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## Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard February 6, 2024

### Administration, Finance and Operations

- **Municipal Empowerment Act:** The Governor announced the bill that gives tools to municipalities. For more details: [www.mma.org/gov-healey-files-municipal-empowerment-act/](http://www.mma.org/gov-healey-files-municipal-empowerment-act/)

### Community

- **Library:** The library has plenty of programs to offer including:
  - In a timely program that reflects today's headlines, on **Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00**, Prof. Sohail Hashmi of Mt. Holyoke College will give a talk on ***Understanding the Israel-Hamas Conflict***.
  - Have you ever wanted to attend a TED Talk? David Bonanno will practice his talk ***Trauma Is Not Logical, So Here's How to Beat It*** on **Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00**. This lecture will teach attendees the basics of a simple yet efficient method for resolving trauma once and for all. Bonanno is a clinical psychologist, author, and speaker.

### Facilities

- Complete mini split install in HR/clerk/conservation/planning. Tankless hot water heater has been installed at the PD. A new fire alarm and burglar alarm system was installed at the Parks barn.

### Planning

- **ValleyBike:** Northampton facilitated a request for proposals for the regional bikeshare that was suspended due to the operator's bankruptcy. The bids were due Jan 31 and are being evaluated. In the coming weeks, the town will be notified of the options including the annual expense.
- **Pearl Street Culvert:** DER grants used for design. Applying for grant due Feb for construction. Grant covers 50% of \$675k estimate and will need to go to Town Meeting for the town share.

### Public Works

- **Judd Brook:** Project at halfway point with a completion date still in the late Spring. Change order likely due to camera work showing more pipes in the ground than on the plan. (up to \$150k).
- **DPW Building Capital:** All complete except waiting to get 2 dumpsters for park
- **Street Sweeper:** Late April estimated arrival. [southhadley.org/391/Street-Sweeping](http://southhadley.org/391/Street-Sweeping).
- **Vehicle Auction:** excess vehicles went to auction. Town will net \$22k
- **Main Street TIP Project:** The state is working on 25% design and scheduling a public hearing.