

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rates set

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	<u>PROPOSED</u> Tax Rates:	<u>Rate</u>	<u>% change</u>
Fiscal 2022 rates:	Town	\$15.42	-6.3 %
\$16.45	FD #1	\$ 2.13	4.9 %
\$ 2.03	FD #2	\$ 2.35	-7.1 %
\$ 2.53			
<i>New Growth</i>		\$ 256,077.00	
<i>Tax Levy</i>		\$ 31,964,192.68	
<i>Debt Exclusion Total</i>		\$ 1,042,424.00	
<i>Maximum Allowable Levy Limit</i>		\$ 31,969,657.00	
<i>Excess Levy Capacity</i>		\$ 5,464.32	
MRF = <u>95.67%</u> Rate <u>\$ 15.42</u> R&O <u>92.0350%</u> CIP <u>7.9650%</u>			

The rate has been certified by the Bureau of Accounts for South Hadley. The average single family home will have a \$194.92 increase over last fiscal year. The rates for the districts have not been certified yet.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The state has announced another round of free COVID-19 tests and Personal Protective Equipment to municipalities via the local Boards of Health.

Based on our population, South Hadley is eligible to receive up to 9000 iHealth Labs at-home rapid antigen tests in boxes of 2. This is a first come-first serve, so the Town will be placing its order soon and then distributing these to departments. They will be available at municipal buildings.

Households will also be able to order four more free COVID test kits though the US Post Office. <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Monday, December 19 at 6 p.m. The hybrid meeting will be held at the Senior Center. Agenda and link will be posted here: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Capital Planning

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 5pm via Zoom. The Committee will get updates on FY23 projects and plan for FY24.

Planning

The Planning Board will continue discussions about the Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw at their next meeting on Monday, December 19 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

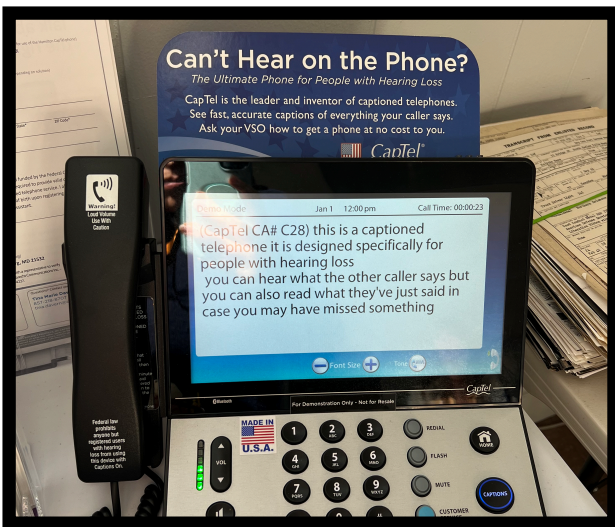
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The Health Department was able to purchase equipment to assist with residents who have hearing and visual impairments. Through a grant, table magnifiers and portable hearing devices have been distributed to town buildings and departments and are available for use now.



The Veterans Department has an example of CapTel phones that are provided to Veterans. These phones have captioning and are designed for people with hearing loss. To learn more, contact the Veterans office. www.captel.com/states/massachusetts



The Housing Production Plan Community Forum attracted about 30 residents on Monday. This is part of the process to update the town's Housing Production Plan, which expires this year. The consultant, Outwith Studios, outlined the process, presented data and then led smaller breakout discussions. <https://shhousingplan.org> (with link to survey)