

Southwick Agricultural Commission

Telephone (413) 569-6907

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Dec. 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting to be held in-person in the Land Use Room in Town Hall and via Zoom Pursuant to Chapter 2, Acts of 2023 (Format-Hybrid Meeting)

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 page at www.southwickma.org.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://southwickma.zoom.us/j/86182874848?pwd=YkVTVDZFYMDZTHpvS3V4RXlFNk41dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 8287 4848

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Find your local number: <https://southwickma.zoom.us/u/kvTvPfwQC>

7:00pm

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

Public Comments

Communications – USPS Mail; email, Facebook page; town correspondence

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- Farm Forum – Jan. 24 in the Town Hall auditorium
 - Work on specific content for the agenda items
- AgCom subcommittees and projects
 - Marketing and communications – southwickag.com, Facebook, Instagram, banners, signs, stationery, etc.
 - Database of farmers
 - Comm Garden site visit
- Workshops
 - Grant-writing with Amherst CISA – Jan. 30 at the library
 - Succession Planning – Feb. 28 with Kali Lucey of Land for Good, at the library
 - How to Start a Hobby Farm – TBD at the library
- Farmers' Market at Southwick Village – On hold
- New England Consulting Services – study of Great Brook watershed
- AgCom Clerk and Secretary roles

Minutes of 11-29-2023

FYI

Next Meeting: Regular monthly meeting Weds. Jan. 10, 2024, 7 pm

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.