

## **Agenda - UMass Extension Board of Public Overseers**

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 2:30-4:00PM

Via Zoom

Connection Information will be sent separately

- 2:30 Welcome, introductions, approval/review of prior minutes. (Matt Barron)
- 2:35 Extension Updates (Jody Jellison)
- Extension overview
  - 2023 outlook (financials, programing, compliance, opportunities and challenges)
  - Key searches and vacancies
  - Welcome new (interim) MA 4-H Program Director Meaghan McDermott
- 2:50 Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (Matt Barron)
- Introduction and Welcome new MFBF Executive Director - Karen Schwalbe
  - Status of MFBF BOPO Appointments
- 3:05 Agriculture Program Repot (Clem Clay)
- Status/Overview of the Plant Clinic, Soils laboratory, and New Equipment Purchases
  - Commercial Horticulture Extension Update
  - Fruit and Vegetable Extension Update
- 3:30 Advocacy Items (request from Ted Wales)
- Massachusetts Agriculture Day 2023
  - Healthy Soil Certification Program for MA Towns and businesses
- 3:40 Sunny Rock Update (Bill Miller)
- 3:45 Public Comments (Moderated by Matt Barron)
- 4:00 Adjourn

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