

SOUTH HADLEY SELECTBOARD

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the South Hadley Selectboard is to provide for a socially and economically vibrant community through principals of sound financial planning and effective, efficient and participatory governance.

SOUTH HADLEY SELECTBOARD GOALS

1. LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION: Continuous improvement of town government by strengthening oversight and accountability.

KEY OBJECTIVES
• Delegate authority to the town administrator to sign payroll and vendor warrants.
• Delegate appointing authority so that department managers are appointed by and report directly to the town administrator.
• Formally assign the town administrator responsibility to develop and guide the town's annual operating and capital budget processes.
• Research, identify and document how each specific elected Department head position can become an appointed position within the provisions of state law and local charter.

2. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Enhancing the quality of life in South Hadley by promoting community and economic development that reflect community values.

KEY OBJECTIVES
• Develop composite/impact maps for the Falls area to assist with planning efforts; initiate a design charette for the Falls area.
• Initiate a Business Retention Effort: a) as a first step complete an inventory of existing businesses within the community - (including the creative economy) as a second step initiate a business outreach effort which involves visiting at least 2 businesses per month to identify threats and opportunities.

3. FINANCIAL PLANNING: Developing sound fiscal management through long term financial and capital planning.

KEY OBJECTIVES
• Research & identify opportunities to advance regional approaches either through the COG or through inter-municipal agreement; starting with public health services, building inspections and code enforcement, & property tax assessing & dispatch services.
• Focus on building cooperative and trusting relationship with the school district with an eye towards collaboration and eliminating redundancy; follow-up on recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee report on Town / School Cooperation including such things as joint fuel purchases & consolidated building maintenance.
• Develop 5 year financial forecast and anticipated expenditure plan.
• Develop Comprehensive Long-Term Capital Plan.