

# THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## MEETINGS

**SELECTBOARD, 7 p.m.**  
Hybrid at Senior Center

Tuesday, April 1

Tuesday, April 15

[www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

## Flags for Heroes

The Rotary is launching a program to place flags for heroes at the Town Commons. Find out more. Deadline May 1 to purchase.



## ANNUAL ARTS & MUSIC SHOWCASE



Showcase kicks off March 21 with a Preview Event at the Senior Center with jazz, student performances, and free food from local restaurants. Showcase runs April 26-27.

<https://southhadleyarts.org>

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget - Revenue

**\$58,070,759 = \$1,665,708 (2.95% increase over FY2025 budget)**

Local estimated receipts (fees, fines, income)	+ \$300,000
Cherry sheet (local/school aid, reimbursements)	+ \$265,152
Available Funds (free cash, cable fund, boat excise)	+ \$ 16,797
Tax Levy (property taxation 2.5% increase)	+ \$829,793
New Growth (tax on new construction, renovations)	+ \$150,000
Enterprise Funds (Sewer, Landfill, Ledges)	+ \$ 41,102
<u>SHELD</u> Reimbursement (benefits, services)	+ \$185,168
Assessments	- \$159,910

The Selectboard and School Committee voted on the FY26 Budgets this week. Budget docs: <https://southhadley.org/679/Budget-Town-Meeting-Documents>

South Hadley High School Student Council Letter Writing campaign produced 900+ letters from students, staff and supporters. The letters highlight the importance of education and the need for more financial support. The letters will go to our state delegation and legislators as part of the state Ways and Means public hearing process. The town is also organizing a contingency to attend and testify at the April 8 hearing at the State House.



South Hadley helped organize a regional roundtable with area town, school and finance leadership. In addition to sharing ideas and support, the group is issuing a statement to the State Ways and Means Committee. Here is an excerpt: "It is critical to recognize the fiscal challenges school districts throughout the Commonwealth are encountering, as well as the opportunity to strengthen and reimagine public education by building on the historic victories of the Student Opportunity Act and the Fair Share Amendment. The challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic persist, with an increasing number of students requiring social and emotional support."