

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Staff, board members gather at Master Plan Forum



More than 40 staff and board/committee members participated in the first-ever Master Plan Forum. This was a great event to discuss and collaborate on common goals between groups and understand the opportunities and barriers to implementation.

www.southhadley.org/1277/2020-Master-Plan

PUBLIC HEALTH

With a rise in seasonal respiratory viral infections, DPH has steps to prevent illness:

1. Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against influenza
2. Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against COVID-19 (you can get both at the same time)
3. Practice hand hygiene. Cover coughs and sneezes.
4. Clean high touch surfaces
5. Keep sick children home from daycare/school
6. Avoid social gatherings if sick
7. Contact your doctor if needing medical care.

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The hybrid meeting will be held at the Senior Center. Agenda and link will be posted here:
www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Veterans Day

There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 starting at 10 a.m. at Michael E. Smith Middle School. It will be led by the American Legion and VFW.

Town Meeting

A virtual public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. The town administrator will review the five warrant articles.
 Link:
www.southhadley.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=5576

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS

A citizen petition to support a resolution to change the state's flag and seal is on the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at the high school. The Massachusetts Legislature established the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth in 2016 to make recommendations.



The town received two Community Compact Grants for Best Practices for FY2023. The first is a \$50,000 grant to develop a formal Wage and Classification Plan that details, at a minimum, job descriptions, employee grades, and salary ranges, thereby providing the municipality with a tool to make reasonable pay decisions in comparison to similar work carried out in all areas of city/town government.

The second is a \$15,000 grant to develop a comprehensive ongoing training program for staff, elected and appointed officials. The pathway to advancing equity begins with training. Training is helpful in building a shared vocabulary and understanding of equity concepts and how they impact the community.

