

Memorandum of Agreement By and Among  
The Towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement between the Massachusetts towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln is to establish a Growth and Development Policy Committee pursuant to M.P.L. C40 § 4(I).

WHEREAS:

- Due to the increases in traffic volumes, aircraft noise, and environmental threats, the above towns recognize the need for and support cooperative and comprehensive planning to implement growth management by land use, environmental and traffic controls; and
- The above towns wish to retain the characteristics and physical attributes which distinguish their region as an attractive and desirable place in which to live and work; and
- The above towns recognize the need to establish an entity that can receive and disburse funds, particularly for ground transportation management projects. Each member may appropriate funds to this Growth and Development Policy Committee which may also accept contributions, gifts, or grants from any public or private source - including, but not limited to, any local, state, or federal agency; and
- The above towns believe that the best formal mechanism for maintaining communication, cooperation and implementation of goals is by the establishment of a Growth and Development Policy Committee.

Now, therefore, the Towns in accordance with votes of their respective Boards of Selectman agree to adopt and engage in this Memorandum of Agreement.

SECTION I: CREATION OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

- A. The towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln hereby agree to dissolve the 12/87 HATS II Agreement and in its place agree to form a Growth and Development Policy Committee to be known as the Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS).
- B. The membership of HATS shall consist of: A selectman from each member town (appointed by a majority of the respective member Board of Selectmen), a Planning Board member and up to two members-at-large. It is recommended that, if possible, the at-large positions be filled by a Conservation Commission member and/or a Hanscom Field Advisory (HFAC) member from each town.

- C. All votes of HATS shall be comprised of one vote by each of the four towns cast by the Selectmen of each town, following consultation with the Planning Board member of that town and others at the Selectman's discretion. Votes shall be cast with a required quorum of all four Selectmen or their designee.
- D. The Committee may also invite any person, agency or organization concerned with traffic, growth, or environmental issues to participate in its deliberations on a non-voting basis.

## SECTION II: ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

- A. All actions by HATS shall be by unanimous vote of the four members.
- B. Chairmanship of the Committee shall be by the Selectman representative of the host community. Upon the first of each calendar year, unless otherwise voted, the host community shall rotate among the towns in the following sequence: Lexington, then Lincoln, Concord and Bedford.

The chairman will be responsible for giving proper notification of meetings, setting appropriate agendas and performing the usual administrative activities.

- C. Meetings of HATS will be held as called by the chair, preferably once a month and all meetings will comply with all provisions of the Open Meeting Law: M.G.L. Title VII, C. 39.
- D. Any member town may absolutely reject any action of HATS which would result in physical or regulatory changes within such member towns' boundary.

## SECTION III: PURPOSE AND POWERS

The purpose of HATS shall be as follows:

- A. To facilitate cooperation between the towns and all entities in the L.G. Hanscom Field area by addressing issues related to growth and development management policies as set forth in M.G.L. C. 40 § 4(I).
- B. To receive and disburse public or private funds particularly for ground transportation management projects. Any such funds may be voted for consulting services, staff, administrative expenses and implementation of ground transportation management projects.
- C. To review and make appropriate comments and/or recommendations to town, county, state, federal and regional agencies regarding proposed development projects or roadway alterations which would significantly affect the member towns through increased traffic, aircraft noise or impact on the physical and visual environment.

- D. To negotiate, when appropriate, with Massport, the Air Force and with county, state, federal and regional agencies, on behalf of the four towns, but subject to ratification votes by each Town's Board of Selectmen, agreements on future activities in the Hanscom Field area relating to land use, airport development, traffic generation and related matters.
- E. To report regularly to the appropriate town boards, and committees and to assure that copies of all reports or recommendations of HATS are forwarded to them.
- F. As stated by M.G.L. c. 40 §4(I), HATS shall have the following powers:
1. To engage in all acts and conduct for the purpose of intergovernmental planning of balanced growth and development;
  2. To provide mutual planning, comment and review of any growth and development issue which has a significant impact upon the health, safety or welfare of citizens of more than one member municipality; and
  3. To research, develop, sponsor, fund and implement programs and projects designed to address balanced growth and development issues.

SECTION IV: AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM

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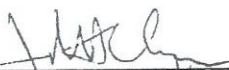
  
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Chairman, Board of Selectmen Bedford

Date: 3/16/92

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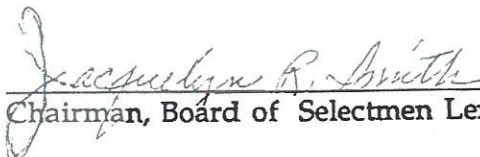
  
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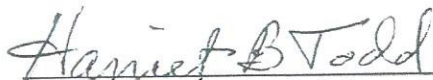
  
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