

Jan 29, 2021 Massachusetts Food Policy Council meeting
9:30 – 11:30 AM

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DRAFT AGENDA (times are approximate)

9:30 Call to Order, Introductions

Acceptance of Minutes / Acceptance of annual report

Officers Reports

Council member updates

9:50 MA Legislature's Food System Caucus

10:05 MA Food System Collaborative

10:15 Program:

MA Food Security Infrastructure Grant Update, Ashley Randle, MDAR

10: 25 UMASS grower support during COVID-19, Clem Clay, UMass Extension Agriculture Program, Director

10:35 Technical assistance *Massachusetts food system organizations have been very successful in receiving USDA grants. They will describe their awards, connection with the MA Local Food Action Plan, and how they will connect for the greatest impact.*

Franklin County Community Development Corporation - \$895,000 MA Ag Innovation Center for technical assistance for value-added products, John Waite, FCCDC & Dorothy Suput, The Carrot Project

Sustainable Business Network - \$100,000 Adding Value to Massachusetts Farmer and Fisher Wholesale Viability, Elena Klonoski, SBN Local Food Program Manager

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project - \$500,000 Promoting year-round Distribution of Local Produce from Small, Beginning, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers through New product Lines and Distribution Strategies, Jennifer Hashley, Director, New Entry Sustainable Farming Project

Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture - \$500,000 Outreach, Training, & Technical Assistance to Expand MA Direct Producer-To Consumer Markets, Margaret Christie, CISA Special Projects Director

(Vermont Agency of AG - \$6.59 Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center for regional projects through 2023, including grants to dairy farmers and value-added producers)

11:00 MA Food is Medicine Consumer Advocacy Toolkit, Jean Terranova, Community Servings

11:10 Announcements

March. 2021, 9:30 – 11:30, MA Food Policy Council (Tbc)

Public Comment

11:30 Adjournment

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