

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD 7 p.m.
Hybrid @ Senior Center
Tuesdays

March 17
April 7 & 21

www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

TAX IMPACT

New tax calculator on the Override Information page. This shows the Override impact only, and does not reflect that this amount will be raised over 4-5 years and not all in FY27.

www.southhadley.org/1528/Proposition-25-Override-Information

Capital Deliberations Begin

Capital Request Detail by Department		Cost
DPW	Replace #6 Dump / plow 2014	\$105,000
DPW	Truck #38 sander 2017	\$250,000
DPW	Replace #31 pick up and plow 2016	\$70,000
Facilities	Town Hall mini splits	\$60,000
Facilities	Town Hall - Masonry maintenance	\$50,000
Library	Flooring replacements	\$50,000
Library	Tree maintenance	\$20,000
Library	Replace 3 boilers	\$55,000
Police	Technology: Computers	\$10,000
Police	Firearms Replacement, 33 units with optics	\$45,000
Police	Upgrade Electronic Weapons (tasers)	\$21,000
Police	replace boiler	\$35,000
Police	generator replacement	\$75,000
Police	2 Vehicle Replacement	\$140,000
Police	Upgrade Electronic Weapons (tasers)	\$21,000
School	Middle School HVAC repairs	\$50,000
School	High School-roof replacement cafeteria	\$110,000
School	High School-carpet in library and guidance	\$100,000
School	High School-HVAC repairs	\$75,000
General	Capital Stabilization Fund	\$125,000
General	Preventative Maintenance Fund	\$50,000
Ledges	Cart Path Paving and general repairs and maintenance	\$150,000
Landfill		
WWTP	Phase 1 design services Main St. Pump Station	\$500,000
WWTP	AMP Grant	\$25,000
WWTP	Various maintenance	\$100,000
Total Capital Request: General Fund		\$1,517,000
Total Capital Request: Ledges		\$150,000
Total Capital Request: Landfill		\$0
Total Capital Request: Water Pollution Control		\$625,000
Total Capital Request:		\$2,292,000

Projects to be discussed by Capital Planning Committee at their meeting on March 24 at 4pm hybrid at Senior Center.

Annual Town Meeting is May 13 - Keep Informed!

Deliberation & Division: Making Change at The New England Town Meeting

By Department of Political Science

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:00am to 5:00pm EDT



“Deliberation and Division: Making Change at the New England Town Meeting,” a free symposium focused on the history, operations, and contemporary challenges and innovations related to town meeting, will be held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on March 11 hosted by the UMass Amherst Political Science Department and features keynote speaker Jane Mansbridge of Harvard University. A number of panels will focus on all aspects of town meeting. The event will also feature interactive case studies to evaluate different town meeting scenarios, skill-building sessions, and networking opportunities. Complete information about participants, panels and the schedule is available online. Attendees should RSVP in advance. Registration is free and open to the public, with an online attendance option for those unable to attend in person.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Great Hall, Old Chapel, University of Massachusetts Amherst

https://events.umass.edu/event/deliberation-division-making-change-at-the-new-england-town-meeting.

Annual Town Meeting Citizen's Petition - Town of South Hadley
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2026 MAR -4 PM 1:14
To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 72-13 of the General Bylaws as follows (new text in bold and deletions set forth in strikethrough):
§ 72-13 Speaking at Town Meeting.
Only voting-members residents of the Town of South Hadley are entitled to address any Annual or Special Town Meeting, except that others may speak to articles at the discretion of the Town Moderator or upon a majority vote of the voting members. All persons desiring to speak shall signify their interest by a show of hands and, upon obtaining recognition from the Town Moderator, each speaker shall state his or her name and stand while speaking, unless the Town Moderator otherwise directs. The extent and frequency of any comments or debate shall be at the discretion of the Moderator or by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting.

A citizen petition has been filed to allow non Town Meeting members to speak at Town Meeting. Important deadlines next week for elections and ballot questions are online: https://southhadley.org/620/Elections