

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Police working towards Accreditation



The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission will be conducting an on-site South Hadley Police Department in early March as part of the final steps to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 26 New Confirmed Cases this week, down from last week's 45 figure.

Free treatment options are available that can be used to prevent severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19 for people who are at increased risk of severe disease, test positive for COVID-19 and have any symptoms, even mild ones. Residents who think they may be eligible and have questions should contact their medical provider or call the COVID-19 Self-Referral Treatment Line operated by Gothams at (508) 213-1380, Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Selectboard

The next meetings will be Tuesdays, March 1, 15 and 22 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)

### Capital

The Capital Planning Committee will begin virtual meetings with departments to review their five-year capital plans on Mondays, March 14, 21 and 28 from 5-7pm.

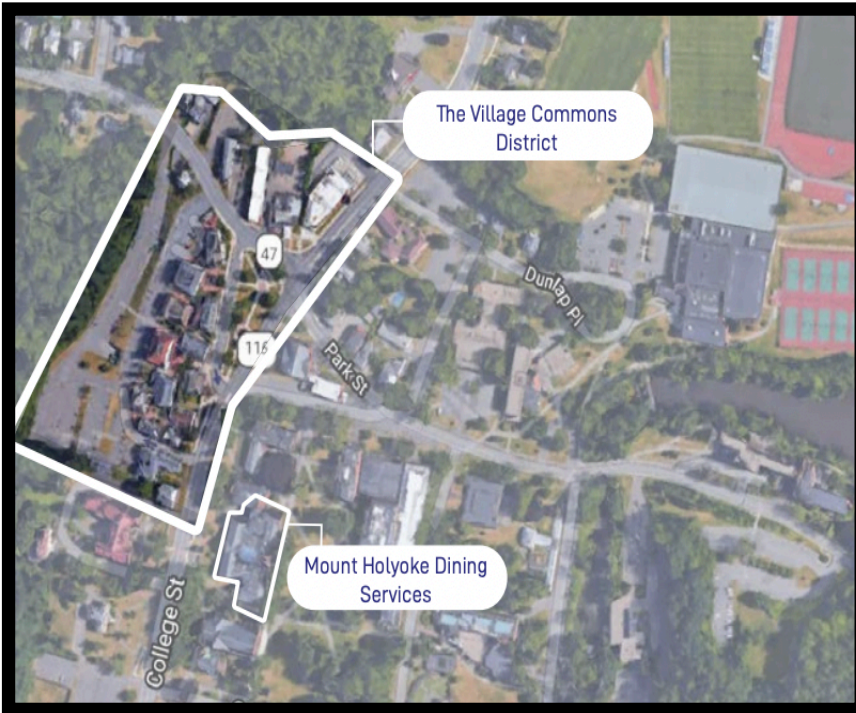
### Budget

The Selectboard will have a virtual budget hearing March 15 at 7pm and the School Committee will have their virtual hearing on March 17 at 6pm.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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The Town has submitted two REDO grants to the Western Mass EDC to fund projects outlined in the Local Rapid Recover Program document. The applications include \$70k for a façade improvement program in the Falls and \$35,000 to work with local businesses to install flexible outdoor furniture (removable) and games to draw people to gather within the Village Commons District—e.g. chairs, picnic tables, planters; host public art and seasonal offerings

within the Village Commons District; and add free mesh wifi system for the Village Commons District to enable access to the internet by people of all incomes.

The Small Business Grant Program funded through the ARPA legislation in December just launched. The application may be accessed at [empoweringsmallbusiness.org](https://empoweringsmallbusiness.org). It will be open until April 4, 2022. The program is organized around two buckets:

- \$50M is available to small businesses impacted by COVID-19, especially businesses that focus on reaching markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups, and those owned by minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, or those that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

- \$25M is restricted to those businesses that have not previously received financial relief from Mass Growth Capital Corporation's previous relief programs.

