

VIRTUAL BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 2025 - 5 P.M.

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Note: Not all topics listed here may be reached for discussion. In addition, the topics listed are those which the chair reasonably expects will be discussed as of the date of this notice. This meeting may be audio and/or visually recorded.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of April 9, 2025

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Town Meeting Bylaws

- Prudent Investor bylaw
- Prudent Investor
- Special Education Reserve Fund
- Cryptocurrency ATM Bylaw
- Home Rule Petition for Liquor Licenses

Documents:

[C. DRAFT 2025 FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES \(1\).PDF](#)

4. ADJOURN

DRAFT 2025 Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
Potential Article List - last updated October 6, 2025

Section 1: Reports

Article 1: Budget Forecast (either from Town Admin or a committee)

Section 2: Financial

Article 2: Prior Year Bills - holyoke medical

Article 3: \$800,000 from Free Cash to Insurance

Article 4: Reallocation \$23,144 from Queensville dam and \$19,550 for a total of \$42,694 to Pearl St Culvert.

Section 3: General

Article 5: Prudent Investor

Article 6: Special Education Reserve Fund

Article 7: Cryptocurrency ATM Bylaw

Article 8: Planning: Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Route 202/33 Corridor Re-Zoning

Article 9: Planning: Zoning Map Amendment - Route 202/33 Corridor Re-Zoning

Section 4: Citizen/Other

Article 10: Home Rule Petition for Liquor Licenses

Article 11: Ethan Circle - Street acceptance

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 October 27th 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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held at 153 Newton Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 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;

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.

FINANCIAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other Available Funds the sum of \$6,552 for FY2023, FY2024 and FY2025 bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: HEALTH INSURANCE

To see if the Town will transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other Available Funds the sum of \$800,000 to HEALTH INSURANCE

ARTICLE 4: CAPITAL - TRANSFER

To see if the Town will transfer from FY2023 Capital the amount of \$23,144 from the Queensville Pond project and \$19,550 from the Library Accessibility Upgrades project for a total of \$42,694 to the Pearl Street Culvert project; or take any other action relative thereto.

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GENERAL ARTICLES & ZONING

ARTICLE 5: ADOPT MGL CHAPTER 44 SECTION 54B

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 Section 54(B) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with MGL Chapter 203C, the so-called “Prudent Investment Rule”, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13E of the Massachusetts General Laws permitting the School District to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: CRYPTOCURRENCY ATM BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Division 1, Part II, General Legislation to add Chapter 236-Prohibition of Cryptocurrency Automatic Teller Machines:

Chapter 236 Prohibition on Cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

§ 236-1 Purpose and Intent

The Town, acting upon reports of the South Hadley Police Department, finds that unregulated cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) pose risks to consumers, including financial fraud, money laundering, and lack of recourse for users. Virtual currency ATMs are able to convert currency into virtual currency instantaneously and irreversibly, which exposes the most vulnerable of our citizens to unnecessary risk. The Town further finds that the current absence of sufficient federal and state consumer protections and regulatory oversight for such devices necessitates a municipal prohibition to safeguard residents and preserve public safety. The purpose of this article is to prohibit the use of Cryptocurrency ATMs within the Town in an effort to protect our citizens.

§236-2 Definitions

For purposes of this Bylaw, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) Cryptocurrency: A digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank, including but not limited to Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, Coinhub, Dash, Litecoin, Ripple, ZCash, Ethereum, and similar blockchain-based tokens.

Cryptocurrency is a digital representation of value used as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, or a store of value, but does not have legal tender status as recognized by the United States Government.

(b) Cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machine (Cryptocurrency ATM): Any self-service kiosk, machine, or device installed in a publicly accessible location that enables users to buy, sell, exchange, or transfer cryptocurrency through the machine using cash, debit card, credit card, or other means of payment.

§ 236-3 Prohibition of Cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machines

No person, business, or entity shall install, operate, maintain, or allow the installation or operation of a Cryptocurrency ATM within the geographic boundaries of the Town of South Hadley. All Cryptocurrency ATMs existing in the Town of South Hadley as of the Effective Date of this Bylaw must be removed within sixty (60) days after the Effective Date.

§236-4 Enforcement and Penalties

This Bylaw shall be enforced by the South Hadley Police Department, the Building Department or any other authorized designated agent of the Town Administrator. Any person or entity found to be in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day, per device, enforceable under the non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Each day during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 236-5 Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

, or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 in regards to the creation of two new districts, Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use, by amending: Section 255-10 Terms defined to insert various new terms and their definitions and modify existing definitions; Section 255-11 Establishment of districts by adding Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use; Section 255 Attachment 1 Use Regulations Schedule by inserting new uses related to Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use; Section 255 Attachment 2 Dimensional Regulations Schedule by adding dimensional standards with footnotes for Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use; 255-15 Overlay districts by adding the Route 202/33 Corridor Design Guidelines Overlay District; Article VII Supplemental District Regulations by adding 255-XX Route 202/33 Corridor Design Guidelines Overlay District; 255-31 Flexible Development to

create standards for certain developments in the Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use Districts; 255-34 Professional business uses to create standards for certain developments in the Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use Districts; and, 255-47 Multifamily and multiple dwellings to create standards for certain developments in the Residential Core and Residential Mixed Use Districts, as further articulated in the Planning Board's Report to Town Meeting (Appendix ___), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map, as incorporated into the Zoning Bylaw by Section 255-12, by changing parcels from the Granby town line in the north along Routes 202/Granby Road and Route 33/Willimansett Street to the Chicopee city line in the south, from Residence A-1 and Business A to the Residential Core district, and from Residence A-1, Residence A-2, Business A, Business A-1, and Business C to the Residential Mixed Use district as further articulated in the Planning Board's Report to Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL ARTICLES & CITIZENS PETITIONS

ARTICLE 10: HOME RULE PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation to grant the Town [#] additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws and [#] additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws; provided, however, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

An Act authorizing the town of South Hadley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and to grant additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 11 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority in the town of South Hadley may grant [#] additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138.

(b) A license granted pursuant to Section 1, Subsection (a) of this act shall only be exercised in the dining room of a common victualler licensed to conduct a restaurant and other such public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

SECTION 2.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 11 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority in the town of South Hadley may grant [#] additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 15 of said Chapter 138.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

; and to act on anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11: ETHAN CIRCLE STREET ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will accept, acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire, Ethan Circle as a public way and any appurtenant easements thereto, as laid out by the Selectboard, as shown on a plan entitled “Ethan Circle Definitive Subdivision South Hadley, Massachusetts” prepared by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc. and dated March 14, 2014 and recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 235, Page 1, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk;

And further that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise, easements in any land necessary for laying out and acceptance of said ways, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said ways, and/or to accept grants thereof; and, further, to authorize the Selectboard and other applicable Town of South Hadley boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article, or take any other action related thereto;

Given under our hands this 21st day of October 2025:

Jeff Cyr

Nicole Casolari

Carol Constant

Andrea Miles

Renee Sweeney

SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

True copy, attest:

Sarah Gmeiner, Town Clerk

Town of South Hadley