## **Draft MA Food Policy Council Annual Meeting agenda**

Focus on the MA Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program including highlights and case studies. Remote meeting – THURSDAY, November 12, 2020 9:30 – 11:30 AM

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## **Call to Order, Introductions**

## **Acceptance of Minutes**

**Officers Reports:** Council Chair & MDAR Commissioner Lebeaux. 5 year anniversary of MA Local Food Action Plan.

Vice Chair John Waite, Bylaws report & secretary nomination

## **Council member updates**

# Program - COVID-19 including MA Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program awardees

Grant status report summary, Ashley Randle, MDAR Deputy Commissioner

Case studies:

Healthy Incentives Program tba

Schools, Rob Shaheen, School Nutrition Director, New Bedford Public Schools

Fisher tba

Food Bank tba

Produce farmer, Ben Clark, Co-Owner and Fourth-Generation Farmer, Clarkdale Fruit Farms,

Shellfish grower tba

MA Food Caucus update: Representative Hannah Kane and Senator Jo Comerford

**MA Food System Collaborative:** Winton Pitcoff: Massachusetts' Local Food System: Perspectives on Resilience and Recovery report.

#### **Announcements**

MA Food Policy Council meeting, Friday, January 29, 2020 Massachusetts food system organizations have been very successful in receiving national grant awards for technical assistance. A meeting focus will be on the nuances of these projects, how resources are interconnected and any policy support that is needed.

## **Public Comment**

### Adjournment

In March 10, 2020, Governor Baker, acting pursuant to the power provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the Massachusetts General Laws, declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 coronavirus ("COVID-19"). In accordance with the State of Emergency, the Massachusetts Food Policy Council ("MFPC") meetings are being conducted through virtual means to allow real-time public access.