



**MINUTES**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 9<sup>th</sup> , 2023**

**OPENING:** 7:00 p.m. Chairman Hansen opened the hybrid work session by announcing the members in attendance, the date and time of the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE**

Burt Hansen, Chairman	Present
Dan Cook, Commissioner	Present
Zach Barnett, Alternate	Present
Ron Cecchini, Commissioner	Absent
Lenita Bober, Commissioner	Absent
Tammy Ciak-Bissaillon, Commissioner	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner	Absent
Sage Fury, Alternate	Present- Zoom

Guest

Inga Hotaling  
Angie Simone- Zoom

Communications

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 is the One Call Away Event at Whalley Park

Wreaths Across America December 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

Ken Stomski would like to do a segment on The Agricultural Commission and Open Farm Day for his show KensDen on August 15<sup>th</sup>

New Business

Commissioner Hansen spoke on the Real estate listing subscriptions Meadow View Farm is looking for an Agricultural or Horticultural land classification. Meadowview is looking to grow tobacco, hay straw, and to have open space on 70 acres. More information on this topic will be discussed as it becomes available.

Open Farm Day Conversation

Possible Placement of Volunteers for Open Farm Day was discussed.

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Inga Hotaling presented Open Fam Day Toolkit that will be given to participating Farms

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Ingas Open Farm Day Toolkit design and for her to carry on with making more kits. Commissioner Ciak-Bissaillon Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

For Open Farm Day 2024 Commissioner Fury would like to have aerial photographs taken of each farm to more accurately equip volunteers with locations.

Open Farm Day Raffle Drawing to be help on August 23rds meeting.

Commissioner Hansen will make a stop into the Police Department to give them a map of Open Farm Day to better share with the town to be cautious when out and about that day.

Commissioner Fury gave a preview of the Southwick Agricultural Commission's new web page.  
<https://radicaldreams.com/agcom>

### **DISCUSSION – OPEN FARM DAY**

Updates for Open Farm Day will be provided on Facebook.

#### **Open Farm Day is Rain or Shine NO Rain Date**

Alternate Barnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia Barton*

Cynthia Barton, Secretary

cc:

Select Board

Town Clerk

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Burt Hansen, Chairman

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