

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Funds raised to Protect Farmland!



The \$190,000 local match toward the cost of protecting the Lauzier Family Farm on Alvord Street has been met thanks to generous donations from the community. This will match \$1.7 million in state and federal funds to purchase a permanent Agricultural Preservation Restriction (“Forever Farmland”).

PUBLIC HEALTH

As COVID cases often increase following a holiday, the state has developed a useful communication tool for community outreach efforts on COVID-19 safety precautions and prevention tips.

This COVID-19 safety checklist flyer outlines 7 steps to protect yourself, your family and your community from COVID-19 and provides URLs for more information. It is available in multiple languages, and can be accessed through the Clearinghouse:

massclearinghouse.eh.state.ma.us/PROG-BID/CV26.html

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6 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

Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Boys High School team who won the title at the Statewide Division IV Boys Soccer Tournament!

Housing Forum

The Housing Production Plan Community Forum will be held on Monday, December 12 from 7-9pm at the Library’s Community Meeting Room.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Town Meeting members assembled at the High School this week to weigh in on 5 articles. All five passed including a resolution to support changes to the State's flag and seal, changes to the wetlands bylaw to allow for mitigation payments, the creation of a Veterans Assistance Fund and a Veterans Council, and the removal of the Police Department from Civil Service. Next steps: The resolution will be sent to the elected officials as outlined in the vote. The Town Clerk will send the articles about the Wetlands Bylaw change and the Veterans Council to the Attorney General's office for review. www.mass.gov/municipal-law-review. The Town Administrator will work with Veterans' Agent to create an application process for the assistance fund as well as raise funds. The Selectboard will vote at their next meeting to file civil service special legislation.



The Town Administrator has been appointed to the Healey-Driscoll Transition team as a member of the Affordable, Abundant Housing Committee. There are six transition policy committee including transportation, housing, climate readiness, jobs, youth and safe and healthy communities. Find out more at: healeydriscolltransition.com/transition-committees

