

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD, 7pm

Hybrid @ Senior Center

Tuesdays

October 21

November 4

November 18

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ELECTIONS

Learn how to run for local office - Thursday, October 23rd, from 6-8 pm in the Community Room at the South Hadley Public Library (2 Canal Street)

LIQUOR LICENSES



Weigh in on several proposals from the Selectboard. The Selectboard will be asking Town Meeting at their Nov 5 meeting to petition the State Legislature to add more liquor licenses to accommodate demand and also encourage new restaurants and business growth throughout town. The proposal is to increase the on premise licenses from 19 to 29 and the off premise licenses from 9 to 14. There are no more on premise licenses and the cap is based on population, but towns can petition the state for more. In the last five years, the Legislature approved more than 80 home rule petitions, creating over 265 liquor licenses across Massachusetts. On the next page, see the fees that the Selectboard will be considering at their Oct 21 meeting for various licenses. Comments/questions to Selectboard@southhadleyma.gov

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Proposed Selectboard License Fees - Oct 21 Selectboard meeting

Permit / License / Service Name	Current Fee (FY26)	Market Comps		SH vs. Avg % diff	Rcommended Fee	Note
		AVG	SH vs. Avg			
1 Day - Beer & Wine	\$40	\$63.57	-\$23.57	-37.08%	\$60	Market avg
1 Day - All Alcohol	\$60	\$106.88	-\$46.88	-43.86%	\$100	Market avg
Club License - All Alcohol	\$1,000	\$1,194.78	-\$194.78	-16.30%	\$1,200	Market avg
Package Store - Beer & Wine	\$1,000	\$1,144.44	-\$144.44	-12.62%	\$1,200	Market avg
Package Store - All Alcohol	\$1,200.00	\$1,687.00	-\$487.00	-28.87%	\$1,700	Market avg
Restaurant License - Beer & Wine	\$1,000	\$1,116.67	-\$116.67	-10.45%	\$1,200	Market avg
Restaurant License - All Alcohol	\$1,500	\$1,675.89	-\$175.89	-10.50%	\$1,700	Market avg
Beer Farmer Series Pouring Permit	\$800	\$1,053.13	-\$253.13	-24.04%	\$800	Market avg
Beer & Wine Special Section 14 License	\$200	\$2,200.00	-\$2,000.00		\$200	No increase (spec. for ed use/MHC)
Seasonal All Alcohol License	\$700	\$1,437.50	-\$737.50	-51.30%	\$700	No increase
Beer Wine General On Premise / All Alcohol License	\$1,000 / \$1,500	\$2,200.00				
Juke Box License	\$50				\$75	No other towns have this, MGL is same as coin-operated amusements. Roll into the same license and fee
Entertainment License	\$50	\$86.11	-\$36.11	-41.94%	\$100	Closer to Mkt Avg and up to MGL limit
Sunday Entertainment License	\$85	\$85.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$100	Up to MGL limit
Theater License	\$50	\$100.00	-\$50.00	-50.00%	\$100	Market avg
Carry-in BYOB License	\$20				\$100	no comps, but sprfld (\$200) and w.sprfld (\$500), and incr. to other internal license levels
Automatic Amusement License	\$75	\$71.25	\$3.75	5.26%	\$100	general incr. up to MGL limit
Common Victualler License	\$50	\$60.00	-\$10.00	-16.67%	\$100	Closer to Mkt Avg and up to MGL limit
Used Car Dealer License	\$150	\$125.00	\$25.00	20.00%	\$200	general incr. up to MGL limit
Junk Dealer License	\$75	\$58.33	\$16.67	28.57%	\$100	general increase
Junk Collector License	\$75	\$58.33	\$16.67	28.57%	\$100	general increase
Hawker / Peddler License	\$100	\$66.67	\$33.33	50.00%	\$100	general increase
Livery License	\$25 flat + \$5 per # cars	\$35.00			\$50 + \$10 per car	general increase



Free Cash, the amount of unrestricted operating funds a community has left over from the previous fiscal year, was certified by the State Department of Revenue earlier this month. The numbers from last year are in ()s.

Fire District #1 - \$1,013,263 (\$976,245)

Fire District #2 - \$186,055 (\$163,854)

Town General Fund \$5,584,552 (\$5,119,954)

Ledges \$277,120 (\$339,542)

Waste water \$1,749,838 (\$1,004,596)

Landfill \$732,653 (\$834,743)