

Southwick Agricultural Commission

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting to be held in-person in the Town Hall Land Use Room 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/82560505649?pwd=Qm1DQjJjUnYyLONp1WkOXRNQVRtQT09>

Meeting ID: 825 6050 5649

Passcode: 827678

Please note:

If you have trouble with the Zoom link, go to zoom.us, click Join in the upper right and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.

7:00pm

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

Communciation – Mail, email, website, Facebook, etc

Public Comments

FY2024 Expenses

Commissioner Skills and Experience

Work-in-Progress Current

- Dave Prifti's pond project
- Chapter 61 protocols – meeting with other commissions TBD
- Open Farm Day 2024 – continue planning
 - Reach out to other AgComs? Student volunteer requirements at Pope Francis and St. Mary's? Restaurant hand-out or map? Outreach to additional farms? Enlisting approx. 70 volunteers to cover shifts? Task list? Etc. Etc.
- Historical Society presentation April 25 – “Farming in Southwick: Past, Present and Future”
 - Past – Jim Putnam; Present – Burt; Future - Maryssa
- AgCom subcommittees and projects
 - Marketing – southwickag.com, Facebook, Instagram, banners, signs, stationery, etc.
 - Database
 - Community Garden – tilled on March 30; work-party date?
- Workshops
 - Panel of farmers with grant-writing experience – TBD
 - How to Start a Hobby Farm – TBD
- AgCom Clerk and Secretary roles

Minutes

FYI: Patriot's Day/Boston Marathon - April 15; Town Meeting - May 21.

Next Meeting: Working Session, Wednesday April 24, 2024.

Purpose

The Commission encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Southwick.

CC email: Town Clerk, Select Board, 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

SOUTHWICK TOWN CLERK
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