

Southwick Agricultural Commission

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Dec. 13, 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/82562066261?pwd=RDVqS3ZibnovWXFLbmZsaURLNmVDdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 6206 6261

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Find your local number: <https://southwickma.zoom.us/u/kbv7IQ3fy2>

7:00pm

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

Public Comments

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

Budget

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- AgCom subcommittees and projects
 - Marketing materials – banners, signs, stationery, etc.
 - southwickag.com
 - Database
 - Comm Garden site visit
- Farm Forum – Jan. 24 in the Town Hall auditorium
 - Agenda
 - Logistics of registration, etc
- Workshops
 - Grant-writing with Amherst CISA – Jan. 30 at the library
 - Succession Planning – Feb. 28 with Kali Lucey, NH field agent with 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 11/8

FYI

- Town Hall Holiday Party – Fri Dec. 15, 4:30 pm Town Hall Auditorium

NEXT MEETING: Working Session Weds. Dec. 27, 2023

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