

# Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Child Abuse Awareness Month



The South Hadley Police Department hosted District Attorney David Sullivan, Executive Director Kara McElhone of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Hampshire County and Rep. Carey’s office to raise a flag to bring awareness. <https://cachampshire.org/>

### Public Hearing for Trash and Sewer

The South Hadley Selectboard will hold public hearings on upcoming sewer rate increases and trash collection changes on Saturday, April 13 at 9 am (sewer) and 10am (trash) at the South Hadley Senior Center and on Zoom.

### Selectboard

The Selectboard’s next hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website’s agenda center.

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at 6pm at the High School auditorium. A hearing will take place on April 24 at 6:30pm hybrid at the Senior Center.

### Petting Zoo

The Library is hosting the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Instrument Petting Zoo for PreK-4th grade. Register at the Library.



## Tax Exemptions

The Selectboard is discussing three additional tax exemptions:

For info on current exemptions: [www.southhadley.org/154/Assessors](http://www.southhadley.org/154/Assessors)

To accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17E, a local option, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17D, by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024

To accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17F, a local option, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, by up to 100% of the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, and to fix that annual increase at 2.5% or 100% of the CPI, whichever is less to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024

To accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 37A, a local option, which authorizes an exemption in the amount of \$500 granted to blind persons who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and of the Town, increasing the amount of exemption from the current amount of \$437.50



### South Hadley Exemption Questionnaire

An exemption is a discharge from the obligation to pay all or part of a real estate tax based on certain age, income, military, or disability status as set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Exemptions are available for blind persons, low income seniors, seniors, surviving spouse or surviving minor child, veterans with disabilities.

Please answer the following questions to determine your eligibility.