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Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard May 17, 2022

Administration, Finance and Operations

- The Senate Ways and Means Committee released their budget that doubles the increase in the Unrestricted General Government Aid to 5.4% (an increase of \$77,500 for South Hadley), maintains Chapter 70 funding, doubles the minimum Chapter 70 aid from \$30 to \$60 per student, increases Charter School Reimbursement and increases the Special Education Circuit Breaker. The budget will go on to the full Senate for debate.
- The Town Accountant has released his 75% budget report (see attached).

Community Highlights

- The Town of South Hadley will be conducting several events surrounding Memorial Day. The first will be the flagging of the Notre Dame Cemetery which will be conducted on May 21st at 9:45am for the ceremony and flagging to follow. On May 27th in conjunction with the Senior Center and High School we will be hosting a Veteran Breakfast and Ceremony starting at 9am which will be followed by a short ceremony. If you would like to attend the breakfast please RSVP with the Senior Center as soon as possible. The Town Memorial Day Ceremony in the High School Auditorium the ceremony will begin at 10:30am.
- The Chamber will be hosting a legislative breakfast on Friday, June 9th at 9am at Loomis Village featuring local and state officials. Reserve a seat by June 3rd at the following link: <https://www.shgchamber.com/events/2022/6/10/annual-legislative-breakfast?fbclid=IwAR2TqS71ujutHxmxM2vi3SJtisbmWOF4t2yLycN84IqZ8OG1RGYG3Fpfce0>

Planning and Economic Development

- The Town received two Regional Economic Development Grants. The Falls facade improvement and mesh wifi grant budget was cut back to \$65,000 from \$85,000. That means that the facade program would only have \$50K. The mesh wifi systems in the Falls and Commons will be totally new and cost \$15,000 each. There will also be \$25,000 in outdoor furniture and games for the Village Commons District.

Public Health

- 44 active confirmed cases as of 5/10. (45 last week)
- There was a doubling of COVID-19 detected in the wastewater on May 4 and May 6 samples compared to the previous few days.