

Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2017

**HATS Members:** Steve Ng, HATS Chair and Concord Select Board; Peter Braun, Lincoln Selectman; Joe Pato, Lexington Selectman; Michael Rosenberg, Bedford Selectman;

**Other HATS Representatives:** Amber Goodspeed, Massport, Jessica Casserly, Hanscom AFB PA, Margaret Coppe (Lexington)

**Others in attendance:** Anthony Gallagher, Massport

**Introductions and Announcements**

Mr. Ng opened the meeting and welcomed our guest for joining us this evening.

**MITRE and Lincoln Labs**

- Lincoln Labs: Dr. Israel Soibelman
  - Origins started with the MIT RAD Lab
  - Serves as a Public Service for MIT
  - DOD Federally funded research center (DOD-FFRDC)
    - (3) exist in the USA
  - Lab is on Federal owned Government land (65 years old)
  - Mission areas (refer to power point presentation) changes over time
  - Programs focus: developing prototypes – devices & advanced tech
  - Approx 345 employees live in HATS town community
    - \$1B budget, \$450M for procurement, \$33M goes to HATS towns!
- MIT Lincoln Lab Modernization
  - Replace 1950 existing labs that support MIT/LL mission
  - MILCON Labs –
    - Phase 1 – Compound Semiconductor Lab - FY17/FY19 Construction
    - Phase 2 – Engineering & prototype (EPF) FY17/FY22 construction
- MITRE: Douglas Robbins, Director
  - An FFRDC since 1958 (operate 7 FFRDCs)
  - Systems Engineering and research & Development
  - Takes what comes out of labs and integrates and deploys technology
  - Expanding into health care, cybersecurity
  - 2,000 employees at Bedford campus / 900 staff work for the USAF
  - Campus modernization
  - Funding for capital improvements/expansion needs to go through federal funding process with DOD.
- BRAC impacts/implication:
  - HATS very optimistic of investments being made at Lincoln labs and MITRE creates a positive outlook.
  - Hanscom AFB provides security for Lincoln Labs

- Hanscom AFB has its own special niche and mission

#### **Air Force Base**

- General Thompson shall be circulating out of command in Spring 2017

#### **Air Field – MassPort Community Advisory Committee: Hanscom Field Advisory Commission:**

- CAC – February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and Executive committee mtg held Feb. 14, 2017 - created RFP for HR firm to search for Exec Director
- Pam Hill (Concord) – member of the executive committee
  - Schedule attendance to provide us an update
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gulf Stream aborted take-off event reported (no injuries – due instrumentation failure)

#### **Road Projects:**

- Minuteman Bikeway on the TIP 2019

#### **Future Meetings and Main Agenda Items:**

- March – No meeting
- April 27 – Massport Dr. Tom Glynn
- May 25 – MBTA Paul Regan
- June 22 – TBD
- July 27 – TBD
- August – No Meeting
- September 28 – Task Force Update (John Beede)
- October 26 – Colonel Hund
- November 30 (or December 7) – TBD
- Potential Guests/topics
  - Minuteman National Park – Supt. BJ Dunn
  - Minuteman Trail planning in Arlington, Cycling legislators, Agriculture Round Table
  - Roundtable topics: Transportation, Lt. Gov. Polito, Transportation Sec. Pollack

#### **Minutes – December 1, 2016 Meeting**

**Motion:** Mr. Rosenberg moved to approve December 1, 2016 meeting minutes as is.

**Second:** Mr. Braun seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion on the motion.

**Vote:** Approved 4-0-0

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Braun moved to adjourn. Mr. Pato seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.