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## Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard July 12, 2022

### Administration, Finance and Operations

- As of 7/7, the Senate has extended the allowance of remote public meetings from July 15, 2022 to December 15, 2023. The House then voted to extend remote meetings until March 31, 2023, and then mandate that all public meetings for local boards and commissions must have a remote access and remote participation option starting April 1, 2023.

### Community Highlights

- The Fireworks on July 2 went well and thankfully the weather held off!
- The South Hadley 7/8th grade softball team won the Quabbin Valley Softball Championship. The 3/4th Grade South Hadley Black team won the Suburban American League East Championship.

### Planning and Economic Development

- The SH Cultural Council is in the beginning stages of planning a very exciting series of events that will take place next spring. They will be hosting an informational community Zoom meeting Wednesday July 13 at 6 pm and are looking for everyone's ideas and participation.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89764449007?pwd=mwYpvLlf4jw0j\\_eWsKJMe7woAS0T5K.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89764449007?pwd=mwYpvLlf4jw0j_eWsKJMe7woAS0T5K.1)

### Public Health

- 17 active confirmed cases as of 7/6. The BioBot data shows an uptick in COVID levels for the most recent data for July 1 and 2. The state has extended BioBot testing until December 30, 2022.
- The town has received more free at home COVID test kits. They are available while supplies last at the main public library and at the Senior Center.
- The town will be posting soon to fill the public health nurse position. Keep an eye out on the town website for details.

### Public Safety

- Congratulations to Lieutenant William Sowa III, who retired after almost 40 years working for the South Hadley Police Department!
- The South Hadley Police Department received a unanimous vote from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and is not officially accredited for the next three years.

### Public Works

- The town has a new vendor for trash bags due to a supply chain issue for raw materials with the former supplier. The bags do have a slightly different color and look.
- Mass Dept of Transportation completed paving around the Route 202's intersection with Route 33 in South Hadley to the area near the intersection with Pleasant Street in Granby in early July.