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stay in their homes despite rising taxes.

“Someone might be house rich and cash poor,” he said. “So obviously, once you’re retired, the cash flow starts to generally dry up a little bit. Taxes generally do not.”

The town has already received two applications from potential participants and will now focus on recruiting the at-large committee member and encouraging departments to identify appropriate work opportunities, primarily office and clerical tasks.

In other infrastructure-related news, Fire Chief Evan Briant reported that Granby has secured a \$60,000 state earmark for radios, offsetting a capital article previously passed at Town Meeting.

“We did get an ear mark... through the radios... for 60,000,” he said.

Aponte noted that this creates a positive variance in the corresponding capital account, adding a small measure of flexibility as the town juggles competing capital needs, including the dam.

Separately, the building inspector met with an ISO (Insurance Services Office) analyst to review local codes and practices that affect fire and building insurance ratings townwide. Aponte said the session appeared to go well, with results expected in a few weeks.

Aponte told the board that resident Eleanor White has expressed interest in a bocce court at Dufresne Park, and that he expects a formal request for discussion.

He added that such a project could potentially be combined with previously discussed pickleball courts under a future state park grant, which typically requires the town to front the full cost at Town Meeting and then receive partial reimbursement. Last year’s program reimbursed about two-thirds of eligible expenses.

Officials cautioned that timing and cash flow would have to be managed carefully, particularly while the town continues to chase funding for larger-scale needs such as Forge Pond Dam.

On the West Street building project, he reported that the town has asked IT vendor Entree to revise its proposal after finding that labor costs were out of scale with hardware pricing. At the same time, a previous assumption that security firm Ratcliffe was on the state bid list proved incorrect. A competing firm, Oakers, has now been identified as both eligible and lower cost for cameras, entry controls and cable pulls.

Those adjustments are intended to keep the project on track without overcommitting limited capital dollars.

The Board of Assessors is moving to advertise for a Director of Assessments, a position officials say is needed to strengthen the town’s ability to manage the tax base and stay ahead of neighboring communities on growth and compliance.

Aponte explained that if a qualified candidate is hired during the current fiscal year, the town would likely rely on municipal fund transfers beginning May 1 to cover any shortfall in the assessors’ budget, using positive variances in other accounts. Longer term, he said the hire would be evaluated during the FY28 budget cycle, with the expectation that improved assessment capacity could support local revenues over time.

The board also formalized the Senior Tax Work-Off Program Committee, building on a program previously adopted at Town Meeting that allows eligible seniors and veterans to earn relief on their property tax bills.

The committee will include the Council on Aging director, Veterans’ Services officer, a member of the Board of Assessors, the town administrator and an at-large resident 60 or older, with the at-large seat to be advertised and filled later.

Aponte emphasized that the program is targeted at older residents struggling to

Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon – Thurs. Plans are also available online at www.south-hadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

April Doroski
Conservation Chair
09/11/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed Renata Legowski proposing to address re-vegetation within the 50’ conservation zone of an intermittent stream. The project location is at the rear of the property at 49 Westbrook (Map 37, Parcel 67).

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, September 23 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon – Thurs. Plans are also available online at www.south-hadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Aya Custom Homes Inc. c/o Andrew Bazukin; 40 King St, Westfield, MA 01085; for the construction of a new duplex located at 144 East St, Map 35 Parcel 28. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87080974078?pwd=Z5m7WPU6vT0irbmQ-S9YrHdNmarGTtJ.1>

Or join by phone: +1 (309) 205 3325 **Webinar ID:** 870 8097 4078 **Passcode:** 600596

The subject property is currently an undeveloped lot within the Residential A-1 Zoning District. The application filing seeks to allow construction of a new residential duplex.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Permit Applications’ - ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘**East Street (144) - Duplex**’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
09/11, 09/18/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm**. to consider an application for Special Permit filed by LCR Builders c/o Leah Spring and Cory Whelihan; 84 Hadley Street, South Hadley MA 01075; for the development of a Flag Lot located at 134 Ferry Street, Map 35 Parcel 18. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit), 255-35 (Water Supply Protection District), 255-36 (Flag lots), and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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The subject property is within the Residential A-1 and Agricultural Zoning Districts, and within the Water Supply Protection Overlay District. The subject property includes an existing Sigle-Family Home, and the application filing proposes the creation of a new Flag Lot for the purpose of constructing a new Single-Family Home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Permit Applications’ - ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘**Ferry Street (134) - Flag Lot**’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS26P0563EA
Estate of: Patricia L. Gloster
Date of Death: May 25, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas M. Gloster of Ovid, NY**

Thomas M. Gloster of Ovid, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal

Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

09/11/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for the re-build of an existing dilapidated single family home at 87 River Road. The proposed work is in the outer Riverfront Area only. All work is within existing lawn, driveway and similar disturbed and degraded area. (Map 21 Lot 17).

The hearing will be held on **September 23 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

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Town of Hardwick

HELP WANTED

The town of Hardwick is seeking qualified candidates to perform high-level secretarial, clerical, and administrative work assisting the Town Administrator and Select Board.

For full job description, go to www.hardwick-ma.gov.

Qualified applicants should send cover letter and resume to: Admin@townofhardwick.com or send to PO Box 275 Oxbowville, MA 01851.

Town of Hardwick

DRIVE FOR THE QUABOAG CONNECTOR

Shawn Smith for the Quabog Connector transportation team. The Quabog Connector is a new route in the Quabog Watershed transportation team. The team will be responsible for the Quabog Connector project. The team will be responsible for the Quabog Connector project. The team will be responsible for the Quabog Connector project.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Longtime Vogue editor

2. Wintour

3. A Spanish title of respect

4. A way of looking

5. Properly

6. Rolled steel

7. Not down

8. Law degree

9. Consume food

10. Intermediate ecological stage

11. Old world, new

12. Dispense justice

13. Stiff hair-like structure

14. Ethiopia

15. Cool!

16. Father

17. An enthusiastic devotee of sports

18. Holm oak

19. Be united

20. Rattling breaths

CLUES DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT

2. Zero

3. Midway between north and northeast

4. Concurrent

5. Added flavor

6. Amount of time

7. Eggs of parasitic insects

8. S-shaped moldings

9. Atomic #45

10. ___ d'art: small artistic item

11. A godparent's "kids"

12. Nocturnal burrowing lizard

13. Hit lightly

14. Aircrafts

15. Witness

16. Alluding to something

17. Take to the limit

18. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

CLUES ACROSS

1. Supermarket chain

2. Provided with a quality

3. Samoan monetary unit

4. Swiss river

5. Hill (Celtic)

6. Have already done

7. ATM company

8. Syngman ___, Korean president

9. Very willing

10. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

11. Food listings

12. Bachelor's place to crash

13. Big Blue

14. Sports magazine

15. Relating to a place north of south of the equator

16. Female follower of Bacchus

17. A type of laugh

18. Slovenly women

19. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

1. Start over

2. Administered

3. Romanian monetary unit

4. Unit of liquid capacity

5. Equips with weapons

6. Disney town

7. Female deer

8. Title of respect

9. A place to go rafting

10. A way to conclude

11. Type of television

12. Georgia rockers

13. Leonhard ___, Swiss mathematician

14. Slang for gun

15. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina

16. Bar bill

17. Small, gray-headed crow

18. Frozen water

19. Norwegian krone

20. Commercial

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