

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

New Scoreboard!



Town Meeting approved funds and the sponsors pictured above helped to contribute towards the project. We look forward to seeing the board in use when fall sports kicks off!

Recycling Center

The Town recently made some changes to the Recycling Center fees for various items

The detailed list can be found online. Note that the yard waste fees were NOT voted on.

www.southhadley.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/387?fileID=49154

Selectboard

The Selectboard's next regular hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website's agenda center.

Historic District

Find out more about the local historic district project at the next committee meeting: Aug 17 at noon at the Library.

Fall Sports

Information on Fall Sports is available on the Recreation website: www.southhadleyrecreation.org

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Police Staffing Study Report

The Town retained the services of Municipal Resources, Inc. to provide technical assistance to the Town in researching, analyzing, and recommending police staffing. The report is available online at: www.southhadley.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/387?fileID=49149

Recommendations for staffing as well as conducting a community survey in the upcoming year are detailed at the end of the report. The Selectboard will be organizing a public safety forum for the public to hear more about the report, as well as engage community leaders, including providing feedback and asking questions.

TABLE: COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES

Town	Population	# of Officers	Calls for service 2023	FY24 Budget	Calls Per Officer	Cost Per Resident	Officers per thousand
Southbridge	23,000	40	40,000	\$5,200,000	1,000	\$226	1.7
Ludlow	22,000	42	18,856	\$5,096,527	449	\$232	1.9
Norton	19,202	35	14,000	\$4,180,051	400	\$218	1.8
Sudbury	18,926	30	13,213	\$4,593,261	440	\$243	1.6
Concord	18,625	36	34,748	\$5,208,277	965	\$280	1.9
Ashland	18,840	29	11,893	\$4,235,255	410	\$225	1.5
South Hadley	18,150	30	21,696	\$3,255,415	723	\$179	1.6
Greenfield	17,456	33	41,403	\$3,810,000	1,255	\$218	1.9
Easthampton	16,211	30	23,708	\$3,636,056	790	\$224	1.9
Longmeadow	15,800	27	21,038	\$3,400,000	779	\$215	1.7
East Longmeadow	15,644	28	13,843	\$3,495,415	494	\$223	1.8
Belchertown	15,400	23	18,567	\$2,679,477	807	\$174	1.5
Wilbraham	15,000	27	24,994	\$2,909,260	926	\$193	1.8
Palmer	12,337	23	26,783	\$2,898,387	1,164	\$235	1.9
Average	17,613	30	23,195	\$3,899,812	759	\$220	1.8