

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT

Hampshire, ss.

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

ADA ADVISORY

Anyone in need of special arrangements for the Town Meeting, please contact the Office of the Selectboard at (413) 538-5030 ext. 6136 or Selectboard@southhadleyma.gov by April 28, 2024 in order that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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 at 153 Newton Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:15 PM 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;

Election of Redevelopment Authority

1. Term from July 1, 2024 - 2028
2. Term from July 1, 2024 - 2029

REPORTS

ARTICLE 1: HEAR REPORTS

To see if the town will hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers, Boards, and Committees; or take any other action in relation thereto.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ARTICLE 2: BORROW

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, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 4 and to renew any

note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: **BANKING AGREEMENTS**

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 2025, as permitted by G.L. c. 44, § 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: **DEFEND AGAINST SUITS**

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 2025 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 5: **APPLY/ACCEPT FEDERAL, STATE GRANTS**

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 6: **CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDS**

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.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIVE OFFICER SALARIES

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley during Fiscal Year 2025 as provided by G.L. c. 41, § 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following Revolving Funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 § 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 to be expended in accordance with Chapter 65 - 5 of the town bylaws, or take any other action relative thereto:

Buttery Brook Park	\$30,000
COA Woodlawn Café	\$50,000

ARTICLE 9: CONTRACTS OVER 3 YEARS

To authorize the Selectboard and School Committee, pursuant to G.L. c. 30B Section 12, to enter into contracts in excess of 3 years in Fiscal Year 2025, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FINANCIAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 10: OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds and retained earnings the sum of \$56,405,051 or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as further articulated in “Appendix A” as attached, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other Available Funds the sum of \$950,000 to make the following capital purchases, repairs, or replacements:

Fiscal Year 2025	Capital Request Detail	Request
Cable	Video cameras for field use	\$20,000
DPW	Parks Barn furnace	\$15,000
DPW	replacement of Pearl St. Elmer Brook culvert	\$375,000
DPW	shade tree management plan	\$40,000
DPW	replace exmark mowers 2019	\$20,000
DPW	wrist attachment mini-x	\$25,000
DPW	replace infield groomer 2008	\$24,000
Facilities	mini-splits Town Hall school dept.	\$50,000
Library	HVAC and roof repairs	\$15,000
Police	replace fire alarm panel and devices	\$25,000
Police	2 vehicle replacement	\$135,000
Police	replace 4 computers	\$10,000
School-all schools	safety upgrades	\$50,000
School-High School	HVAC building automation upgrades	\$100,000
School-High School	roof thermal study	\$8,000
School-High School	conceptual designs concession,parking,egress	\$38,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: WASTEWATER CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will transfer from WWTP Retained Earnings and Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$602,000 make the following purchases, repairs, or replacements:

Fiscal Year 2025	Capital Request Detail	Request
WWTP	Transformer upgrade Main St. pump station	\$52,000
WWTP	Main St. bypass	\$500,000
WWTP	Channel grinder #2	\$50,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: LEDGES CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will transfer from Ledges Retained Earnings the sum of \$150,000 to make capital purchases, repairs, and replacements, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: LANDFILL CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will transfer from Landfill Retained Earnings and Enterprise Fund Receipts the sum of \$750,000 to make the following capital purchases, repairs, and replacements:

Fiscal Year 2025	Capital Request Detail	Request
Landfill	Trash and Recycling Carts	\$750,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: LEDGES FARM TAX

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Ledges Farm Tax Account for the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on approximately 158 acres of farmland belonging to the Estate of Yvonne Lauzier off Alvord St (a portion of Map 42, Lots 10, 11A & 12 & Map 43 Lots 24, 25 & 26), or to take any other action relative there to.

ARTICLE 16: SOUTH HADLEY ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, for a feasibility study for the Mosier Elementary School, located at 101 Mosier Street, South Hadley, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or take any action related thereto.

GENERAL ARTICLES & CITIZENS PETITIONS

ARTICLE 17: ELIMINATE OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town of South Hadley will vote to dissolve the Opioid Stabilization Fund and transfer the funds to a special fund established pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, Section 9; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: WIDOW EXEMPTION ASSET LIMIT INCREASE

To See if the Town will accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17E, a local option, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17D, by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: WIDOW EXEMPTION INCREASE

To see if the Town will accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17F, a local option, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 17D, by up to 100% of the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, and to fix that annual increase at 2.5% over the last year’s exemption amount or 100% of the CPI, whichever is less to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: BLIND EXEMPTION INCREASE

To see if the Town will accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 37A, a local option, which authorizes an exemption in the amount of \$500 granted to blind persons who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and of the Town, thereby increasing the amount of exemption from the current amount of \$437.50; or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 7 § 18 of the General bylaws as follows (new text in **bold**; removed text ~~crossed out~~);

§ 7-18. Bylaw Review Committee.

B. A. Membership and term.

The Bylaw Review Committee shall consist of up to seven members, with a quorum consisting of a simple majority duly appointed, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years. **The Town Clerk and Town Administrator may advise the Committee as needed.**

~~A.~~**B. Duties.**

(1) The Bylaw Review Committee shall meet as needed to review and recommend new bylaws or amendments to ~~these~~ **the General Bylaws.**

- a. Wherever practical, the Town Administrator shall submit to the Committee all proposed amendments or additions to the General Bylaws prior to their inclusion in the warrant for any Town Meeting. The Committee shall meet and review all such proposed amendments and additions and shall report to the Selectboard its recommendations as to their form and consistency with existing provisions of the General Bylaws and as to their placement in the General Bylaws.**
- b. Wherever practical, the Committee Chair, or some members of the Committee designated by the Chair, shall provide a written report thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual town meeting and fifteen (15) days prior to the date of a special town meeting to communicate such recommendations, if any, as the Committee shall consider appropriate with respect to any article in the warrant which proposes an amendment or addition to the General Bylaws. The Moderator shall call upon the Committee for such report prior to the discussion or vote on such article.**
- c. The Committee may propose to the Selectboard for inclusion in the warrant for the next Town Meeting any amendments or additions to the General Bylaws which the Committee determines should be made so as to resolve inconsistencies with other provisions or with applicable law.**

(2) The Committee may consult with Town Counsel as to the legality of any provision or proposed provisions of the General Bylaws.

- (3) **Failure to observe any provision of this section shall not affect the validity of any change in the General Bylaws which has been duly adopted by vote of the Town Meeting.**

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 7 § 26 of the General bylaws as follows (new text in **bold**; removed text ~~crossed out~~);

§ 7-26 Capital Planning Committee.

- A. Membership and term. The Capital Planning Committee will consist of nine members, each of whom shall be appointed for a three-year term, and shall consist of three individuals appointed by the Selectboard, two members appointed by the School Committee, three individuals appointed by the Appropriations Committee, and one member appointed by the Planning Board. The **Capital Planning** Committee shall choose its own officers, and in the event of a vacancy by removal, resignation or otherwise, the remaining **Capital Planning** Committee members shall have the power to fill the vacancy for the balance of that term.
- B. Duties.
- (1) The Committee shall study and make recommendations **to the Selectboard and Town Meeting** with respect to proposed capital projects and improvements involving ~~major~~ nonrecurring tangible assets and projects which:
- a. ~~Are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years;~~
 - a. ~~(b)~~ Have a useful life of at least five years; and
 - b. ~~(e)~~ Cost over \$25,000.

These recommendations shall also include recommended sources of funding, including grant funding, for each project. In the event that an opportunity arises to apply for a capital grant, or a grant has been awarded the Town Administrator or their designee will notify the Capital Planning Committee. The Grant funded project should be included in the Capital Plan.

- (2) The Capital Planning Committee ~~will on an annual basis request all departments or boards to update the "Five Year Plan" entries, to indicate completed projects, adjusted need, change of cost estimates or other related information.~~ **is responsible for**

approving a 5-Year Capital Plan, which will be updated on an annual basis. The Capital Plan will be available on the Town website. The Town Administrator at the direction of the Capital Planning Committee Chair or the Selectboard. The plan should be considered a “draft” by its very nature or designee shall provide a status report on a quarterly basis that includes changes to cost and new requests. The Capital Plan and any status reports will be available on the Town website.

(3) The Town Administrator or ~~his/her~~ **their** designee will **regularly attend Capital Planning Committee meetings**, assist and facilitate **with** the collection of material, attend other meetings when requested, and provide updates to **Capital Planning Committee**, the Selectboard, **Appropriations Committee, Town Meeting, or** and the public about projects or inquiries from the Capital Planning Committee.

C. ~~Report to Selectboard Reporting.~~ The **Capital Planning Committee shall prepare submit a report to the Selectboard at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting**, recommending a Capital ~~planning~~ Budget for the next fiscal year ~~and a capital planning program including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years and an updated 5-Year Capital Plan.~~ **The Selectboard shall subsequently submit the report to the Town Meeting prior to any Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting.** ~~The report shall be submitted to the Selectboard for its consideration and approval. The board shall submit its approved capital budget to the Annual Town Meeting for adoption by the Town. No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the committee’s report or the committee shall have submitted a report to the Selectboard explaining the omission.~~ **If any capital project is requested for appropriation at a Special Town Meeting, a supplemental report will be submitted to the Selectboard by the Capital Planning Committee prior to a Special Town Meeting. In the event that the Capital Planning Committee and Selectboard do not agree on any aspect of the Capital Planning Committee’s report, the Selectboard will provide an addendum to Town Meeting explaining their position.**

D. Approval and implementation of report. Such capital planning report, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the Town **Meeting** through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five years in the future. **In accordance with Mass General Law**, nothing herein shall restrict the School Committee from approving an expenditure for a capital project out of a previously

approved annual appropriation by Town Meeting. **Notwithstanding, the School Committee is encouraged to notify the Town Administrator and Capital Planning Committee when such expenditures are being considered.**

- E. Report of recommendation to Town Meeting and residents. The Committee's report and the Selectboard's recommended capital budget shall be published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the Town budget.Ⓜ

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: COA BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 7 of the General Bylaws as follows (new text in **bold**; removed text ~~crossed-out~~);

§ 7-4 Council on Aging.

- B. Membership and term. The Council on Aging shall consist of ~~11~~**9** members, a majority of whom shall be at least age 60. The term of appointment shall be three years. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms, or more than seven consecutive years. Previous members shall become eligible for reappointment after one year of absence. Honorary members may be appointed by the Council in recognition of meritorious service to the Council.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24: NUISANCE BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 179 of the General Bylaws as follows (new text in **bold**; removed text ~~crossed-out~~);

§ 179-2. Unreasonable noise.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to create, assist in creating, continue or allow to continue any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose, or the health and safety of others within the Town, including, without limitation:
 - 1) The playing of any radio, phonograph, television set, amplified or musical instruments, loudspeakers, tape recorder, or other electronic sound-producing devices

in such a manner or with volume at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the reasonable quiet, comfort or repose of any person;

- 2) The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long-continued noise, shall disturb the reasonable quiet, comfort or repose of any person;
- 3) The use of any drum or other instrument or device of any kind for the purpose of attracting by the creation of noise, unless the person is a participant in a school band activity or duly authorized parade or has been otherwise authorized to engage in such activity by the Selectboard;
- 4) The operation of vehicles, equipment, tools or machines used as a means of construction, maintenance, repair or demolition of a building
- 5) Engine noise during or incidental to the repair of motor vehicles between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on commercial premises or at any time on residential premises.
- 6) **Any source of sound that:**
 - (a) **increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 dB(A) above ambient;**
or
 - (b) **produces a “pure tone” condition – when any octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more.**

B. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply or be enforced against:

- 1) Emergency vehicles;
- 2) Highway and utility maintenance and construction, necessary excavation in or repairs of bridges, streets or highways, or any public utility installation by or on behalf of the Town, any public utility or any agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- 3) Snow removal or street cleaning or maintenance of commercial parking lots;
- 4) The reasonable use of amplifiers or loud speakers for public addresses, which are noncommercial in nature;
- 5) Noise caused by agricultural, farm-related activities as defined by MGL c. 128, § 1A, as amended from time to time, including but not limited to the operation of farm equipment, harvesting equipment, noises from farm animals and the like;
- 6) Noise caused by lawful hunting or other lawful discharge of firearms;
- 7) Noise from activities that have been duly authorized by the Selectboard; and
- 8) Organized sporting events on designated fields as sanctioned by the Town or sports organizations.

C. The Police, Health or Inspection Services Departments, or any designee thereof, shall have power to enforce this bylaw in accordance with Chapter 179, Section 179-5 of these General Bylaws. Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or who is the owner of property on which such violation occurs, shall be warned for

the first violation, then fined \$100 for the second violation, and \$300 for the third and each subsequent violation.

~~§ 179-4 Property maintenance:~~

- ~~A. All property owners will be responsible to keep their property in a reasonable state of repair. Grass will be kept no higher than six inches; leaves, excessive grass clippings will be removed, composted or otherwise properly disposed of; damaged branches will be addressed, and other debris or litter will be eliminated from the property.~~
- ~~B. Violation of this bylaw may result in a fine of \$100 per day. The enforcement authority for this bylaw shall be the South Hadley Police Department or South Hadley Health Department.~~

~~§ 179-5-4 Discarded furniture.~~

- ~~A. Discarded furniture, mattresses, building material, appliances, electronic equipment or other surplus home goods will not be left on the curb or tree belt unless allowed or approved by the DPW for pickup.~~
- ~~B. Violation of this bylaw may result in a fine of \$100 per day. The enforcement authority for this bylaw shall be the South Hadley Police Department or South Hadley Health Department.~~

§ 179-5 Enforcement.

The enforcing person as each Section of Chapter 179 specifies shall enforce against violations of said sections by non-criminal disposition pursuant to the authority and procedure of G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Unless otherwise specified, fines for violations of Chapter 179 shall be warned for the first violation, then fined \$100 for the second violation, and \$300 for the third and each subsequent violation.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: ENFORCEMENT BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 46 of the General Bylaws as follows (new text in **bold**; removed text ~~crossed out~~);

§ 46-2 Enforcement by noncriminal disposition.

- A. Any bylaw of the Town of South Hadley or any rule or regulation of any Town officer, board or department, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may, in the discretion of the Town official who is the appropriate enforcing person**

as defined in Section 46-1 above or in the requisite bylaw, rule, or regulation, be enforced in the method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

B. Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, bylaws, rules, and regulations that are included within the scope of this bylaw may provide specific penalties which shall apply for violations thereof.

C. Whoever violates any bylaw of the Town shall pay a fine for each offense as follows, unless any law, bylaw, rule, or regulation expressly provides some other penalty. Each day, or portion thereof, during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulation, permit, or administrative order violated shall constitute a separate offense. Violators shall be warned for the first violation, then fined \$100 for the second violation, and \$300 for the third and each subsequent violation.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: MUNICIPAL LIEN CHARGE BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to adopt G.L. c 40, § 58, which allows the Town to place a lien on real property located within the Town for unpaid municipal charges and fees, by amending the Bylaws of the Town of South Hadley to replace Chapter 141 of said Bylaws with the following:

Chapter 141. Municipal Charges Lien.

§ 141-1 Authority.

This Chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 40, § 21 and M.G.L. c. 40, § 58, as amended, and any other relevant statutes and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

§ 141-2 Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to establish a municipal charges lien program to provide a comprehensive and efficient method of collecting a charge and/or fee assessed against an owner of real property in the city who fails and/or refuses to pay said charge and/or fee when due, by placing a lien upon the real estate owned by the property owner.

§ 141-3 Applicability.

The municipal charges lien shall apply to the following municipal charges and/or fees:

- A. Charges or penalties for violations of the Bylaws of the Town of South Hadley, including interest and all costs to record said lien(s) in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.
- B. Charges or penalties for violations of the Town of South Hadley Zoning Bylaw, including interest and all costs to record said lien(s) in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.
- C. Charges or penalties for violations of the Massachusetts state sanitary codes, including interest and all costs to record said lien(s) in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.
- D. Charges or penalties for violations of the Massachusetts state building codes, including interest and all costs to record said lien(s) in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.
- E. Police and Fire detail charges and service fees.
- F. Curbside recycling fees and trash collection fees.
- G. Personal property taxes.
- H. Street excavation permit fees and charges.
- I. Landfill tipping fees.

§ 141-4 When effective.

The municipal charges lien will take effect upon the recording of a statement of unpaid municipal charges and fees, setting forth the amount due, including recording cost, and any administrative fee, the address(es) of the land to which the lien is to apply and the name of the assessed owner.

§ 141-5 Collection of lien.

- A. The town clerk shall notify the issuing department head of all tickets that have been paid or appealed at the end of each month.
- B. The issuing department head shall prepare a statement of municipal charges liens for each person from the list(s) received from the town clerk and other records of unpaid charges, fees or penalties. The statement(s) of lien shall be recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

§ 141-6 Unpaid liens.

- A. If the charge or fee secured by the lien is unpaid when the assessors are preparing the real estate list and warrant, the board or officer in charge of the collection of the charge or fee or the tax collector shall certify the charge, fee or penalty to the assessors' department and the assessors shall add the charge, fee or penalty to the next property tax bill to which it relates, and commit it with the warrant to the tax collector as part of the tax.
- B. If the property to which the charge or fee relates is tax-exempt, the charge or fee shall be committed as a tax on said property.

§ 141-7 Release of lien.

The municipal charges lien may be discharged by the filing of a certificate from the tax collector that all municipal charges or fees constituting a lien, together with any interests and costs, have

been paid or legally abated. All costs of recording or discharging a lien under this Chapter shall be borne by the owner of the property.

§ 141-8 Abatement.

The Select Board, upon the written recommendation of the issuing department head, prior to a charge or fee being certified to the assessors by the tax collector, may abate any charge or fee for justifiable cause, which shall be effective upon the issuing of a written statement setting forth said cause, and filing of said statement with the tax collector.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: PETITION: ALLOW MULTIFAMILY IN BUSINESS A-1

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow multifamily residences within the Business A-1 Zoning District through amending the following: Chapter 255-10 (Terms Defined); the Zoning Use Regulations Schedule; and Article VII Supplemental District Regulations by inserting a new section 255-X Multifamily Residential Development in Business A-1 Zoning District", as further articulated in the Planning Board's Report to Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.


ARTICLE 28: PETITION: PLANNING BOARD HYBRID MEETINGS

To see if the town meeting would recommend the Planning Board change their meeting format from virtual-only to hybrid. Allowing residents to participate in live Planning Board meetings would have the following benefits for the town:

Improve communication in order to thoroughly discuss and vet issues that come before the Board in an open, live setting. This would also allow residents who do not want to use a computer or be taught to use Zoom to be able to participate with the Planning Board by directly interacting with them.

Establish digital equity. Not all citizens of the town possess the technology to participate remotely. They are effectively prevented from having access to Planning Board meetings and participating in related discussions. Often, these same citizens would benefit from development of affordable housing. By retaining a virtual-only format, the Planning Board effectively excludes these citizens from expressing their opinions on issues coming before the board that may directly affect them or take any other action relative thereto.

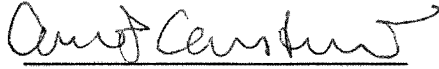
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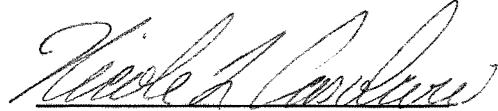
Andrea Miles, Chair




Jeff Cyr, Vice-Chair



Carol Constant, Clerk




Nicole Casolari



Renee Sweeney

**SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

True copy, attest:



Sarah Gmeiner, Town Clerk
Town of South Hadley

Appendix A
FY2025
Summary Budget Request

Department	FY 22 Expended	FY 23 Budgeted	FY 24 Level Request	FY 25 Goal Request	FY 25 TA Recommended
1220 Selectboard					
Selectboard-Personnel Services	\$ 214,327	\$ 228,112	\$ 240,412	\$ 247,424	\$ 238,228
Selectboard-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 26,500</u>	<u>\$ 40,400</u>	<u>\$ 35,700</u>	<u>\$ 35,700</u>	<u>\$ 33,350</u>
Total Selectboard	\$ 240,827	\$ 268,512	\$ 276,112	\$ 283,124	\$ 271,578
1250 Cable Access					
Cable Access-Personnel Services	\$ 80,897	\$ 85,844	\$ 84,034	\$ 93,064	\$ 96,029
Cable Access-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 23,944</u>	<u>\$ 26,123</u>	<u>\$ 26,600</u>	<u>\$ 26,600</u>	<u>\$ 24,600</u>
Total Cable Access	\$ 104,841	\$ 111,967	\$ 110,634	\$ 119,664	\$ 120,629
1320 Reserve Fund					
Total Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
1350 Accountant/Auditor					
Accounting/Auditing- Personnel Services	\$ 217,642	\$ 223,734	\$ 227,803	\$ 228,680	\$ 239,308
Accounting/Auditing- Other Expenses	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 84</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
Total Accounting/Auditing	\$ 217,742	\$ 223,818	\$ 227,953	\$ 228,980	\$ 239,608
1360 Wage and Classification					
Merit Plan	\$ 58,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
Transferred/Expended	<u>\$ (34,568)</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ (46,064)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Wage and Classification	\$ 23,432	\$ 163,783	\$ 43,936	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
1370 Human Resources					
Human Resources Personnel Services	\$ 83,404	\$ 64,637	\$ 138,325	\$ 134,604	\$ 141,651
Human Resources Other Expenses	<u>\$ 24,067</u>	<u>\$ 47,382</u>	<u>\$ 34,600</u>	<u>\$ 34,600</u>	<u>\$ 34,600</u>
Total Human Resources	\$ 107,471	\$ 112,019	\$ 172,925	\$ 169,204	\$ 176,251
1410 Assessor					
Assessor-Personnel Services	\$ 149,112	\$ 151,640	\$ 152,809	\$ 153,369	\$ 164,038
Assessor-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 37,893</u>	<u>\$ 37,225</u>	<u>\$ 38,975</u>	<u>\$ 38,840</u>	<u>\$ 30,840</u>
Total Assessor	\$ 187,005	\$ 188,865	\$ 191,784	\$ 192,209	\$ 194,878

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1460 Collector/Treasurer					
Collector/Treasurer-Personnel Services	\$ 174,390	\$ 178,266	\$ 188,167	\$ 188,881	\$ 152,341
Collector/Treasurer-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 36,765</u>	<u>\$ 42,128</u>	<u>\$ 45,950</u>	<u>\$ 46,050</u>	<u>\$ 46,050</u>
Total Collector/Treasurer	\$ 211,155	\$ 220,394	\$ 234,117	\$ 234,931	\$ 198,391
1490 Town Audit					
Total Town Audit	\$ 35,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
1500 Town Clerk					
Town Clerk-Personnel Services	\$ 102,044	\$ 134,397	\$ 158,391	\$ 159,543	\$ 165,413
Town Clerk-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 6,384</u>	<u>\$ 7,023</u>	<u>\$ 17,500</u>	<u>\$ 17,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total Town Clerk	\$ 108,428	\$ 141,420	\$ 175,891	\$ 176,543	\$ 180,413
1510 Legal Services					
Total Legal Services	\$ 94,719	\$ 80,729	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
1550 Information Technology					
Information Technology-Personnel Services	\$ 70,772	\$ 71,834	\$ 79,831	\$ 80,138	\$ 83,980
Information Technology-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 270,029</u>	<u>\$ 323,135</u>	<u>\$ 342,121</u>	<u>\$ 354,336</u>	<u>\$ 354,336</u>
Total Information Technology	\$ 340,801	\$ 394,969	\$ 421,952	\$ 434,474	\$ 438,316
1620 Elections					
Elections-Personnel Services	\$ 8,650	\$ 25,027	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Elections-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 13,932</u>	<u>\$ 30,249</u>	<u>\$ 41,750</u>	<u>\$ 39,650</u>	<u>\$ 39,650</u>
Total Elections	\$ 22,582	\$ 55,276	\$ 76,750	\$ 79,650	\$ 79,650
1750 Planning/Conservation					
Planning/Conservation-Personnel Services	\$ 189,762	\$ 200,882	\$ 202,405	\$ 203,184	\$ 210,972
Planning/Conservation-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 43,853</u>	<u>\$ 41,879</u>	<u>\$ 73,124</u>	<u>\$ 73,100</u>	<u>\$ 53,100</u>
Total Planning/Conservation	\$ 233,615	\$ 242,761	\$ 275,529	\$ 276,284	\$ 264,072

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1920 Public Building Maintenance					
Public Bldg Mtce P/S	\$ 79,370	\$ 79,779	\$ 179,619	\$ 182,263	\$ 104,400
Public Bldg Mtce O/E	<u>\$ 228,748</u>	<u>\$ 200,786</u>	<u>\$ 244,742</u>	<u>\$ 292,900</u>	<u>\$ 292,900</u>
Total Building Maintenance	\$ 308,118	\$ 280,565	\$ 424,361	\$ 475,163	\$ 397,300
1930 Internal Service Fund					
Total Internal Service Fund	\$ 6,112	\$ 8,647	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
1950 Town Reports					
Total Town Reports	\$ 1,064	\$ 1,126	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2100 Police					
Police-Personnel Services	\$ 2,603,671	\$ 2,794,212	\$ 3,242,139	\$ 3,524,540	\$ 3,527,367
Police-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 280,920</u>	<u>\$ 262,895</u>	<u>\$ 282,930</u>	<u>\$ 290,230</u>	<u>\$ 285,230</u>
Total Police	\$ 2,884,591	\$ 3,057,107	\$ 3,525,069	\$ 3,814,770	\$ 3,812,597
2410 Inspection Services					
Inspection Services-Personnel Services	\$ 176,320	\$ 176,907	\$ 192,409	\$ 269,767	\$ 238,363
Inspection Services-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 5,647</u>	<u>\$ 18,815</u>	<u>\$ 28,600</u>	<u>\$ 28,600</u>	<u>\$ 28,600</u>
Total Inspection Services	\$ 181,967	\$ 195,722	\$ 221,009	\$ 298,367	\$ 266,963
2440 Weights and Measures					
Total Weights and Measures	\$ 7,784	\$ 7,299	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
4000 Department of Public Works					
DPW-Personnel Services	\$ 818,618	\$ 836,885	\$ 1,093,801	\$ 960,908	\$ 972,630
DPW-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 534,529</u>	<u>\$ 565,037</u>	<u>\$ 631,550</u>	<u>\$ 655,970</u>	<u>\$ 655,970</u>
Total Department of Public Works	\$ 1,353,147	\$ 1,401,922	\$ 1,725,351	\$ 1,616,878	\$ 1,628,600

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4230 Snow and Ice Removal					
Snow and Ice-Personnel Services	\$ 43,048	\$ 25,619	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
Snow and Ice-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 135,649</u>	<u>\$ 171,791</u>	<u>\$ 80,360</u>	<u>\$ 80,760</u>	<u>\$ 80,760</u>
Total Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 178,697	\$ 197,410	\$ 101,360	\$ 101,760	\$ 101,760
4240 Street Lighting					
Total Street/Signal Lighting	\$ 90,227	\$ 90,624	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
5110 Board of Health					
Board of Health-Personnel Services	\$ 190,341	\$ 201,211	\$ 250,341	\$ 252,765	\$ 226,906
Board of Health-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 47,624</u>	<u>\$ 58,502</u>	<u>\$ 78,766</u>	<u>\$ 77,600</u>	<u>\$ 77,600</u>
Total Board of Health	\$ 237,965	\$ 259,713	\$ 329,107	\$ 330,365	\$ 304,506
5300 Human Services					
Human Services-Personnel Services	\$ 467,539	\$ 526,567	\$ 670,227	\$ 707,746	\$ 555,023
Human Services-Other Expense	<u>\$ 329,989</u>	<u>\$ 381,200</u>	<u>\$ 408,160</u>	<u>\$ 424,459</u>	<u>\$ 390,353</u>
Total Total Human Services	\$ 797,528	\$ 907,767	\$ 1,078,387	\$ 1,132,205	\$ 945,376
6100 Library					
Library-Personnel Services	\$ 519,294	\$ 520,036	\$ 523,296	\$ 531,441	\$ 555,071
Library-Other Expenses	<u>\$ 240,632</u>	<u>\$ 266,846</u>	<u>\$ 296,220</u>	<u>\$ 290,202</u>	<u>\$ 290,202</u>
Total Library	\$ 759,926	\$ 786,882	\$ 819,516	\$ 821,643	\$ 845,273
6710 Old Firehouse Museum					
Total Old Firehouse Museum	\$ 3,643	\$ 8,369	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750
7110 Retirement of Debt					
Total Principal: Long-Term Debt	\$ 2,015,023	\$ 2,426,185	\$ 2,432,472	\$ 2,418,885	\$ 2,418,885
7510 Interest: Long-Term Debt					
Total Interest: Long-Term Debt	\$ 887,346	\$ 1,007,254	\$ 930,765	\$ 843,791	\$ 843,791
7520 Interest: Short-Term Debt					
Total Interest: Short-Term Debt	\$ 703,900	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
9110 Retirement					
Total Retirement	\$ 3,774,831	\$ 4,019,387	\$ 4,343,569	\$ 4,765,712	\$ 4,765,712
9130 Unemployment Compensation					
Total Unemployment Insurance	\$ 26,881	\$ 26,271	\$ 101,000	\$ 101,000	\$ 101,000

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9140 Group Health Insurance					
Total Group Health Insurance	\$ 4,260,467	\$ 4,252,598	\$ 4,963,378	\$ 5,410,082	\$ 5,318,448
9160 Fica/Medicare					
Total Fica/Medicare	\$ 394,999	\$ 434,482	\$ 420,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
9450 Liability Insurance					
Total Liability Insurance	\$ 321,590	\$ 368,677	\$ 440,000	\$ 493,200	\$ 493,200
2950 Ct. River Channel Marker					
Total Ct. River Channel Marker	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000
4340 DPW: Landfill					
DPW:Landfill-Personnel Services	\$ 85,160	\$ 81,297	\$ 92,205	\$ 101,533	\$ 103,108
DPW:Landfill-Other Expenses	\$ 960,557	\$ 1,219,573	\$ 1,312,100	\$ 1,326,500	\$ 1,357,236
Total DPW: Landfill	\$ 1,045,717	\$ 1,300,870	\$ 1,404,305	\$ 1,428,033	\$ 1,460,344
4360 DPW:Sewerage					
TOTAL DPW:Sewerage	\$ 67,176	\$ 66,415	\$ 78,100	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500
4430 DPW:Water Pollution Control					
DPW:WWTP-Personnel Services	\$ 446,238	\$ 523,382	\$ 597,473	\$ 614,009	\$ 628,738
DPW:WWTP-Other Expenses	\$ 834,049	\$ 932,422	\$ 981,800	\$ 1,121,300	\$ 1,156,300
Total DPW: Water Pollution Control	\$ 1,280,287	\$ 1,455,804	\$ 1,579,273	\$ 1,735,309	\$ 1,785,038
6800 Ledges Golf Course/Valley View					
Total Ledges Golf Course	\$ 1,262,021	\$ 1,370,653	\$ 1,402,880	\$ 1,561,762	\$ 1,593,762

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SCHOOL					
Total School	\$ 22,420,574	\$ 23,623,345	\$ 24,587,460	\$ 26,787,460	\$ 25,521,460
Conservation Land Fund					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Conservation Land Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Workers' Compensation					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Total Workers' Compensation	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Injured on Duty					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Total Injured on Duty	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000
OPEB					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Total OPEB	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Capital Stabilization					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Total Capital Stabilization	\$ 200,000	\$ 122,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Mosier School Stabilization					
	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Goal Request	TA Recommended
Total Mosier School Stabilization	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -
TOTALS					
Total General Fund	\$ 21,123,424	\$ 21,981,520	\$ 24,349,677	\$ 25,705,634	\$ 25,243,947
Total Misc. Trust	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,037,000	\$ 915,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 715,000
Total Receipts Reserved	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000
Total DPW: Landfill	\$ 1,045,717	\$ 1,300,870	\$ 1,404,305	\$ 1,428,033	\$ 1,460,344
Total DPW: WWTP	\$ 1,347,463	\$ 1,522,219	\$ 1,657,373	\$ 1,817,809	\$ 1,867,538
Total Ledges	\$ 1,262,021	\$ 1,370,653	\$ 1,402,880	\$ 1,561,762	\$ 1,593,762
Total School	\$ 22,420,574	\$ 23,623,345	\$ 24,587,460	\$ 26,787,460	\$ 25,521,460
	\$ 48,317,699	\$ 50,839,607	\$ 54,328,695	\$ 58,737,698	\$ 56,405,051