

Town of Southwick

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Economic Development Commission

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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 www.southwickma.org.

Date & Time: 2/21/2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: *Conf. Room 3 Town Hall (LL level of the building)* at 454 College Highway. This meeting is in-person and via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Old Business

- 1)Discuss the changes with our new Website and business survey
- 2)Outreach to Southwick Civic Fund, Southwick Historical Commission, Southwick Cultural Commission, Agricultural Commission, Southwick Library, Southwick Rotary, etc (Gather Events for calendar and support)
- 3)Discuss Western MA Economic Development Council / Involvement and resources Discuss Vacant Realestate and initiatives
- 4) Update on 338 Events

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New Business

- 1) Discuss Spring Program (Craig's Idea)
- 2)Share what was presented by Inga to the Town Hall for Annual Accomplishments
- 3)Discuss the 8th seat
- 4) Discuss meeting agenda moving forward



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5) Jacks Financial review of our budget

Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes)

Next Meeting to be determined

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 2023/2024 tax rate of *\$ 15.47*. This is a drop in the tax rate from *\$16.11*. 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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