

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 2022
VIRTUAL AGENDA
7 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN FORUM
3. 7:10 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – Dog dangerousness hearing for Jan. 18, 2022
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Capital Planning appointments
 - B. St. Patrick’s Parade participation
 - C. Special municipal employees
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. ARPA
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Resignation of Mary Zawatski from the Conservation Commission (2024)
7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
8. ADJOURN

Dog hearing motion

I move to continue the dangerous dog hearing concerning the Chapdelaine matter at the request of their attorney to January 18, 2022.

Saint Patrick's Committee of Holyoke, Inc.

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October 15, 2021

Dear Friend,

The St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke, Inc. cordially invites you to participate in the 69th Annual Parade to be held on Sunday March 20, 2022, in the City of Holyoke. We are so excited to finally be able to hold the parade that we had planned for 2020. If you could just fill out your parade participation agreement ASAP, it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at this year's parade.

The Parade Committee's "Standards and Regulations" state that only those units invited by the St. Patrick's Committee and return a completed Parade Participation Agreement to the St. Patrick's Committee by the deadline will be eligible to participate in the 2022 Parade.

The Parade Committee's "Standards and Regulations" have not changed. We do ask that you please review them carefully. They should not be altered. If you have any questions or need a replacement copy, please contact Kathleen Krisak, Chief of Staff, Monday thru Thursday at (413) 427-4671, within the hours of 6:00PM to 10:00 PM or Email her at krisakkk@comcast.net anytime and preferred.

If you intend to participate, please review the enclosed regulations carefully and complete, sign, and return the full 3 pages of the Parade Participation Agreement.

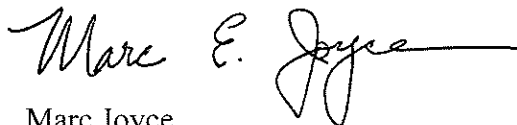
DEADLINE FOR RETURN: January 22, 2022

We must emphasize that the St. Patrick's Committee will abide by the Parade "Standards and Regulations". Therefore, if a unit does not complete, sign, and return the Parade Participation Agreement by January 22, 2022. They will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 Parade.

The Parade will be broadcast live on television. Therefore, it is **most important** to your unit that the television questionnaire is fully completed. The broadcasters use this information to describe your unit to the listening and viewing audiences as you pass by the broadcast areas.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Marc Joyce
2020 President
St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke, Inc



Special Municipal Employee motion:

“I motion to designate the School Committee as Special Municipal Employees in accordance with MGL c. 268A”

Jeff Cyr, Chair
Sarah Etelman, Vice-Chair
Carol Constant, Clerk
Chris Geraghty
Andrea Miles

Lisa Wong
Town Administrator

To: Selectboard
From: Lisa Wong, Town Administrator
Date: January 4, 2022
Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

This memo outlines the outreach and proposal solicitation process in item #2.

1. Review Regulations and Identify Priority Areas, Set approval process, Provide \$\$ parameters such as min/max amounts for categories – December 2021
2. Identify Stakeholders (besides Town Administrator and Selectboard) 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

The Town Administrator will draft a set of emails, website portal and letters to invite the stakeholders listed under each section to contribute proposals under the 10 categories identified in the 12/21/21 memo. Proposals will be separated by fiscal year. The Selectboard and Town Administrator may decide to hold more than one round of solicitations. The deadline will be February 15th. Application Questions:

Project Title: Category:
 Agency/Organization Name:
 Contact Information:
 Partner agencies/Organization:
 Cost of project:
 Amount Requested for funding:

FY22 (1/1/22-6/30/22)	FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23)
FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24)	FY25 (7/1/24-12/31/24)

1. Do you have any other funding sources for this activity (i.e. activity fee, grant)?
2. How is this project related to COVID-19?
3. Is this a new activity or project, or an expansion or improvement?
4. If your request is not fully funded, how will the project be impacted?
5. What is your measure of success?
6. How many low and moderate income households will be served by this activity?
7. What is the duration of the project (start date, end date)?
8. Describe the agency’s qualifications (prior experience, capacity):
9. Describe how the activity addresses economic and health inequalities:
10. Describe how this activity assist the community in responding to COVID-19:

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: COVID–19 Mitigation and Prevention include:

- a) vaccination programs;
- b) medical care; testing;
- c) contact tracing;
- d) support for isolation or quarantine;
- e) supports for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services;
- f) public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants);
- g) enforcement of public health orders;
- h) public communication efforts; enhancement to health care capacity, including through alternative care facilities;
- i) purchases of personal protective equipment;
- j) ventilation improvements in congregate settings, health care settings, or other key locations; including capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, such as physical plant improvements or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics.

CATEGORY 2: Behavioral Health Care - to meet behavioral health needs exacerbated by the pandemic and respond to other public health impacts. These services include:

- a) mental health treatment
- b) substance misuse treatment,
- c) other behavioral health services,
- d) crisis intervention,
- e) overdose prevention,
- f) infectious disease prevention,
- g) services or outreach to promote access to physical or behavioral health primary care and preventative medicine

Category 3: Public Health and Safety Staff. Funds may be used for payroll and covered benefits expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees, to the extent that their services are devoted to mitigating or responding to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

Category 4: Premium Pay. To provide premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency or to provide grants to third-party employers with eligible workers performing essential work. Furthermore, many essential workers are people of color or low-wage workers. These workers, in particular, have borne a disproportionate share of the health and economic impacts of the pandemic. Such workers include:

- a) Staff at nursing homes, hospitals, and home care settings;
- b) Workers at farms, food production facilities, grocery stores, and restaurants;
- c) Janitors and sanitation workers;
- d) Truck drivers, transit staff, and warehouse workers;
- e) Public health and safety staff;
- f) Childcare workers, educators, and other school staff; and
- g) Social service and human services staff.

Category 5: Assistance to Households or populations facing negative economic impacts due to COVID:

- a) Food assistance; rent, mortgage, or utility assistance; counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness;
- b) emergency assistance for burials, home repairs, weatherization, or other needs;
- c) Internet access or digital literacy assistance; or job training to address negative economic or public health impacts experienced due to a worker's occupation or level of training. low- or moderate-income experienced negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic.

Category 6: Small Businesses and Non-profits. State, local, and Tribal governments may provide assistance to small businesses to adopt safer operating procedures, weather periods of closure, or mitigate financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency, including:

Loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship such as declines in revenues or impacts of periods of business closure, for example by supporting payroll and benefits costs, costs to retain employees, mortgage, rent, or utilities costs, and other operating costs;

- a) Loans, grants, or in-kind assistance to implement COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics, such as physical plant changes to enable social distancing, enhanced cleaning efforts, barriers or partitions, or COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or contact tracing programs;
- b) Technical assistance, counseling, or other services to assist with business planning needs.

Category 7: Housing: Eligible services include:

- a) Affordable housing development to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units

Category 8: Education:

- a) New, expanded, or enhanced early learning services, including pre-kindergarten, Head Start, or partnerships between pre-kindergarten programs and local education authorities, or administration of those services;
- b) Evidence-based educational services and practices to address the academic needs of students, including tutoring, summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs;
- c) Evidence-based practices to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students

Category 9: Revenue Loss

Category 10: Investments in Infrastructure - To assist in meeting the critical need for investments and improvements to existing infrastructure in water, sewer, and broadband, the Fiscal Recovery Funds provide funds to State, local, and Tribal governments to make necessary investments in these sectors.

- a) Water and Sewer: Recipients may use Fiscal Recovery Funds to invest in a broad range of projects that improve drinking water infrastructure, such as
- b) building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including replacement of lead service lines
- c) consolidation or establishment of drinking water systems
- d) construct publicly owned treatment infrastructure, manage and treat stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitate water reuse, and secure publicly owned treatment works
- e) cybersecurity to protect water or sewer infrastructure, such as developing effective cybersecurity practices and measures at drinking water systems and publicly owned treatment works

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Town Administrator

Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard January 4, 2021

Administration, Finance and Operations

- The State held their revenue consensus hearing on December 21. State tax collections are expected to exceed benchmark figures for FY22, but there is uncertainty as to how the pandemic, supply chain and other issues will affect finances. The Governor typically builds these projections into his budget for FY23, which will be released by January 26. That budget will give municipalities an indication of local aid, Chapter 70 school aid and other revenue sources in which to make local budget decision. www.mma.org/budget-outlook-for-fy23-is-a-balance-of-strong-revenue-and-uncertainty/

Community Highlights

- The Senior Center will be closed as of Noon on December 29th and plans to reopen on Monday, January 10th out of an abundance of caution due to COVID concerns. staff will be available by phone and email during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact us at 538-5030 option 3 or coa@southhadleyma.gov. The congregate lunch program will transition to curbside pickup effective Dec. 30. Call the Center by noon the day before to reserve your meal. An anonymous, suggested donation of \$2.25 for 60 or older and guests under 60 are charged \$6.50 per Federal Regulations. Menu: www.southhadley.org/594/Nutrition-Program. Curbside pickup will be at the Senior Center at 45 Dayton Street at 12pm.
- The Fireside Chats at the Senior Center (formerly Coffee and Conversation) on January 7th with the Town Administrator will be postponed.
- GRO President and Registered Dietician, Dominique Deslauriers, RD, LDN wrote a grant and was awarded a \$2500 grant from the American Heart Association (AHA) Teaching Gardens Network grant program. The Youth GRO Community Garden Program is an 8 week integrative and educational youth garden experience. The program will take place bi-weekly at the community garden located at 100 Hadley St and is open to those currently in grades 2-12. Featured topics include: organic agriculture, pollination, composting, sustainability, farm to table approach, gardening at home, and more!

Planning and Economic Development

- There will be a meeting of the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority on January 5th to introduce the new Town Administrator to the board.

Public Health

- 110 active confirmed cases as of 12/29. This does not include results from at-home test kits.
- A booster clinic will be held at the South Hadley High School on Thursday, January 6th from 2:30 - 6:30 and people should register using the link:
<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/behavioralhealth?calendar=ebf11a00-61d6-43ec-baf5-c5f51f8979b8>
- South Hadley, has been allocated 2,880 iHealth Labs OTC rapid antigen kits. All the kits have been delivered to low income and residents in need via the Board of Health, Council on Aging, Housing Authority, Veteran’s Services and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. There is no more available but the Town has the option to purchase more at the state’s negotiated bid price. The Town Administrator will work with the health Director on the continued response.
- The MA Department of Public Health is adopting updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding isolation and quarantine periods for the general population, effective immediately. For the general public, this updated guidance shortens the recommended time for isolation and quarantine from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. Learn more about these changes on <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/what-to-do-if-you-have-covid-19-or-have-been-exposed-to-covid-19>. The updated isolation guidance applies to K-12 schools. At this time, quarantine guidance for K-12 schools remains unchanged. DESE’s current mask requirement and Policy on Vaccination Rate Threshold remains in effect. DPH is reviewing updated CDC guidance regarding isolation and quarantine for healthcare workers.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)	
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home for 5 days. • If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house. • Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. <p><i>If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.</i></p>
If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)	
<p>If you:</p> <p>Have been boosted OR Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask around others for 10 days. • Test on day 5, if possible. <p><i>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.</i></p>
<p>If you:</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted OR Are unvaccinated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. • If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days. • Test on day 5 if possible. <p><i>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home</i></p>