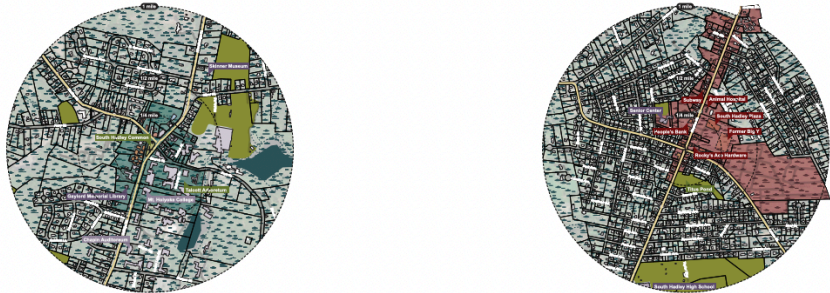


Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Master Plan Annual Report



A. Village Commons/Mount Holyoke College

- ▶ Increase economic development opportunities for small-scale businesses in the area centered on the Village Commons and Mt. Holyoke at Route 47 and Route 116.

B. Woodlawn Neighborhood

- ▶ Create incentives for the re-establishment of a grocery store at this location. Study non-traditional approaches such as a co-op grocery store.

The Selectboard, Planning Board and Master Plan Implementation Committee will meet on Tuesday August 6 to review progress with the Master Plan. www.southhadley.org/223/Master-Plan-Implementation-Committee

Affordable Housing

The MVP 2.0 project issued a report to the Selectboard recommending that affordable housing be the focus of a small grant from the state.

The \$50k grant will be used to help develop an Affordable Housing Trust and seed a small project.

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Selectboard

The Selectboard’s next hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug 6 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website’s agenda center.

Elections

State Primary elections will be held on Tuesday, September 3
www.southhadley.org/401/Voter-Information

Senior Tax Program

Save the Date! The applications for the spring program will be available October 1.



Master Plan Report Summary

The Town completed its second full year under the updated Master Plan in spring 2024. The Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) met throughout the year with entities to monitor progress and challenges encountered. The report highlight progress in several areas:

- Cooperation among entities seems to be increasing: the Senior Center, Bike Walk Committee, Disabilities Commission, Historical Commission, Sustainability and Energy Commission each report reaching out to other groups to advance their work, as, of course, has the Library, which is always a standout.
- More collaboration between various Town entities and Mount Holyoke College.
- Several entities sought approval of new governance bylaws for themselves, in part with an eye to advancing Master Plan goals: MPIC, the Council on Aging, the Capital Planning Committee the Bylaw Review Committee have all revisited their organizational structures, proposing revised bylaws that have been approved by Town Meeting.
- Perhaps the most consequential administrative reorganization effort, led by Town Administration and the Select Board, has been to create a Department of Human Services, which will bring into close collaboration the Senior Center, Veterans Affairs and the Recreation Department, which together are responsible for supporting numerous Master Plan goals.

C. South Hadley Falls

- ▶ Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood core.
- ▶ Increase the number of small businesses such as retail shops, small grocery stores or farmer's market, ice cream shops, cafés, and restaurants near the neighborhood core.
- ▶ Provide opportunities for an art gallery and artist studios.
- ▶ Develop affordable mixed-use housing.
- ▶ Expand light industrial uses around the neighborhood periphery.

D. Intersection of Routes 202 and 33

- ▶ Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood core; consider adding more open space such as a small park, community garden, or dog park.
- ▶ Increase commercial activity such as restaurants, ice cream shops, and retail between the neighborhood core and periphery.
- ▶ Increase the variety of housing choices.