I would recommend that the dog always have a muzzle on when and if the owners are walking the dog and that it be only on a three-foot leash (3) withstanding a

300lb pull. I would also recommend that the owners obtain at least a hundred thousand insurance policy should the dog bite someone.

A copy of this report has been given to the owners as well as a written warning violation # 1108 MA General Law: Section 140 Section 167, dog restrained. None of this was complied with. Se was also ordered to get the third dog its rabies shot. As of this date it still had not been don. Chapdelaine's have said the dog is not six months old, however, we have information which says the dog is 1 months old.

At one point I was informed that they were waiting for Fairview Fence to come and enclose the area from the door to the existing fence. Then it was Fairview Fence was to busy and they were going to have a relative do it. Still not done as of this date.

I drove around the neighborhood and about 15 minutes later I saw Robert at the end of Michael Dr and Hillside Ave. He had his doors open and he was trying to call the dog into the car. I informed Robert that he was not taking the dog home. That the dog was coming with me. For 15 minutes I tried to catch the dog with a "Catch ALL POLE". This is used so the dog can not bite you. **(Robert did nothing but stand by his car saying Brody come boy, come into the car).** I contacted the station and requested officer come to my location to assist me with getting the dog. The dog eventually went into Robert's car. Robert tried to driveway; however, I would not let him close the driver's door. I again I informed him the dog was not going with him. I also informed him that if needed I would have the officers contact the on-call judge and let him make the decision. That this dog is a danger to every animal and person it comes in contact with. Robert eventually stated he would relinquish the dog to me. I informed him that the there are to options to consider that I recommend that the dog be euthanized or that he allow me to take control of the dog and I try to find a home for it.

I would later speak with Officer Helms who lives up the road from Chapdelain on 10 Tamps St. He informed be that he witnessed prior to me getting there Brody tried to attack his neighbors dog and the lady walking the dog on he own property.

I met with Michelle Demears who lives at 11 Tamps St. Michelle stated while she and her dog were in the front yard Brody came up the street barking, growling and was trying to bite her dog. Michelle stated she had to keep slamming her flashlight on the ground to keep Brody from biting her dog and herself. Michelle went on to say that the dog was now circling around her and her dog. Michelle was now feeling threatened by the dog's actions. Michelle stated this is an ongoing problem since June of this year when the Chapdelain's moved into the neighborhood. She stated the Chapdelain's can not control the dog.

During all the yelling Michelle stated Officer Helms came out of his house and had to grab a rake and went to help Michelle. During this time Robert came up the street and tried to grab the dog but it took off. Robert told Officer Helms and Michell they should go into their houses because the dog needs to run. Michelle stated that the dog has been terrorizing the neighborhood for month. Michelle stated that she and her neighbor do not feel safe.

Since July myself and my partner have tried to work with the Chapdelaines regarding the dogs. Bothe Brenda and Robert have not respect for the neighbors. They refuse to have the fence connected to the back door and always have an excuse. They still do not have liability insurance should the dog attack another person or dog. They were told to have a 300 lb runner and have not complied with that. They were told to have the dog muzzled and have refused to do that. They were told to have the dog on a leash that can withstand a pull of 300 lb. and have not complied with that. Whenever they are confronted about the dog it is a joke to them and always have an excuse.

The owners were informed to have all dogs up to date with rabies back in July. They have not complied with their dog named Juliette and they say she is not 6 months old when we have information that the dog is 17 months old.

The owners were informed to have all dogs registered with the town. They just did this a month ago.

The owners refuse to answer the door when my partner or myself try to speak with them or give them paperwork (ie) quarantine and citations. After the dog bit Miguel the quarantine had to be left on the door and the owners would not return any call until 2 days after the quarantine was up. Only they did she call ACO Steven Mailhott and left a message she was returning his calls.

A written warning was issued to Brenda on July 25, 2021, # 1108 MA General Law: Chapter 140 Section 174B, dog restrained.

On October 26, 2021, a citation was written by me for the following violations: I tried to deliver this citation in person but know one answer the door. Both cars were in the driveway and the dogs were barking. After returning at 3pm only one car was in the driveway and the TV was on however no one would answer the door. I left the citation taped to the door.

- 1) Failure to have dog restrained. Chapter 140 section 174B. Section 174B. Whoever is the owner or keeper of a dog shall restrain said dog by a chain or leash when in an officially designated public highway rest area. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

This fine was in the amount of \$100.00

- 2) Failure to have dogs licensed. Chapter 140 section 173A. The fine for the first offense committed by a person shall be \$50. The fine for a second offense shall be \$100. The fine for a third offense shall be \$300. For a fourth or subsequent offense, the fine shall not excide \$500.

This fine was in the amount of \$50.00 X 3 dogs total \$150.00. citation # 1095

On November 28, 2021, I have issued a citation for failure to have dog restrained in the amount of \$100.00 Citation # 1096

On November 29, 2021, I have issued a citation for failure to have dog restrained in the amount of \$100.00. Citation # 1097

Also a second citation in the amount of \$100.00 for failure to have the 17 month old dog registered Citation # 1097

With the evidence before you it is my opinion that neither Robert nor Brenda Chapdelaine are not capable of controlling their mixed breed Pitbull color brown. The dog does not listen to them. It will not come when it is called. The dog tried to attack other dogs and to include it is bitten two persons within the last month. They have been given every chance to comply with the laws of Massachusetts Chapter 140 and with the Town of South Hadley by-laws. The dog is a threat to everyone in the neighborhood to include other animals. They were also told to have the dog muzzled when it goes out. This has not been done as most of the time the dog is out running with a leash on and no muzzle.

This dog meets the criteria for both a nuisance dog and a vicious dog

I recommended that the Chapdelaine's obtain a hundred-thousand-dollar insurance policy in case the dog bites someone. Under Chapter 140 Section 157. that the owner or keeper of the dog provide proof of insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 insuring the owner or keeper against any claim, loss, damage or injury to persons, domestic animals or property resulting from the acts, whether intentional or unintentional, of the dog or proof that reasonable efforts were made to obtain such insurance if a policy has not been issued; provided, however, that if a policy of insurance has been issued, the owner or keeper shall produce such policy upon request of the hearing authority or a justice of the district court; and provided further, that if a policy has not been issued the owner or keeper shall produce proof of efforts to obtain such insurance; **This was not done.**

It is my first recommendation that the Chapdelaine's turn over the dog to me so that I may be able to place it with a shelter so that it may be able to be placed with a home where someone can care for it, or my second recommendation that the dog be euthanized.

Respectfully submitted,

McClair Mailhott

South Hadley ACO

Dec. 3, 2021

Selectboard members,

The Tech Team is ready to implement hybrid meetings at the Council on Aging.

Last week we expanded our testing using senior center volunteers as would-be audience members. We are confident in the ability for virtual and in-person board and audience members, as well as Channel 15 viewers, to see and hear meetings clearly. We are also confident we will be able to address any unforeseen issues that arise.

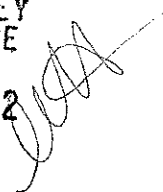
We invite the Selectboard, or the Selectboard chair and vice chair, to a dry run of a hybrid meeting with the Tech Team.

Thank you,

Kristin Maher
James Doolittle
Sarah Gmeiner
Dan Pease

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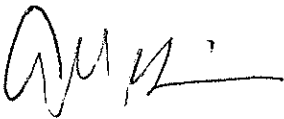
Dear Carlene,

I am resigning from the School Committee, effective immediately. November 18, 2021 was my last meeting. Because my workload as a Labor Representative has recently increased, I am significantly concerned that my ability to commit to the School Committee workload has become impossible.

I will need to focus on my job and ensure that that remains secure; I am also making efforts to apply for other positions, as we need to focus on increasing our income as well. I was beginning to find myself in a situation where I was barely able to focus on the School Committee work with these increasing financial concerns and with my efforts to keep up with my day job workload. I feel it wouldn't be fair to the town of South Hadley for me to only be half committed to my School Committee work, as it is a big responsibility, especially with all the recent changes in the district.

Thank you for all the help you have offered to me over the years and for all you do for our town. I hope you will accept this as my official letter of resignation.

Sincerely,



Allyson Garcia