

# THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## MEETINGS

### SELECTBOARD

Tuesday, August 12  
Hybrid @ 6pm  
Joint meeting with  
Districts 1 and 2

Tuesday, Sept 2  
Joint with School Cte  
[www.southhadley.org/  
agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

## Town Hall

Town Hall is  
closed to the  
public on Fridays  
in August for  
professional  
development

## WELCOME LYN!



The new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lyn Jacques, will start her new role on August 1. Lyn is coming from Amesbury, where she serves as Director of Teaching and Learning.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## Selectboard forms Action Plan for FY2026

The Selectboard held their second annual strategic planning retreat on July 26 at the Library. Major highlights for the upcoming year are:

- Fiscal stability - work with Budget Task Force to prioritize and support services, especially with the loss of state and federal sources and the unsustainable rise of health insurance costs.
- Comprehensive review of the new trash and recycling system in the fall, including exploring cart size options and composting. A presentation and public input meeting will be held in the fall.
- More public information about the elementary school building project - the building committee is interviewing architecture firms and provide an update to the Selectboard at the Sept 2 meeting.
- Expand community use of the Senior Center, including creating a building use policy and finding ways to expand free and low cost community and youth programs.
- Economic Development - explore ways to support small businesses by eliminating “red tape”, working with the Chamber, supporting zoning reforms, and looking at incentive programs.
- Affordable Housing - formally appoint the Trust members and explore funding a part time position to support their strategic plan. Work with area communities and colleges to address housing regionally.
- Add a section to the Selectboard agenda to report back on committees - many members of the board are also on other boards and this provides an opportunity to keep everyone updated on the committees like Human Rights, Capital, Age & Dementia Friendly
- Enhance community engagement - promote Precinct meetings