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Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard May 3, 2022

Administration, Finance and Operations

- The Town has appointed Sarah Gmeiner to the Assistant Town Clerk role, where she will fill in for the duties of retiring Town Clerk Carlene Hamlin, until the post has been filled.
- The Budget Book is online: <https://southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/9495/Fiscal-Year-2023-annual-Budget-book>. Thanks to our Town Accounting Department, Kristin Maher and the Department Heads for their assistance in providing materials for the book.
- The annual General Liability insurance quote came in with a 9.3% increase over the current year. The Town will receive credits to reduce this amount. The FY23 Budget had anticipated a 10% increase with the funding that was incorporated into the budget approved by the Selectboard and Appropriations Committee.
- The state has released guidance for \$100 million in funding for a Winter Recovery Assistance Program. South Hadley is expected to get an additional \$281,298 towards our transportation needs impacted by the harsh winter weather. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2023. <https://www.mass.gov/winter-recovery-assistance-program-wrap>

Community Highlights

- A new business – Lumishield – has opened up at 63 Bridge Street and held a ribbon cutting with town officials on April 30.

Planning and Economic Development

- Lyman Street Reconstruction – MassWorks Grant: Water main replacement work has been completed and reclamation of the road base will start on Monday 4/25 thru Tuesday 4/26. Thereafter, the contractor will begin removing the excess road base from the top by Whiskey Barrel heading down toward Route 116/Newton Street. This should take approximately 2 weeks to complete, before fine grading for pavement.

Public Health

- 45 active confirmed cases as of 4/26. (44 last week, and 19 two weeks ago)
- Health Director Sharon Hart is honored as a 2022 Prevention Champion by the South Hadley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition for her work tackling youth substance abuse, her work with the Coalition and her leadership guiding the community during the pandemic.

Public Safety

- The State 911 Department visited the South Hadley Police Dept to express their gratitude to the Dispatchers in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunication month.