

- The EPA also has a website with historical information. Go to [www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/findsite/find-index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/findsite/find-index.htm) and search for “Nuclear Metals”.
- [www.crewconcord.org](http://www.crewconcord.org) is the website for the environmental advocacy group CREW.

## **HANSCOM FIELD ADVISORY COMMISSION (HFAC)**

Elise Woodward, Selectmen Representative

### *Role of HFAC*

To act as an advisory commission with regard to Hanscom Field for review of issues land use, noise and transportation and to provide a forum for communications among the surrounding towns, the users of the airfield, and Massport in matters pertaining to Hanscom Field.

## **HANSCOM AREA TOWNS COMMITTEE (HATS)**

Elise Woodward, Selectmen Representative  
Doris Cole, Planning Board Representative

### *Role of HATS*

HATS brings together representatives of the towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln to consider matters of common concern. These include, but are not limited to, issues arising out of the operation of Hanscom Airfield and the Hanscom Air Force Base.

The HATS Environmental Sub-Committee assists HATS with the review of environmental impacts associated with airport activities.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009 ACTIVITIES**

### *Aviation Activities*

Flight operations through November were approximately 11% below the same period during the prior year. Associated with fewer flights is less noise, a boon to the adjacent communities. However, November saw only a 0.5% decrease in operations relative to 2008, suggesting that the decline in aviation activity may be bottoming out. Without scheduled commercial operations, enplanements are likely to stay low. Despite the decrease in operations and enplanements at the Air Field, Massport continued to push for expanded aviation options at Hanscom Field. Individually and collectively, the HATS communities responded to development proposals for

the east ramp, which would double the existing hangar space, lead to the demolition of Hanger 24 to make way for a new fixed base operator and use Stimulus funds to enhance Hanscom for corporate jet aviation.

Lexington Town Meeting affirmed the 1997 resolution about curtailing development and use changes at Hanscom until a multi-modal regional transportation study is conducted, and called for a moratorium on the use of Stimulus funds for promoting corporate aviation. The public hearings of the Bedford Conservation Commission (BCC) with Massport over vegetative management in the Bedford Town Forest were monitored. The BCC is preparing an order of conditions for the removal of significant tree cover in the Forest.

### *Air Force Development*

Col. David Orr, 66th Air Base Wing Commander, Hanscom Air Force Base, provided an update on privatization initiatives at the base. Provisions of the lease may necessitate base housing be opened to non-military personnel, accompanied by changes in security check points.

Sara Mattes, Lincoln Selectman, was appointed as liaison and Elise Woodward, Concord Selectman, as alternate to the Electronic Systems Command Advisory Board, newly created to promote public/private partnerships that will enhance the economic impact of the Command’s mission.

### *Regional Developments*

Topics of regional interest were explored, which highlighted the similarities and the differences in the ways each of the towns approaches policy. Topics included:

- Budget processes and broad fiscal policies
- Conservation stewardship and regulations
- Outreach to persons with disabilities
- Opportunities for regional cooperation
- Support for local agriculture
- Services for our youths

HATS followed proposed legislation affecting zoning regulations, the Land Use Partnership Act, which among other features, proposed changes in the use of site plan review, broadened options for collecting impact fees and threatened to undo much of the appeals case history.