

# THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**SELECTBOARD - 7 p.m.**  
**Hybrid @ Senior Center**

Tuesdays  
Feb. 3, 10 & 17

**BUDGET TASK FORCE - 6 p.m.**  
**on Zoom**

Mondays  
Jan. 26, Feb, 2 & 9

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

## BUDGET SURVEY

Please take the Budget Task Force survey. It will close toward the end of January. 1800+ responses so far!

<https://southhadley.org/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Residents-Take-the-Budget-Task-Force-Survey-72>

## SOLAR CROSSWALK LIGHTS INSTALLED



Four solar crosswalk lights have been installed on Mosier Street at the schools, Park Street to Mosier Street crossing Morgan, Brainerd Street at Lyman Street, and Main Street at Pleasant crossing to the Beachgrounds.

## Nomination papers available

Nomination papers are now available for the April 14 Annual Town Election. The deadline to pick up nomination papers is Friday, Feb. 20.

Visit [southhadley.org/Elections](http://southhadley.org/Elections) for more information, including key dates in the election cycle and what positions are on the ballot.

# South Hadley Outlook

[southhadley.org/1504/Budget-Task-Force](https://southhadley.org/1504/Budget-Task-Force)

FY27 Level Budget : **\$67.8m**

FY27 Projected Budget **\$64.5m**

Employees : **652**

Ave Single Family Value: **\$417k**

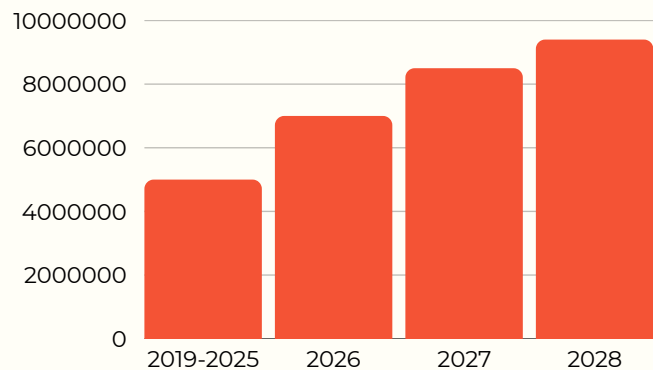
Ave Single Family Taxes: **\$5,639**

## Budget Challenge

A \$2.7m increase in health insurance costs from 6.1m in FY25 to almost 9m in FY27 accounts for most of the \$3.3m budget gap.

Stagnant state aid and low economic growth limit revenues needed to cover these costs.

## Health Insurance Impact



### Projected School Impacts (cut \$1.5m)

- Administration - 3 positions
- Student Facing - 20 positions
  - Cuts to sports
- Cuts to extracurricular activities
  - Reduction in electives at middle/high school
  - Reduction in transportation options and/or increase in fees

### Projected Town Impacts (cut \$1m)

- Library - close Gaylord, lose ability to borrow statewide
- Senior Center & Town Hall - reduce staff and close Fridays
- Reduce health & safety inspections
  - Police - reduce of staff
  - Public Works - reduce staff, maintenance. close spray parks

## Override Impacts

[www.mass.gov/info-details/proposition-2-12-overrides-exclusions](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/proposition-2-12-overrides-exclusions)

3m - Unfortunately this would not eliminate service cuts. It would prevent MORE cuts in 2028.

6m - Prevent several of the cuts above for 3 years

9m - Prevents most of the cuts above for 4 years