

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD, 7pm
Hybrid @ Senior Center

Tuesdays
March 3 & 17
April 7 & 21

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Special Town Meeting to discuss possible override on Feb 25. Expense Deep Dive - Town

FY2027 No Override - Town Department Cuts

	<u>\$ Cut</u>	<u>% Cut</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Administration	10k	3.8%	Salary reduction
Treasurer/Collector	40k	16%	Eliminate Clerk
Human Resources	25k	13.6%	Cut Training/prof development
Clerk	25k	13.6%	Cut support staff, expenses
Planning/Conservation	29k	10.7%	Cut consultant line item
Police	250k	6.8%	Cut dispatch, officer
Inspections	60k	23.8%	Eliminate Clerk, Local Building inspector
Public Works	240k	14.3%	Staff cuts, maintenance cuts
Health	25k	8%	Reduce inspections
Human Services	123k	12.9%	Staff & service reductions
Library	139k	15.26%	Staff & service reductions

No major changes to Assessor, IT, Facilities and Legal. Accounting - review Finance Director position
Other cuts include 200k to OPEB (not \$500k), 10k from Land Fund (now 15k)

OVERRIDE

A new info page is on the town website:
<https://southhadley.org/1528/Proposition-25-Override-Information.Town-Meeting-warrant>
<https://southhadley.org/192/Town-Meeting>

Expense Deep Dive - Education

No override/3m override	\$6m Override Cuts	\$9m Override
FY27 = \$26m with 1.5% increase/year FY27 = \$26.5 with 2% increase/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sports • All Afterschool Activities • Music Middle and High School • 3 Admin Positions • 15 Student Facing Positions • K-1 Class Sizes of 25 students per class • 2-4 Class Sizes of 27-30 students per class • 5-12 Class Sizes of 30+ students per class 	FY27 = \$27m, 2.5% increase/yr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sports • All Afterschool Activities • Music Middle and High School • 2 Admin Positions • 10 Student Facing Positions • K-1 Class Sizes of 20-22 students per class • 2-4 Class Sizes of 22-25 students per class • 5-12 Class Sizes of 25-30 students per class 	FY27 = \$27.5m with 3% increase/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to Level Budget for 4-5 years • Increase some fees <hr/> \$11m Override FY27 = \$27.5m with 4% increase/year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level Budget for 5 years

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Public Works Updates

MassDOT is evaluating eligible communities for the first round of FAIR (Funding for Accelerated Infrastructure Repair), formerly known as the Municipal Rapid Repair and Replacement Program. Below is a link to the Governor's press release announcing the program, along with other municipal investments.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/at-mma-governor-healey-announces-major-infusion-of-support-for-municipal-transportation-projects-local-aid>

A bridge in South Hadley has been selected for the first round of this program. The bridge in your community that has been chosen is SOUTH HADLEY - Morgan Street over Stony Brook - Bridge No. S-18-010(0N1)

This is a bridge preservation program, not a bridge replacement program. Therefore, the proposed work will consist of bridge preservation work such as beam and concrete repairs and we expect no Right of Way impacts and minimal environmental permitting. The goal of this program is to prevent bridge closures, remove or reduce existing restrictions or weight limits, and extend the useful life of your structure.

MassDOT will design, procure, and administer the construction of this work at no cost to your community, and our goal is to advertise this work for construction this year. Therefore, we are currently performing preliminary investigations, so you may notice activity at your bridge, such as Engineers or Survey Crews.

Inclusion in this program does not alter any maintenance or ownership responsibilities, nor does it alleviate the town's responsibility to respond to any emergencies in the interim.

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