

454 COLLEGE HIGHWAY, SOUTHWICK, MA 01077

Town of Southwick

Southwick Agricultural Commission

Telephone (413) 569-6907

MEETING AGENDA Agricultural Commission March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**Hybrid meeting to be held in-person at the Land Use Room in Town Hall and via Zoom
(Per Chapter 20 Acts of 2021)**

In the event of a closure of Town Hall due to inclement weather or any other emergency the Hybrid Format shall switch to remote meeting zoom only for the posted meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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7:00pm

Call meeting to order / Announce Meeting Date / Time / Commissioners

Guest: Al Averill, USDA, "Designating Farmland of Local Importance"

Communications

- USPS Mail; email, Facebook page; town correspondence

Approve Minutes of Feb. 9, 2022

Old Business

- Master Plan Advisory Committee update – FYI – student "PESTLE" input (Place-Economy-Social-Technology-Land Use-Environment)
- Open Space Plan – activities to support Goal 3 – "Preserve working farms and forests..."
 - Right to Farm real estate disclosures
 - Farm brochure
- 326 N. Loomis – access required under 61A
- Budget – Note: FinCom meeting March 19, 8:35 a.m.
- 72 Mort Vining Road – Right of First Refusal under 61A

New Business

- FYI - Closure of Meadowview Farms <https://www.facebook.com/MeadowViewFarmsLlc>
- Discussion of Microsoft Teams business communication platform

Conservation/Farm Properties

- Davis property, 217 Sheep Pasture Road - APR status

Back Burner

- Commission appointments update
- Community Garden – closed for the season
- Devon Arnold, 61A for 2 acres at 8 Nicholson Hill

Purpose

The Commission encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Southwick by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies.

CC email: Town Clerk, Selectmen, Historical Commission, Board of Assessors, Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, Water Department, DPW, EDC, Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission, Safety Officer, Park and Recreation, Planning Board, Health Inspector, Fire Department, Jim Middleton

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