

# Southwick Agricultural Commission

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 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](http://www.southwickma.org).

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://southwickma.zoom.us/j/88031625218?pwd=VHBsR0hIRm9ZejE2K1VWNkVGcnhxUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 3162 5218

Passcode: 228667

Find your local number: <https://southwickma.zoom.us/u/keDiIc5tCX>

***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**

**Succession Planning workshop** – report

### **FY2024 Expenses; FY2025 Budget**

### **Work-in-Progress**

- Chapter 61 protocols – roll out, Town Hall meeting, etc.
- Open Farm Day 2024 – initial planning
- Historical Society presentation April 25 – “Farming in Southwick”
- AgCom subcommittees and projects
  - Marketing – southwickag.com, Facebook, Instagram, banners, signs, stationery, etc.
  - Database
  - Community Garden – date for late spring work day
- Workshops
  - Panel of farmers with grant-writing experience
  - How to Start a Hobby Farm – TBD at the library
- AgCom Clerk and Secretary roles

### **Additional business?**

### **Minutes**

**FYI**

- Ag Day at the State House April 3, 2024

**Next Meeting:** Working Session, Wednesday March 27, 2024.

**Purpose**

The Commission encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunity, 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