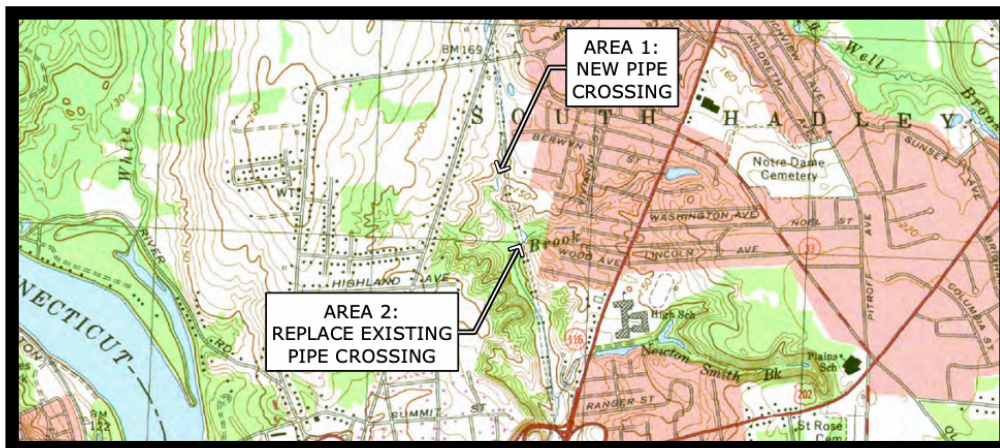


# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Selectboard seeking funding proposals



South Hadley is seeking proposals for approximately \$4.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding in this round. Funds need to be allocated by December 31, 2024. The application is on the Selectboard webpage - <https://www.southhadley.org/218/Selectboard> and click ARPA Funding Request Application in the left box. Eligible projects include infrastructure, cybersecurity, affordable housing, public health, assistance to residents and businesses in response to COVID-19. Pictured above: Judd Brook Interceptor project

### PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

The state’s Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education and Dept. of Public Health jointly announced on Jan 18 that public schools have the option to discontinue the Test and Stay programs and contract tracing. School districts can opt to be provided with rapid antigen at-home tests for staff and students who opt in on a weekly basis, [www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2022-0118new-testing-program.pdf](http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2022-0118new-testing-program.pdf)

### Selectboard

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Volunteer

Apply for vacant board and commission positions online by February 10: [www.southhadley.org/692/Board-Vacancies](http://www.southhadley.org/692/Board-Vacancies)

### COVID Cases

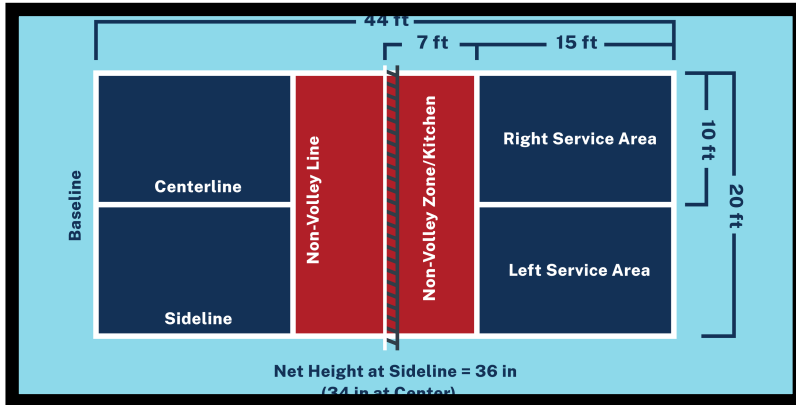
Active confirmed cases (PCR tests only) in South Hadley fell slightly from 244 cases last week to 224 cases this week.

Reporting on COVID hospitalizations cases will now differentiate between Primary and Incidental, to show a more accurate picture of COVID impacts.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

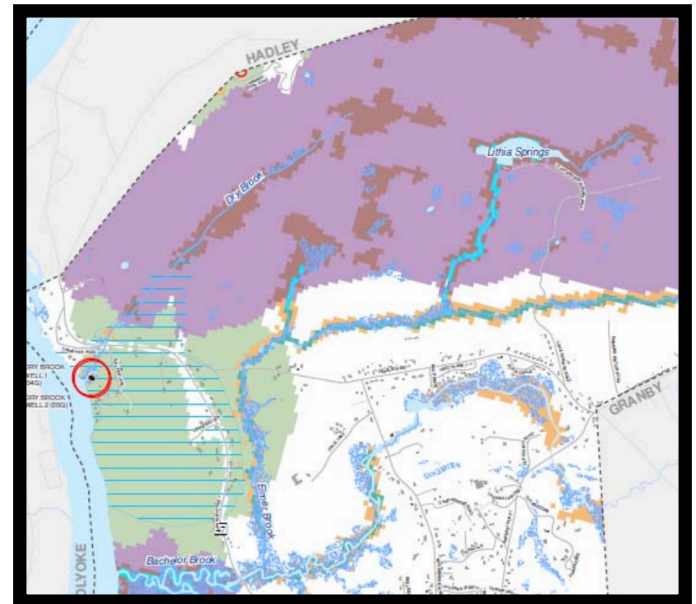


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PeoplesBank donated \$20,000 towards the construction of new Pickleball courts at Buttery Brook. The project is in the final stages of fundraising. The courts are slated to be constructed this year. To learn more about the sport: <https://usapickleball.org/>

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is providing technical assistance to help the town develop a comprehensive strategy for the protection of the District #2 public water supply. PVPC will be updating the Planning Board at their January 24th meeting with the findings, and answer questions from the public. <https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/9122/Water-Supply-Protection-Overlay-District-Review-PVPC---Final-Memorandum-12-30-21>



The Lt. Governor announced that the Governor's budget will include a 2.7% increase in local aid (also called Unrestricted General Government Aid) to match the consensus revenue projections that there will be a 2.7% increase in state tax revenue. State tax revenue consists of Income Tax, Withholdings, Capital Gains, Sales Tax, Corporate and Business Taxes, Estate, Room Occupancy, Deeds, Motor Fuel, and other taxes.