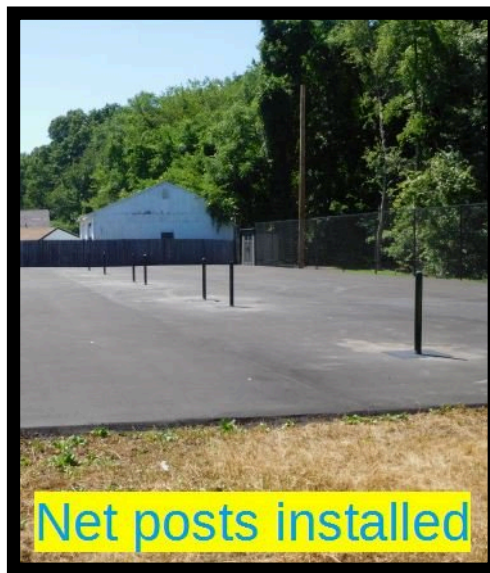


# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Pickleball courts nearing completion



The pickleball courts installed at Buttery Brook Park are slated to be painted for play by the end of July. A ribbon cutting will be held Aug. 8, National Pickleball Day, at 1 p.m. followed by a brief beginners introduction to pickleball clinic.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 24 New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases this week, up from last week's 17 figure.

The newest variant known as BA.5 is driving up COVID reinfection rates across the country, and is more transmissible than previous variants.

The CDC Director estimates that the BA.5 variant accounts for 65% of the cases currently circulating in the U.S.

Symptoms are similar to previous variants: fever, runny nose, coughing, sore throat, headaches, muscle pain and fatigue.

### Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16 at 7 p.m. To be determined whether the meeting will be in person or hybrid. Agenda and link will be posted on the website: [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Special Election

The Selectboard voted to hold a Special Election to fill the vacant Selectboard position concurrent with the November General Election. More details will be released shortly.

### Wrap-up on Hiatus

This weekly newsletter will be taking a summer hiatus and resume in September. Thank you all for your support! Updates will still be posted on the website.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS



The Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Sarah Gmeiner as the new Town Clerk. Sarah previously served the town as the Assistant Town Clerk and as an important member of the team at the Senior Center. She is pictured being officially sworn in.

The state Division of Ecological Restoration has awarded South Hadley a grant of \$147,500 towards field data collection, design & engineering, and permitting activities to replace one culvert on Pearl Street as part of the Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant. There is no match requirement for this grant, the grant will cover 100% of the cost.



The South Hadley Planning Board will hold a public hearing on July 25 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the final draft of the Route 202/33 Corridor Study, which suggests improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, creating mixed-use centers, and preserving open space. Materials can be found on the Planning Department's website here: <https://www.southhadley.org/294/Planning-Documents>.