

# THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## MEETINGS

**SELECTBOARD, 7pm**  
Hybrid @ Senior Center

**Tuesdays**  
**March 3 & 17**  
**April 7 & 21**

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

## CENSUS

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your census  
forms!

<https://southhadley.org/1162/Annual-Town-Census>

## State Budget Hearings

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will have hearings focused on municipal and school aid. The Mass Municipal Association argues that the Governor's proposal does not keep up with rising costs in labor, health insurance, energy, infrastructure, and much more. MMA will also advocate for a higher minimum aid figure to ensure that all school districts have the critical resources needed to maintain educational services; prioritize full funding for Special Education Circuit Breaker reimbursements; advocate for addressing the financial strain that charter schools payments impose on public school districts; and advocate for fully funding school transportation accounts. Following the Joint Ways and Means Committee hearings, the House is expected to debate its own budget bill in April, with the Senate deliberating its bill in May. The Legislature will work to get a final budget bill to the governor by the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. State aid not keeping up with inflation is one of the main drivers of the South Hadley budget deficit. [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org)

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



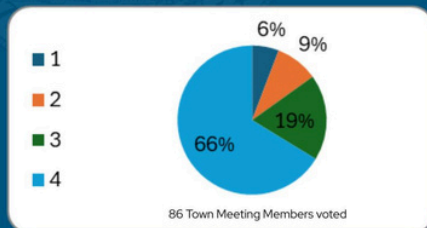
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## Override Updates

### Special Town Meeting Results

What override amount would you support?

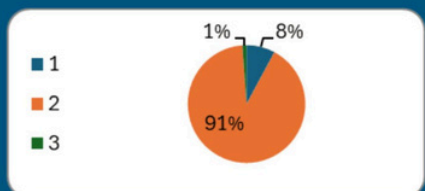
- 1 \$3 Million
- 2 \$6 Million
- 3 \$9 Million
- 4 \$11 Million



### Special Town Meeting Results

Would you support a budget that includes the following cuts: the loss of 5 school district administration and 17 student facing positions, the reduction of 2 police positions, the loss of 6 full time and 2 part time dispatchers, the reduction in hours of 10 positions at the library and 2 positions at the Town Hall, the reduction of 2 staff members at Town Hall, the reduction of 2 staff members at the Senior Center, and the reduction of 2 public works employees, and the following cuts in town services: elimination of sports, elimination of extracurricular programs, elimination of advanced placement courses, reduction in school support services, increase class sizes, close spray parks, reduce highway and parks maintenance, increase response time to public safety calls and/or increase in overtime to offset reduction in patrol officers, reduce customer service facing staff in public buildings as a result of reductions of clerical positions, eliminate a school resource officer, close Gaylord Library, and lose the ability to borrow from other libraries.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Abstain



- March 3 Selectboard - Budget Public Hearing**
- March 11 School Comm - Budget Public Hearing**
- March 17 Selectboard - Budget Vote**
- March 25 School Comm - Budget Vote**
- March 28 - Community meeting**
- April 14 - Annual Town Election**
- May 13 - Annual Town Meeting**