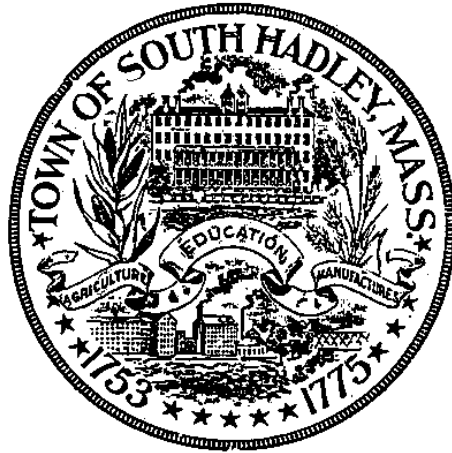


# South Hadley

Massachusetts



**FISCAL YEAR 2010**

## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

*Please bring this report to the Annual/Special Town Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Hadley Town Hall. If you need special accommodations to attend this meeting, please call (413) 538-5017.*

2009 REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Sections 4-8 and 4-10 of the South Hadley Town bylaws state, in part, that the “appointed committee on appropriations shall consider all articles involving the expenditure, appropriation, raising or borrowing of money in any warrant, for any town meeting, and make their recommendations to the meeting held to consider such articles.” Proposition 2½ was enacted twenty-nine years ago. Since then, the Appropriations Committee’s objective has been to recommend to Town Meeting how to address the demands for services and programs while keeping within the fiscal constraints of Proposition 2½.

This, our 84<sup>th</sup> annual report, presents to Town Meeting a budget that attempts to continue to meet the needs of the citizens of South Hadley and yet recognizes the reduced funding from the Commonwealth. It is based on the state aid amounts proposed by the Governor in his initial budget recommendation. The House Ways and Means budget proposes different amounts. It is almost certain that the final state aid amounts will change. The effect of these changes will most likely need to be addressed at a Special Town Meeting.

The following paragraphs explain the budgetary issues facing the Town of South Hadley and present our budget recommendations.

Special Town Meeting

During fiscal year 2009, the Commonwealth’s revenues were lower than projected. In order to balance its budget, local aid was reduced. South Hadley’s reduction was \$316,752. This short fall will be funded through fiscal year 2009 department turn backs so no appropriation is required at Special Town Meeting.

Articles totaling \$265,200 are included on the Special Town Meeting warrant. However, it has been determined that a smaller amount than the \$10,000 requested for legal services in Article 2 will be needed, and it can be funded through the reserve fund. The need to fund the deficit in the snow removal budget is the largest expenditure. We agree with all of the articles. We recommend funding sources as follows:

Free cash	\$241,200
Transfer from golf personal services to other expenses	<u>14,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$255,200</u>

State Aid

The Governor’s fiscal year 2010 budget includes level funded Chapter 70 aid but a net decrease of \$945,979 in other state funding. This decrease is offset by projected additional aid of \$369,332 as a result of a proposed 1% increase in the meals and rooms tax. These numbers from the Preliminary Cherry Sheet have been used in the budget presented to Town Meeting.

The Governor has also proposed authorizing a 1% local option meals tax. If South Hadley were to adopt this, projected revenues are estimated to be \$136,000. The House Ways and Means budget does not include the 1% rooms and meals tax increase. Therefore, it includes an additional \$122,313 reduction in South Hadley state aid.

Finally, South Hadley has been awarded an allocation of approximately \$815,000 of federal stimulus money for fiscal year 2010 to be used for the school system. At this time guidelines as to how this money can be spent have not been issued.

### Free Cash

Free cash is a revenue source which results from the calculation as of July 1 of the Town's remaining unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year. A summary of free cash activity in recent years is as follows:

	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u> (As Proposed)
Certified free cash - beginning	\$1,743,995	\$1,526,792	\$2,097,666	\$1,970,236
Expenditures:				
- golf course	677,437	543,000	445,775	420,461
- current year budgets	307,756	59,000	833,630	378,400
- stabilization	102,500	0	0	0
- next year budgets	<u>156,302</u>	<u>410,383</u>	<u>210,611</u>	<u>64,705</u>
Free cash at year end	500,000	514,409	607,650	<u>\$1,106,670</u>
Increase at year end closing	<u>1,026,792</u>	<u>1,583,257</u>	<u>1,362,586</u>	
Certified free cash for next year	<u>\$1,526,792</u>	<u>\$2,097,666</u>	<u>\$1,970,236</u>	

Of the \$1,970,236 fiscal year 2009 certified free cash, \$137,200 has been spent at the October Special Town Meeting. We recommend spending \$241,200 at this May's Special Town Meeting. We also propose spending \$64,705 on fiscal year 2010 capital projects and \$420,461 to fund the Ledges deficit. This will leave \$1,106,670 in unspent free cash prior to the year end closing.

The amount of unspent free cash as proposed is higher than previous years, and we believe this is prudent. The uncertainty of state funding and a much smaller increase in free cash at year end closing requires a large carryover from fiscal year 2009.

### School Budget

The Appropriations Committee recommends a School budget of \$18,743,096. This is level funded from fiscal year 2009.

## Ledges Golf Club

The Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Fund annually requires an appropriation from the Town to balance its budget. Fiscal years 2008 and 2009 funding for operating expenses was \$543,000 and \$445,775, respectively. The Appropriations Committee recommends funding of \$405,461 for operating expenses and \$15,000 for a capital item for 2010. The operating expense is \$9,500 higher than shown in the budget book due to the addition of monitoring wells and testing costs.

## Expenses

In prior budgets, efforts were made to gradually restore services that had previously been cut. Due to the reduction in state aid, this has not been possible in fiscal year 2010. Most budgets have been level funded and only mandated or essential expense increases have been recommended for funding. These include increases in the cost of health insurance (\$211,430), FICA tax (\$15,300) and retirement (\$72,168). The Appropriations Committee agrees with budgets as presented except as follows:

1. Reduce Clerk/Treasurer personal services budget by \$11,250
2. Reduce election budget by \$12,500 and add this amount to the reserve fund budget

The Appropriations Committee also recommends that the Selectboard appoint a committee to review the compensation for the elected positions of Town Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector. This committee should be charged with setting a fixed salary for these two positions and also to establish a mechanism for periodic (not necessarily annual) adjustments to the salaries.

## Capital Expenditures

As part of the budget process, the Capital Planning Committee has reviewed requests for capital purchases and made its recommendations to the Selectboard. The Selectboard has proposed funding \$408,000 of those recommendations. Since that vote was taken, it has been determined that only \$15,000 will be needed to complete the water looping project. The Appropriation's Committee supports all proposed capital projects except for the \$15,000 article to provide funds for design services and budget pricing to upgrade restroom facilities at the main library. The actual project cost is expected to be substantial, and it is very unlikely that the Town would be able to fund it in the next several years due to the recession and reduction in state aid.

## Budget Recommendations

The Appropriations Committee has voted to recommend fiscal year 2010 expenditures of \$39,390,972. We endorse the amounts listed under the Selectboard's Recommended FY 2010 as presented in the budget books printed for Town Meeting members except as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY 2010 Selectboard's Recommended</u>	<u>FY 2010 Appropriations Recommended</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Reserve fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 42,500	Tight budgets may result in more reserve fund requests.
General government	1,541,929	1,518,179	Reduction in Clerk/Treasurer and elections budget.

Ledges golf	913,209	922,709	Fund the cost of monitoring wells and testing.
Capital items	408,000	383,000	Library design study not recommended, Ledges water loop reduced by \$10,000
All other departments	<u>36,524,584</u>	<u>36,524,584</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$39,417,722</u>	<u>\$39,390,972</u>	

Once again, we would like to express our gratitude for the cooperative spirit expressed by the managers of the various municipal departments in South Hadley. They are always willing to provide us the information we need so that we may fulfill our obligation to make recommendations to town meeting members. Special thanks go to Interim Town Administrator Barry L. Del Castilho, Town Accountant, Bill Sutton, Assistant Town Accountant Lynn Roberts and other assistants for the extraordinary support they provided in compiling and producing all of the information contained in the FY 2010 budget books printed for town meeting members.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Terry, Chairman  
Jim Provost, Clerk  
Ira Brezinsky  
Jackie Charon  
Richard Constant  
Shannon Gurek  
Priscilla Mandrachia  
Matt McDonough  
Kevin Taugher

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT  
Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$35,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Selectboard Personnel Services Budget for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Town Counsel Budget for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for FICA expenses for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury \$195,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs of Snow Removal for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Personnel Services Account to the Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Other Expense Account the sum of \$14,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for technical services by an interim general manager and for irrigation intake clean-out, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,200.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for a structural engineer to define the modifications to the Library roof system to properly support the new roof top HVAC units, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will establish a committee, comprised of 3 Town Meeting members, Town Moderator, 1 member each of the Select Board, School Committee, and Appropriations Committee to review the effectiveness and operations of Town Meeting, and to report back to the Town Meeting no later than Fall of 2009, or take any other action.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009:

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Gregory R. Sheehan  
Chair

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John R. Hine  
Vice-Chair

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Robert G. Judge  
Clerk

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Carlene C. Hamlin  
Member

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Marilyn G. Ishler  
Member

**SELECTBOARD  
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

2009 STM Warrant

Signatures on File



**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**FY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET ( REQUESTED AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED AMOUNTS)**

TOWN WARRANT	DEPARTMENT	EXPENDED FY2007	EXPENDED FY2008	BUDGETED FY2009	REQUEST FY2010	CHANGE FY09-10	SELECTBOARD'S RECOMMENDED FY2010	CHANGE FROM REQUESTED	APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FY2010	DIFFERENCE APPROP RECOMM VS. SELEC RECOM
ART. #9	<b>SCHOOLS</b>									
	PERSONNEL	\$13,243,492	\$13,798,516	\$14,726,581						
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$3,720,239	\$3,995,061	\$4,016,515						
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$16,963,731	\$17,793,577	\$18,743,096	\$18,743,096	\$0	\$18,743,096	\$0	\$18,743,096	\$0
<i>Plus Estimated School Share of Fixed/Unclassified Costs</i>										
	<i>*For Illustrative Purposes Only</i>									
	Retirement	\$ 445,002	\$ 499,556	\$ 506,564	\$ 563,509	\$ 56,945	\$ 56,945			
	Unemployment	\$ 38,431	\$ 14,053	\$ 27,250	\$ 27,250	\$ -	\$ -			
	Health Insurance	\$ 2,181,559	\$ 2,335,337	\$ 2,599,011	\$ 2,783,455	\$ 184,444	\$ 184,444			
	FICA	\$ 181,740	\$ 196,077	\$ 203,638	\$ 217,682	\$ 14,044	\$ 14,044			
	Prop & Liab Insurance	\$ 92,077	\$ 80,416	\$ 79,744	\$ 81,738	\$ 1,994	\$ 1,994			
	Workers Comp (based on approp)	\$ 60,525	\$ 53,235	\$ 53,040	\$ 53,040	\$ -	\$ -			
	TOTAL SCHOOL BUD. W/ INDIRECTS	\$ 19,963,065	\$ 20,972,251	\$ 22,212,343	\$ 22,469,770	\$ 257,427	\$ 257,427			
	<b>SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE</b>		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ART. #7	<b>RESERVE FUND BUDGET</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$30,000	(\$15,000)	\$42,500	\$12,500
	TRANSFERS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS	(\$28,066)	(\$20,243)	(\$2,142)		\$2,142				
	CLOSED TO FREE CASH	(\$16,934)	(\$24,757)							
ART. #8	<b>COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (ANNUALLY)</b>									
	MODERATOR	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
	SELECTBOARD (EACH 5)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	TAX COLLECTOR	\$51,008	\$52,683	\$52,783	\$54,353	\$1,570	\$54,353	\$0	\$54,353	\$0
	ASSESSORS (EACH 3)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
	TOWN CLERK-TREASURER	\$58,977	\$60,887	\$60,987	\$62,250	\$1,263	\$62,250	\$0	\$51,000	(\$11,250)
ART. #10	<b>WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN</b>	\$61,455	\$79,700	\$96,736	\$88,000	(\$8,736)	\$54,000	(\$34,000)	\$54,000	\$0
	TRANSFERS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS	(\$53,524)	(\$75,691)	(\$92,081)		\$92,081				
	DIRECT EXPENDITURES	(\$3,324)	(\$3,560)			\$0				
ART. #11	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
	<b>MODERATOR</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
	TOTAL MODERATOR	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
	<b>APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE</b>									
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$220	\$415	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$0
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS COMM.	\$220	\$415	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$450	\$0
	<b>SELECTBOARD</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$267,752	\$244,106	\$298,601	\$308,849	\$10,248	\$278,510	(\$30,339)	\$278,510	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$39,044	\$95,749	\$39,978	\$38,425	(\$1,553)	\$38,425	\$0	\$38,425	\$0
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	\$306,796	\$339,855	\$338,579	\$347,274	\$8,695	\$316,935	(\$30,339)	\$316,935	\$0
	<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$38,111	\$40,495	\$42,673	\$42,673	\$0	\$42,673	\$0	\$42,673	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$3,035	\$2,847	\$3,350	\$3,350	\$0	\$3,350	\$0	\$3,350	\$0
	TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES	\$41,146	\$43,342	\$46,023	\$46,023	\$0	\$46,023	\$0	\$46,023	\$0

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<b>ACCOUNTANT</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$124,822	\$129,049	\$133,784	\$134,034	\$250	\$134,034	\$0	\$134,034	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,703	\$1,316	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$0
	TOTAL ACCOUNTANT	\$126,525	\$130,365	\$135,934	\$136,184	\$250	\$136,184	\$0	\$136,184	\$0
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$157,348	\$159,020	\$166,483	\$154,187	(\$12,296)	\$154,187	\$0	\$142,937	(\$11,250)
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$23,582	\$36,423	\$36,563	\$34,555	(\$2,008)	\$28,555	(\$6,000)	\$28,555	\$0
	TOTAL CLERK-TREASURER	\$180,930	\$195,443	\$203,046	\$188,742	(\$14,304)	\$182,742	(\$6,000)	\$171,492	(\$11,250)
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$101,278	\$86,975	\$90,060	\$89,951	(\$109)	\$89,951	\$0	\$89,951	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$19,272	\$19,924	\$22,040	\$22,040	\$0	\$22,040	\$0	\$22,040	\$0
	TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	\$120,550	\$106,899	\$112,100	\$111,991	(\$109)	\$111,991	\$0	\$111,991	\$0
<b>ASSESSORS</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$123,187	\$126,154	\$132,328	\$132,428	\$100	\$132,428	\$0	\$132,428	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$17,595	\$17,656	\$17,900	\$17,900	\$0	\$12,200	(\$5,700)	\$12,200	\$0
	TOTAL ASSESSORS	\$140,782	\$143,810	\$150,228	\$150,328	\$100	\$144,628	(\$5,700)	\$144,628	\$0
<b>ELECTION AND REGISTRATION</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$21,116	\$12,072	\$18,141	\$13,425	(\$4,716)	\$13,425	\$0	\$7,425	(\$6,000)
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$10,607	\$8,215	\$14,100	\$18,800	\$4,700	\$18,800	\$0	\$12,300	(\$6,500)
	TOTAL ELECTION AND REG.	\$31,723	\$20,287	\$32,241	\$32,225	(\$16)	\$32,225	\$0	\$19,725	(\$12,500)
<b>TOWN HALL</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$16,682	\$17,710	\$18,407	\$18,590	\$183	\$18,590	\$0	\$18,590	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$107,976	\$107,058	\$119,650	\$123,100	\$3,450	\$118,100	(\$5,000)	\$118,100	\$0
	TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$124,658	\$124,768	\$138,057	\$141,690	\$3,633	\$136,690	(\$5,000)	\$136,690	\$0
<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$29,287	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL	\$31,887	\$102,600	\$32,600	\$32,600	\$0	\$32,600	\$0	\$32,600	\$0
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$320	\$141	\$5,320	\$5,320	\$0	\$5,320	\$0	\$5,320	\$0
	TOTAL PERSONNEL BOARD	\$320	\$141	\$5,320	\$5,320	\$0	\$5,320	\$0	\$5,320	\$0
<b>I.T. DEPARTMENT</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$61,819	\$85,911	\$103,253	\$103,253	\$0	\$103,253	\$0	\$103,253	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$82,002	\$83,966	\$93,388	\$96,235	\$2,847	\$96,235	\$0	\$96,235	\$0
	TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	\$143,821	\$169,877	\$196,641	\$199,488	\$2,847	\$199,488	\$0	\$199,488	\$0
<b>TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</b>										
	OTHER EXPENSES			\$23,800	\$5,000	(\$18,800)	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	TOTAL TECH COMMITTEE			\$23,800	\$5,000	(\$18,800)	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$63,859	\$66,094	\$68,738	\$68,988	\$250	\$68,988	\$0	\$68,988	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,802	\$3,759	\$5,750	\$5,250	(\$500)	\$5,250	\$0	\$5,250	\$0
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	\$66,661	\$69,853	\$74,488	\$74,238	(\$250)	\$74,238	\$0	\$74,238	\$0
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>										
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$220	\$40	\$675	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0
	TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	\$220	\$40	\$675	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>										
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$31,442	\$38,862	\$40,028	\$40,028	\$0	\$40,028	\$0	\$40,028	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,278	\$2,412	\$2,424	\$2,424	\$0	\$424	(\$2,000)	\$424	\$0
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	\$33,720	\$41,274	\$42,452	\$42,452	\$0	\$40,452	(\$2,000)	\$40,452	\$0

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	<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$64,007	\$72,224	\$77,184	\$76,720	(\$464)	\$67,452	(\$9,268)	\$67,452	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$9,673	\$15,109	\$10,410	\$10,410	\$0	\$8,835	(\$1,575)	\$8,835	\$0
	TOTAL RECREATION DEPT.	\$73,680	\$87,333	\$87,594	\$87,130	(\$464)	\$76,287	(\$10,843)	\$76,287	\$0
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$1,423,639	\$1,576,302	\$1,620,229	\$1,601,811	(\$18,418)	\$1,541,929	(\$59,882)	\$1,518,179	(\$23,750)
ART. #12	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
	<b>POLICE</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,885,665	\$1,994,763	\$2,114,049	\$2,178,713	\$64,664	\$2,087,549	(\$91,164)	\$2,087,549	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$243,450	\$258,297	\$293,241	\$292,931	(\$310)	\$292,931	\$0	\$292,931	\$0
	POLICE CRUISERS	\$55,982	\$48,869	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$0
	TOTAL POLICE	\$2,185,097	\$2,301,929	\$2,463,290	\$2,527,644	\$64,354	\$2,436,480	(\$91,164)	\$2,436,480	\$0
	<b>POLICE MATRONS</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$66	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
	TOTAL POLICE MATRONS	\$0	\$66	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
	<b>MA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC. (MEMA)</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,450	\$1,452	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
	TOTAL MEMA	\$2,950	\$6,452	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$0
	<b>FOREST WARDEN/FIRES</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
	TOTAL FOREST WARDEN/FIRES	\$500	\$500	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
	<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$56,553	\$58,195	\$61,763	\$61,763	\$0	\$61,763	\$0	\$61,763	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,183	\$2,100	\$4,200	\$2,700	(\$1,500)	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700	\$0
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$58,736	\$60,295	\$65,963	\$64,463	(\$1,500)	\$64,463	\$0	\$64,463	\$0
	<b>WIRING INSPECTOR</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$20,317	\$21,185	\$21,884	\$21,884	\$0	\$21,884	\$0	\$21,884	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,011	\$1,378	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$0	\$1,680	\$0	\$1,680	\$0
	TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	\$21,328	\$22,563	\$23,564	\$23,564	\$0	\$23,564	\$0	\$23,564	\$0
	<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,215	\$6,215	\$6,215	\$6,215	\$0	\$6,215	\$0	\$6,215	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$339	\$316	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
	TOTAL SEALER OF WEIGHT & MEASURES	\$6,554	\$6,531	\$6,615	\$6,615	\$0	\$6,615	\$0	\$6,615	\$0
	<b>DOG OFFICER</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$11,406	\$11,599	\$11,615	\$11,615	\$0	\$11,615	\$0	\$11,615	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,533	\$1,555	\$1,860	\$1,860	\$0	\$1,860	\$0	\$1,860	\$0
	TOTAL DOG OFFICER	\$12,939	\$13,154	\$13,475	\$13,475	\$0	\$13,475	\$0	\$13,475	\$0
	<b>PARKING CLERK</b>									
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$204	\$43	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$2,288,308	\$2,411,533	\$2,580,807	\$2,643,661	\$62,854	\$2,552,497	(\$91,164)	\$2,552,497	\$0

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	<b>POLICE</b>									
	LINE OF DUTY INJURY FUND	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ART. #14	<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>									
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$85,176	\$93,819	\$102,143	\$101,748	(\$395)	\$101,748	\$0	\$101,748	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$13,396	\$16,728	\$22,110	\$22,110	\$0	\$21,610	(\$500)	\$21,610	\$0
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$98,572	\$110,547	\$124,253	\$123,858	(\$395)	\$123,358	(\$500)	\$123,358	\$0
	<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$245,316	\$294,861	\$316,405	\$319,228	\$2,823	\$319,228	\$0	\$319,228	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$105,832	\$108,882	\$122,000	\$137,000	\$15,000	\$135,400	(\$1,600)	\$135,400	\$0
	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & MAINT.	\$351,148	\$403,743	\$438,405	\$456,228	\$17,823	\$454,628	(\$1,600)	\$454,628	\$0
	<b>SANITARY LANDFILL</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$150,382	\$149,631	\$161,430	\$161,262	(\$168)	\$161,262	\$0	\$161,262	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$712,555	\$674,154	\$798,328	\$798,328	\$0	\$798,328	\$0	\$798,328	\$0
	TOTAL SANITARY LANDFILL	\$862,937	\$823,785	\$959,758	\$959,590	(\$168)	\$959,590	\$0	\$959,590	\$0
	<b>PARKS</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$277,294	\$279,936	\$315,592	\$318,177	\$2,585	\$282,760	(\$35,417)	\$282,760	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$131,077	\$125,450	\$130,335	\$130,335	\$0	\$130,335	\$0	\$130,335	\$0
	TOTAL PARKS	\$408,371	\$405,386	\$445,927	\$448,512	\$2,585	\$413,095	(\$35,417)	\$413,095	\$0
	<b>TREE DEPARTMENT</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$48,137	\$58,446	\$60,100	\$60,100	\$0	\$60,100	\$0	\$60,100	\$0
	TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT	\$53,137	\$63,446	\$65,100	\$65,100	\$0	\$65,100	\$0	\$65,100	\$0
	<b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$472,436	\$508,086	\$553,167	\$558,043	\$4,876	\$566,332	\$8,289	\$566,332	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$575,891	\$626,171	\$665,800	\$665,800	\$0	\$665,800	\$0	\$665,800	\$0
	TOTAL WATER POLL. CONTROL	\$1,048,327	\$1,134,257	\$1,218,967	\$1,223,843	\$4,876	\$1,232,132	\$8,289	\$1,232,132	\$0
	<b>VEHICLE MAINTENANCE</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$43,084	\$44,542	\$46,350	\$46,350	\$0	\$46,350	\$0	\$46,350	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$91,759	\$130,278	\$111,000	\$121,000	\$10,000	\$121,000	\$0	\$121,000	\$0
	TOTAL VEHICLE MAINT.	\$134,843	\$174,820	\$157,350	\$167,350	\$10,000	\$167,350	\$0	\$167,350	\$0
	<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS</b>	\$2,957,335	\$3,115,984	\$3,409,760	\$3,444,481	\$34,721	\$3,415,253	(\$29,228)	\$3,415,253	\$0
ART. #15	<b>SNOW AND ICE</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$25,149	\$62,128	\$20,380	\$20,380	\$0	\$20,380	\$0	\$20,380	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$79,675	\$188,994	\$79,622	\$79,623	\$1	\$79,623	\$0	\$79,623	\$0
	TOTAL SNOW AND ICE	\$104,824	\$251,122	\$100,002	\$100,003	\$1	\$100,003	\$0	\$100,003	\$0
ART. #16	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$191,778	\$197,965	\$233,187	\$234,469	\$1,282	\$225,655	(\$8,814)	\$225,655	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$58,240	\$65,117	\$66,707	\$70,690	\$3,983	\$70,690	\$0	\$70,690	\$0
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	\$250,018	\$263,082	\$299,894	\$305,159	\$5,265	\$296,345	(\$8,814)	\$296,345	\$0

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ART. #17	<b>VETERANS</b>									
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$70,196	\$56,534	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	TOTAL VETERANS	\$70,196	\$56,534	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
ART. #18	<b>LIBRARIES</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$301,206	\$335,826	\$351,027	\$351,291	\$264	\$348,353	(\$2,938)	\$348,353	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$183,781	\$176,516	\$180,470	\$180,625	\$155	\$180,625	\$0	\$180,625	\$0
	TOTAL LIBRARIES	\$484,987	\$512,342	\$531,497	\$531,916	\$419	\$528,978	(\$2,938)	\$528,978	\$0
ART. #19	<b>GAYLORD LIBRARY</b>	\$12,000	\$12,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,000	(\$500)	\$13,000	\$0
ART. #20	<b>TOWN AUDIT</b>	\$19,566	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$22,000	\$1,500	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0
	<b>GASB 34/ GASB 45 COMPLIANCE</b>	-	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
ART. #21	<b>CABLE STUDIO MANAGER</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$42,453	\$46,692	\$50,225	\$45,630	(\$4,595)	\$45,630	\$0	\$45,630	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$18,982	\$19,847	\$19,500	\$10,000	(\$9,500)	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	TOTAL CABLE STUDIO	\$61,435	\$66,539	\$69,725	\$55,630	(\$14,095)	\$55,630	\$0	\$55,630	\$0

*Estimated Town Share of Fixed/Unclassified Costs  
(Note: Enterprise amounts not broken out)*

<b>* For Illustrative Purposes Only</b>	Retirement	\$ 734,640	\$ 793,644	\$ 894,491	\$ 904,835	\$ 10,344
	Unemployment	\$ 23,727	\$ 9,260	\$ 22,750	\$ 22,750	\$ -
	Health Insurance	\$ 972,903	\$ 1,050,189	\$ 1,091,267	\$ 1,168,712	\$ 77,445
	FICA	\$ 71,744	\$ 69,292	\$ 71,949	\$ 76,911	\$ 4,962
	Prop & Liab Insurance	\$ 116,193	\$ 123,547	\$ 141,656	\$ 145,197	\$ 3,541
	Workers Comp (based on approp)	\$ 14,475	\$ 11,765	\$ 11,960	\$ 11,960	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL TOWN BUD. W / INDIRECTS</b>	\$ 7,892,253	\$ 8,581,927	\$ 9,089,394	\$ 9,336,570	\$ 247,176

ART. #22	<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>									
	<b>RETIREMENT FUND</b>									
	TOWN	\$734,640	\$793,644	\$894,491	\$904,835	\$10,344	\$904,835	\$0	\$904,835	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$445,002	\$499,556	\$506,564	\$563,509	\$56,945	\$563,509	\$0	\$563,509	\$0
	SHELD	\$200,359	\$198,293	\$204,884	\$209,764	\$4,880	\$209,764	\$0	\$209,764	\$0
	TOTAL	\$1,380,001	\$1,491,493	\$1,605,939	\$1,678,108	\$72,169	\$1,678,108	\$0	\$1,678,108	\$0
	<b>NON-CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT</b>									
	SCHOOL (100.0%)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	NOTE: (FY03 AMOUNT INCLUDES TOWN PORTION OF \$2,774)									
	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</b>									
	TOWN	\$23,727	\$9,260	\$22,750	\$22,750	\$0	\$22,750	\$0	\$22,750	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$38,431	\$14,053	\$27,250	\$27,250	\$0	\$122,250	\$95,000	\$122,250	\$0
	SHELD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL	\$62,158	\$23,313	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$145,000	\$95,000	\$145,000	\$0
	<b>EMPLOYEES &amp; RETIREES GROUP INS.</b>									
	<b>ACTIVE:</b>									
	TOWN	\$647,495	\$704,873	\$751,745	\$805,094	\$53,349	\$800,094	(\$5,000)	\$800,094	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$1,620,397	\$1,730,143	\$1,945,101	\$2,083,139	\$138,038	\$2,025,139	(\$58,000)	\$2,025,139	\$0
	SHELD	\$96,294	\$106,799	\$112,143	\$120,101	\$7,958	\$120,101	\$0	\$120,101	\$0
	<b>RETIREES:</b>									
	TOWN	\$325,408	\$345,316	\$339,522	\$363,618	\$24,096	\$363,618	\$0	\$363,618	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$561,162	\$605,194	\$653,910	\$700,316	\$46,406	\$700,316	\$0	\$700,316	\$0
	SHELD	\$69,730	\$67,639	\$64,579	\$69,162	\$4,583	\$69,162	\$0	\$69,162	\$0
	TOTAL	\$3,320,486	\$3,559,964	\$3,867,000	\$4,141,430	\$274,430	\$4,078,430	(\$63,000)	\$4,078,430	\$0
	<b>HAZARD INSURANCE</b>									
	TOWN	\$116,193	\$123,547	\$141,656	\$145,197	\$3,541	\$141,656	(\$3,541)	\$141,656	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$92,077	\$80,416	\$79,744	\$81,738	\$1,994	\$79,744	(\$1,994)	\$79,744	\$0
	SHELD									\$0
	TOTAL	\$208,270	\$203,963	\$221,400	\$226,935	\$5,535	\$221,400	(\$5,535)	\$221,400	\$0

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	<b>MEDICARE INSURANCE</b>									
	TOWN	\$71,744	\$69,292	\$71,949	\$76,911	\$4,962	\$76,911	\$0	\$76,911	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$181,740	\$196,077	\$203,638	\$217,682	\$14,044	\$212,982	(\$4,700)	\$212,982	\$0
	SHELD	\$13,416	\$13,873	\$14,413	\$15,407	\$994	\$15,407	\$0	\$15,407	\$0
	TOTAL	\$266,900	\$279,242	\$290,000	\$310,000	\$20,000	\$305,300	(\$4,700)	\$305,300	\$0
	<b>STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS</b>	\$83,404	\$84,782	\$118,500	\$118,500	\$0	\$118,189	(\$311)	\$118,189	\$0
	MEMORIAL DAY MARKERS & FLAGS	\$1,478	\$1,468	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800	\$0
	DAMAGE TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$10	\$0
	TOWN REPORTS	\$1,893	\$1,808	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
	UPDATING SOUTH HADLEY CODES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	OLD FIREHOUSE MUSEUM	\$2,671	\$2,416	\$6,225	\$6,225	\$0	\$6,225	\$0	\$6,225	\$0
	S.H. HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$72	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	\$5,327,333	\$5,648,449	\$6,167,374	\$6,539,508	\$372,134	\$6,560,962	\$21,454	\$6,560,962	\$0
	<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND</b>	\$75,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	(\$65,000)	\$0	\$0
ART. #23	<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$82,734	\$76,096	\$111,992	\$111,992	\$0	\$105,752	(\$6,240)	\$105,752	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$6,382	\$7,255	\$6,450	\$6,450	\$0	\$6,450	\$0	\$6,450	\$0
	TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$89,116	\$83,351	\$118,442	\$118,442	\$0	\$112,202	(\$6,240)	\$112,202	\$0
ART. #24	<b>MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST</b>									
	<b>PAYMENT ON DEBT</b>									
	TOWN	\$203,775	\$253,177	\$243,775	\$243,775	\$0	\$243,775	\$0	\$243,775	\$0
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$351,255	\$586,239	\$729,216	\$718,277	(\$10,939)	\$718,277	\$0	\$718,277	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$1,823,974	\$1,698,975	\$1,698,975	\$1,696,475	(\$2,500)	\$1,696,475	\$0	\$1,696,475	\$0
	TOTAL	\$2,379,004	\$2,538,391	\$2,671,966	\$2,658,527	(\$13,439)	\$2,658,527	\$0	\$2,658,527	\$0
	<b>PAYMENT ON INTEREST LONG TERM</b>									
	TOWN	\$45,557	\$52,575	\$42,464	\$29,823	(\$12,641)	\$29,823	\$0	\$29,823	\$0
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$324,345	\$341,746	\$370,066	\$349,958	(\$20,108)	\$349,958	\$0	\$349,958	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$1,006,133	\$968,232	\$896,175	\$827,599	(\$68,576)	\$827,599	\$0	\$827,599	\$0
	TOTAL	\$1,376,035	\$1,362,553	\$1,308,705	\$1,207,380	(\$101,325)	\$1,207,380	\$0	\$1,207,380	\$0
	<b>PAYMENT ON INTEREST SHORT TERM</b>									
	TOWN	\$29,594	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$12,560	\$22,927	\$31,154	\$20,111	(\$11,043)	\$20,111	\$0	\$20,111	\$0
	SCHOOL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL	\$42,154	\$22,927	\$31,154	\$20,111	(\$11,043)	\$20,111	\$0	\$20,111	\$0
	<b>TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	\$3,797,193	\$3,923,871	\$4,011,825	\$3,886,018	(\$125,807)	\$3,886,018	\$0	\$3,886,018	\$0
	Less Debt Exclusion Debt	(\$2,431,336)	(\$2,355,773)	(\$2,294,373)	(\$2,236,573)	\$57,800	(\$2,236,573)	\$0	(\$2,236,573)	\$0
	Total Debt less Exclusion	\$1,365,857	\$1,568,098	\$1,717,452	\$1,649,445	(\$68,007)	\$1,649,445	\$0	\$1,649,445	\$0
ART. #25	<b>CONN. RIVER CHANNEL MARKINGS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>	\$3,475	\$3,740	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$0

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ART. #26	<b>TOWN AMBULANCE</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$176,137	\$169,206	\$159,000	\$53,100	(\$105,900)	\$53,100	\$0	\$53,100	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$146,320	\$133,160	\$69,850	\$2,000	(\$67,850)	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$322,457	\$302,366	\$228,850	\$55,100	(\$173,750)	\$55,100	\$0	\$55,100	\$0
ART. #27	<b>LEDGE'S GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND</b>									
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$131,807	\$141,817	\$128,826	\$140,954	\$12,128	\$140,954	\$0	\$140,954	\$0
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$670,552	\$748,646	\$772,439	\$772,255	(\$184)	\$772,255	\$0	\$781,755	\$9,500
	TOTAL GOLF	\$802,359	\$890,463	\$901,265	\$913,209	\$11,944	\$913,209	\$0	\$922,709	\$9,500
ART. #28	<b>CANAL PARK</b>	\$462	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
ART. #29	<b>CONSERVATION LAND TRUST</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>ALLOCATION TO STABILIZATION FUND</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$35,069,258	\$37,018,815	\$39,046,779	\$39,289,034	\$242,255	\$38,997,722	(\$291,312)	\$38,995,972	(\$1,750)
	Less Debt Exclusion Debt	(\$2,442,404)	(\$2,355,773)	(\$2,294,373)	(\$2,236,573)	\$57,800	(\$2,236,573)	\$0	(\$2,236,573)	\$0
	<b>TOTAL LESS DEBT EXCLUSION</b>	\$32,626,854	\$34,663,042	\$36,752,406	\$37,052,461	\$300,055	\$36,761,149	(\$291,312)	\$36,759,399	(\$1,750)
	<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES:</b>									
ART. #30	REVALUATION	\$5,500	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$12,000	(\$8,000)	\$12,000	\$0
	CHARTER COMMISSION		\$5,000	\$21,000		(\$21,000)		\$0		\$0
	HISTORICAL COMM MATCHING GRANT		\$15,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0
	LIBRARY - MATCHING GRANT		\$10,000	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>CAPITAL ARTICLES:</b>									
	See Separate Page									
	<b>TOTAL WITH SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>	\$35,074,758	\$37,048,815	\$39,087,779	\$39,319,034	\$231,255	\$39,009,722	(\$309,312)	\$39,007,972	(\$1,750)

**Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Budget Requests (Appropriations Committee Recommended Amounts)**

Town Warrant	Department	Description	FY08 Expended	FY09 Budgeted	FY10 Requested	Cap Planning Recommended FY2010	Selectboard Recommended FY2010	Appropriations Recommended FY2010	Difference Appropriations/Selectboard Recommended	
	<b>Cable Studio</b>	Upgrade		\$ 65,000.00						
	<b>School</b>	Security Measures	\$ 81,500.00							
		HS-Concrete Sidewalk/Pad		\$ 35,000.00						
		Mid:Rooftop Air Conditioner		\$ 20,000.00						
		Mid:Auto Pool Cover		\$ 50,000.00						
		Mos:Gym Roof Replace		\$ 175,000.00						
		Mos:Portable Classrm Impr		\$ 25,000.00						
		Mosier:Gym Lights & Paint		\$ 40,000.00						
Art# 32		Lincoln St. Parking Lot			\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$ -	
Art# 34		Mid: Drop Off Zone			\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$ -	
Art# 36		HS: Replace Floor Tiles			\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$ -	
		Mid:Replace Toilet Partitions			\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00				
		Mid:Engineering Evaluation			\$ 25,000.00					
	<b>I.T.Department</b>	Printer & Software								
Art# 31	**	GIS Base Map		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00				
		Munis System-Server			\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$ -	
	<b>Planning Board</b>	Comprehensive Master Plan	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00						
	<b>Recreation</b>	Splash Pad/Beachgrnds Renv	\$ 40,000.00							
	***	Splash Pad/Beachgrnds Renv	\$ 212,595.00							
	*	Splash Pad/Beachgrnds Renv	\$ 456,480.00							
		Splash Pad/Beachgrnds Renv		\$ 88,200.00						
	<b>Department of Public Works</b>									
	<b>DPW-Admin</b>	Roof Replacement	\$ 14,400.00							
	<b>DPW-Const &amp; Mtce</b>	Dump Truck/Sander	\$ 154,187.00							
Art# 37		4x4 Pick-Up w/Plow		\$ 40,000.00						
		6 Wheel Dump Truck			\$150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$ -	
	<b>DPW-Parks</b>	Athletic Field Groomer		\$ 16,000.00						
		4 Door 4x4 Pick-Up w/Plow		\$ 60,000.00						
	<b>DPW-WWTP</b>	Roll of Truck								
	*	4x4 Pick-Up w/Plow/ILift Gate		\$ 50,000.00						
	*	I & I Mitigation		\$ 300,000.00						
	*	CSO								
	*	Phase II	\$ 125,000.00							
	<b>DPW-Misc</b>	**Queensville Dam Repair		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00				
	<b>Council on Aging</b>	Roof Repairs-Engineer Study		\$ 10,000.00						
		Window Replacement		\$ 10,800.00						
Art# 33	<b>Library</b>	HVAC Replacement		\$ 74,000.00						
		Restroom Design			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$0.00	\$ (15,000.00)	
	<b>Police</b>	Dispatch Console		\$ 106,174.00						
Art# 35	<b>Ledges Golf Club</b>	Water Looping	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	
	*	Clubhouse Construction	\$ 51,550.00							
		Wheelchair Lift			\$ 50,000.00					
	<b>Selectboard</b>	Toth Property	\$ 330,000.00							
Total:			\$1,525,712.00	\$1,350,174.00	\$638,000.00	\$ 563,000.00	\$ 408,000.00	\$383,000.00	\$ (25,000.00)	

\* Denotes borrowing

\*\* FY09 Appropriation may be returned. Amounts have been frozen due to the reduction in

\*\*\* \$43,520 to be returned to Free Cash from grant

**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS  
FY 2010 BUDGET REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY PAGE BY FUND TYPE**

	EXPENDED FY2007	EXPENDED FY2008	BUDGETED FY2009	REQUESTED FY2010	CHANGE FY09-10	SELECTBOARD'S		APPROPRIATIONS	DIFFERENCE
						RECOMMENDED FY2010	CHANGE FROM REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED FY2010	APPROPRIATION REC VS. SELECTBD REC
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND:</b>									
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	\$5,953,964	\$6,553,781	\$6,919,169	\$7,061,195	\$142,026	\$6,786,829	(\$274,366)	\$6,775,579	(\$11,250)
Transfer to Workers Comp Fund	\$75,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	(\$65,000)	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs - Town *	\$1,919,207	\$2,045,932	\$2,222,123	\$2,318,415	\$96,292	\$2,309,874	(\$8,541)	\$2,309,874	\$0
Town Debt *	\$278,926	\$305,752	\$286,239	\$273,598	(\$12,641)	\$273,598	\$0	\$273,598	\$0
Enterprise Fund Debt *	\$688,160	\$950,912	\$1,130,436	\$1,088,346	(\$42,090)	\$1,088,346	\$0	\$1,088,346	\$0
Indirect Costs - SHELDT *	\$379,799	\$386,604	\$396,019	\$414,434	\$18,415	\$414,434	\$0	\$414,434	\$0
TOTAL G/F TOWN BUDGETS	\$9,295,056	\$10,307,981	\$11,018,986	\$11,220,988	\$202,002	\$10,873,081	(\$347,907)	\$10,861,831	(\$11,250)
SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET	\$16,963,731	\$17,793,577	\$18,743,096	\$18,743,096	\$0	\$18,743,096	\$0	\$18,743,096	\$0
Indirect Costs - School *	\$2,938,809	\$3,125,439	\$3,416,207	\$3,673,634	\$257,427	\$3,703,940	\$30,306	\$3,703,940	\$0
School Debt *	\$2,830,107	\$2,667,207	\$2,595,150	\$2,524,074	(\$71,076)	\$2,524,074	\$0	\$2,524,074	\$0
LESS DEBT EXCLUSION	(\$2,431,336)	(\$2,355,773)	(\$2,294,373)	(\$2,236,573)	\$57,800	(\$2,236,573)	\$0	(\$2,236,573)	\$0
School Debt less Exclusion	\$398,771	\$311,434	\$300,777	\$287,501	(\$13,276)	\$287,501	\$0	\$287,501	\$0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	\$32,027,703	\$33,894,204	\$35,773,439	\$36,161,792	\$388,353	\$35,844,191	(\$317,601)	\$35,832,941	(\$11,250)
Less Debt Exclusion	(\$2,431,336)	(\$2,355,773)	(\$2,294,373)	(\$2,236,573)	\$57,800	(\$2,236,573)	\$0	(\$2,236,573)	\$0
Total General Fund Less Exclusion	\$29,596,367	\$31,538,431	\$33,479,066	\$33,925,219	\$446,153	\$33,607,618	(\$317,601)	\$33,596,368	(\$11,250)
<b>TOTAL REC RES'D APPROP</b> (AMBULANCE & LINE - OF -DUTY & CHANNEL MARKINGS)	\$333,432	\$306,106	\$234,350	\$60,600	(\$173,750)	\$60,600	\$0	\$60,600	\$0
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</b>									
LANDFILL	\$862,937	\$823,785	\$959,758	\$959,590	(\$168)	\$959,590	\$0	\$959,590	\$0
WASTE WATER TREATMENT	\$1,048,327	\$1,134,257	\$1,218,967	\$1,223,843	\$4,876	\$1,232,132	\$8,289	\$1,232,132	\$0
LEDGE'S GOLF COURSE	\$802,359	\$890,463	\$901,265	\$913,209	\$11,944	\$913,209	\$0	\$922,709	\$9,500
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$35,074,758	\$37,048,815	\$39,087,779	\$39,319,034	\$231,255	\$39,009,722	(\$309,312)	\$39,007,972	(\$1,750)
<b>LESS DEBT EXCLUSION</b>	(\$2,431,336)	(\$2,355,773)	(\$2,294,373)	(\$2,236,573)	\$57,800	(\$2,236,573)	\$0	(\$2,236,573)	\$0
<b>TOTAL LESS EXCLUSION</b>	\$32,643,422	\$34,693,042	\$36,793,406	\$37,082,461	\$289,055	\$36,773,149	(\$309,312)	\$36,771,399	(\$1,750)
<b>CAPITAL FUND/ ITEMS **</b>	\$2,527,676	\$1,525,712	\$1,350,174	\$638,000	(\$712,174)	\$408,000	(\$230,000)	\$383,000	(\$25,000)
<b>TOTAL WITH CAPITAL</b>	\$37,602,434	\$38,574,527	\$40,437,953	\$39,957,034	(\$480,919)	\$39,417,722	(\$539,312)	\$39,390,972	(\$26,750)

\* = Amounts budgeted within the towns Maturing Debt & Unclassified Accounts in the General Fund

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT  
Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town during Fiscal Year 2010 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the Selectboard to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve one or more increases in the Massachusetts Rooms and Meals taxes, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPERATING BUDGET**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$42,500 for this article.]

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$51,000 for the Clerk/Treasurer's salary.]

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$18,743,096.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Landfill Enterprise Fund, Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund, and Cable Studio Account, the sum of \$54,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding wage and merit increases for non-unit employees for Fiscal Year 2010, including the Clerk/Treasurer and Collector pursuant to Article 7 above, and to reflect and implement said wage and merit increases in Personal Services for covered employees and the Stipend Administration Plan, and to further provide in this sum continued funding of the Employee Assistance Program for municipal employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,541,929.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$11,250 less for this article for the Clerk/Treasurer salary and \$12,500 less because a second election is not required in FY10.]

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,552,497.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$13,244.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,415,253.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,003.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways in FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$296,345.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2010 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$528,978.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$13,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$28,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 and for engaging a consultant to perform an actuarial study for compliance with the federally mandated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for health insurance for retirees, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$55,630.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$6,560,962.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for

the purpose of funding FY 2010 Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$112,202.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,886,018.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund, the sum of \$55,100.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for expenses in FY 2010 related to the operation of the Town Ambulance in FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or appropriate from the Golf Enterprise Fund Receipts, the sum of \$913,209.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Ledges Golf Club for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends an additional \$9,500 for this article.]

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$12,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the revaluation of real property.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

## FISCAL YEAR 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$23,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace the current MUNIS server or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$60,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace the gravel base and pavement at the Lincoln Street parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$15,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for design services and budget pricing to upgrade restroom facilities at the main Library to include ADA compliance, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to widen the entry to the MESM parking lot, create a drop-off zone at the sidewalk adjacent to the school, and create a new parking lot on the westerly side of the school, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$25,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the of funding the Ledges Water Loop, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends a reduction of \$10,000 for this article.]

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$35,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to remove floor tiles in two or three classrooms, install a vapor barrier on top of the concrete, and replace the floor tiles, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$150,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of purchasing a six-wheel dump truck with plow and sand spreader, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 , to establish in the Town Treasury a revolving fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the Treasurer, and in which shall be deposited the receipts received that may be spent by the Selectboard or its designee, without further appropriation during FY 2010 for the continued support and maintenance of BATTERY BROOK PARK, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding the following Right to Farm Bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto:

### Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to restate the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of South Hadley restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This general By-law supports the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of South Hadley by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies, when done in compliance with state laws and town bylaws and regulations.

### Section 2 Definitions

The word "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land;
- breeding of livestock including horses;
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and furbearing animals such as mink.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving and/or oversized farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- use of legally established rights of way over private property;
- control of pests and application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides, as permitted under and in compliance with state law;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm; maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of agricultural products, insofar as not in conflict with town by-laws; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations, insofar as permitted by the Wetlands Protection Act and town regulations.

### Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of South Hadley. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes

associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices and local zoning and other regulations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law, or other bylaw or regulation.

#### Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after his bylaw becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the town hall the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and support the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the town may be affected by commercial agricultural operations.”

#### Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

#### Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of South Hadley hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adding the following Agricultural Commission Bylaw, or take any action relative thereto.

The Agricultural Commission shall represent the South Hadley farming community. Said Commission shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in the town both as a business and a resource, the preservation of farmland, the promotion of agricultural-based economic opportunities, and the visibility of farming in South Hadley.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectboard. Two members shall be appointed for a three year term; two members for a term of two years,

and three years thereafter, and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority based on recommendations of the Commission, for the unexpired term of the vacancy. At least three of the members shall be actively engaged in agriculture.

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to:

- Advising the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and other local organizations, on projects and activities, including acquisitions and other transactions, involving agricultural lands in town.
- Helping to facilitate the resolution of any farm-related grievance or concern filed with the Town authorities.
- Engaging in projects and activities to promote the business of farming activities and traditions and farmland protection in town, including programs and community events.
- Reporting on its projects and activities on an annual basis within the town report.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Flood Plain Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (L) Flood Plain Regulations, paragraph 3 Permitted Uses to remove the requirement that the lowest floor be at least one foot above the elevation of the flood plain limits by deleting the phrase “of at least one (1) foot” from the first sentence of said paragraph 3.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Sign Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (F) Signs, paragraph 7 - Illumination of Signs to provide standards for approval/disapproval of illumination of signs by adding the following subparagraph “b” to read as follows:
  - b. Adverse to surrounding neighborhood or community. Signs which illuminate more than what is necessary to convey the message or name being promoted or create glare which may impact motorists are generally considered to have an adverse impact on the community. Such adverse impact arises from excessive light pollution. Therefore, in determining whether to approve the illumination of a sign, the Planning Board shall:
    - 1.) consider and minimize the illumination impact of the signage illumination on the surrounding properties; and,
    - 2.) only approve internally-illuminated signs where only the lettering or logo of the enterprise or message being promoted are illuminated; and,
    - 3.) ensure that the illuminated sign does not illuminate adjoining or nearby residential properties or pose a danger to motorists on

- adjoining or nearby roadways which might arise from glare from the illumination source; and,
- 4.) not approve exposed or illuminated neon signs; and,
  - 5.) require that illumination sources not illuminate the background or field of a sign except to the extent that the background or field (due to the shape of the sign area) is clearly a logo of the company or enterprise being advertised.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire an interest in land either by transfer or long term lease from the Holyoke Gas and Electric, said land currently constitutes a parking lot situated off Main Street across from St. Patrick Church and the Egg and I, and further to accomplish this acquisition, that the Town appropriate a sum of money by transfer from available funds in the Economic Development Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Fifth Amendment entered into between the Town and BIOSAFE, Inc. on or about December 4, 2007 for the operation of the South Hadley Landfill, said amendment amended a prior agreement and amendments thereto entered into between the Town and BIOSAFE and its predecessors in interest, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a new agreement with BIOSAFE, Inc. for the purpose of operating the South Hadley Landfill, said agreement to include certain terms and conditions regarding the rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the operation of the landfill as well as a proposed vertical expansion to the existing site-assigned area and expanding the footprint of the exiting landfill, or take any other action relative thereto.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of April 2009:

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Gregory R. Sheehan  
Chair

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John R. Hine  
Vice-Chair

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Robert G. Judge  
Clerk

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Carlene C. Hamlin  
Member

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Marilyn G. Ishler  
Member

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