

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Town received regional Public Health Grant



The Mass Department of Public Health awarded a Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant to South Hadley, Holyoke and Chicopee in an annual amount of \$300,000. Thank you to our Health Director Sharon Hart for her hard work on this. The funds will be used to support the boards of health address a variety of public health issues.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 39 active confirmed cases as of 2/8. 6 are 65 years of age and over, and 1 is under age 5.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced that the statewide mask requirement for K-12 schools will be lifted on February 28. The South Hadley School Committee will discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on March 1 and the town-wide mask mandate will be on the agenda. The Town Administrator will make a decisions in the upcoming weeks for the town buildings mask mandate.

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Town Alerts

With another winter storm on the way, this is a good time to sign up for town notifications and emergency alerts: www.southhadley.org/517/Alerts-Notifications

Budget

The School Committee will discuss their budget at their February 17 and March 3 meetings. www.southhadleyschools.org/domain/58

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS



The Town Administrator has been appointed to serve on the MMMA Diversity and Inclusion Committee. There are 11 municipal managers from across

the state on this committee. Lisa served on this committee previously representing Winchester and Mike Sullivan served on this committee representing South Hadley, so this is a good continuation of this work.

The Town is considering requests for additional streetlights as part of the annual budget process. The requests can come from town departments as well as residents, and are subject to budget and other considerations. Per the Selectboard policy,



the Town Administrator will review the requests with the Police and Public Works department before making a recommendation to the Selectboard this Spring.



Residents also have the option to contact SHELD and "adopt a light".

The Town Administrator gave a virtual budget process talk to over 50 community members at a Know Your Town event on Thursday evening.