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Town of Southwick Southwick Agricultural Commission

Telephone (413) 569-6907

MEETING AGENDA

October 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting to be held in-person in the Land Use Room in Town Hall and via Zoom (per Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022)

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

https://southwickma.zoom.us/j/86163092041?pwd=UUJHdUlhU3I0S01DdXIPUmczWkN3Zz09

Meeting ID: 861 6309 2041 Passcode: 545543 One tap mobile +19292056099,,86163092041# US (New York) +13017158592,,86163092041# US (Washington DC)

<u>7:00pm</u>

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

Communications

• USPS Mail; email, Facebook page; town correspondence

Approve Minutes of Sept. 14, 2022

New Business

- Meeting format ideas (Guest speakers?)
- Granby CT Open Farm Day review
- Farm Parade Oct. 22

Old Business

- Maintenance of Sofinowski Preserve ponds work party Oct. 16 10 am
- Sofinowski/Comm Garden signs
- Open Space Plan activities to support Goal 3 "Preserve working farms and forests..."
 - Right to Farm real estate disclosures (General Legislation, Ch 140, Right to Farm)
 - Open Farm Day 4th Sunday of August 8/26/2023 (Keeping this on our radar.)
- Community Garden update
- Youth members of commission/Ag education
- AgCom magazine

<u>FYI</u>

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<u>Purpose</u>

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, 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