

## Town of Southwick

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# Economic Development Commission

# Agenda

**Location: 454 College Highway.** This meeting is in-person and via Zoom. Due to ongoing construction at Town Hall confirm location on the white board inside the building back door. Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 2, Acts of 2023 (Format- Hybrid meeting). Notice: 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. In the event of any technical difficulties, we will ensure a recorded tape of the proceedings is placed on the Town Web at <a href="https://www.southwickma.org">www.southwickma.org</a>.

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Location: Room 3 Town Hall (LL level of the building) at 454 College Highway. This meeting

is in-person and via Zoom.

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#### **Old Business**

- 1) Status Update on Shop Local Dine Local 11/25/23
- 2) Discuss attendees for other Board and Commission meetings
- 3) Pam, Amber, and Greg Update on Website
- 4) Greg Update Business Engagement Survey
- 5) Greg Update on Business Master List
- 6) Serena's Conversation with Amber (Westfield Merchants Association)

### **New Business**

- 1) Guest Speaker Maryanne Margiotta Discussing Internship Program to help our Business Community
- 2) Monday, 11/13/23 Select Board Meeting on their expectations
- 3) 2023 Westfield Chamber Events and Whom wants to participate
- 4) Western MA Economic Development Council
- 5) Serena and Greg share Ribbon Cutting at Advance Psychotherapy Practice HWICK TOWN C
- 6) Inga and Jack meeting with Town Controller

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- 7) Inga and Burts meeting at Southwick Villages/Farmers Market
- 8) Inga and Burts Master Plan 2040 partnership
- 9) Inga discuss approval for Ribbon Cutting Welcome Gift
- 10) Inga discuss approval for Shop Local Window Signs
- 11) Reminders on Special Town Meeting Dec., 5<sup>th</sup> and Master Plan public hearing Planning Board Meeting Dec 12 Land Use Room 7:00PM
- 12) Discuss Wreaths Across America for the Southwick Cemetery Event

## **Public** Comments (limited to 5 minutes)

#### **Next Meeting**

The listing of matters reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be included and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Southwick has a 2022/2023 tax rate of \$ 16.11. This is a drop in the tax rate from \$16.98. This rate continues to be lower than the commercial/industrial rate in nearby communities in the area. For data on all communities visit

https://dlsgateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=PropertyTaxInformation.taxratesbyclass.taxratesbyclass main

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