

Southwick Agricultural Commission

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 8, 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/84614081117?pwd=NUFuck9KTmhkbHh6K0dKRfVTzQ1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1408 1117 Passcode: 807138

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 present

Communciation – Mail, email, website, Facebook, etc

Public Comments

AgCom Members FY2025

Boards, Commissions and Committees Handbook - Discussion

FY2024 Expenses

Work-in-Progress

- Historical Society presentation April 25 – Recap
- AgCom subcommittees and projects
 - Community Garden – work day April 28; AgCom's garden plot
 - Marketing – southwickag.com, Facebook, Instagram, banners, signs, stationery, etc.
 - Database
- Open Farm Day 2024 – Coninue planning
- Chapter 61 protocols – meeting with other commissions TBD
- Workshops
 - Panel of farmers with grant-writing experience – TBD
 - How to Start a Hobby Farm – TBD
- AgCom Clerk and Secretary roles – further definition to come

Minutes

FYI: Election Day - May 14; Town Meeting - May 21.

Next Meeting: Working Session, Wednesday May 22, 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