

- The EPA also has a website with historical information. Go to www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/findsite/find-index.htm and search for “Nuclear Metals”.
- 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.

The extension of the Minuteman National Historic Park to include Barrett's Farm in Concord was celebrated, as was the 50th anniversary of the Park.

A regular feature of inviting our legislative delegation to join in a review of legislation germane to the four towns was initiated. with Rep. Tom Conroy, Sen. Ken Donnelly and Rep Tom Stanley the impact of the state budget on the towns, and proposed health care bargaining and pension changes were discussed.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director

Established in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes smart growth and regional collaboration in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. Our work is guided by our regional plan, "MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region," which is the smart growth plan for the Metro Boston region. It includes detailed goals for development and preservation, and specific strategies to equitably distribute the benefits and burdens of growth. The MAGIC website can be found at <http://www.mapc.org/subregions/MAGIC>.

MAPC works toward sound municipal management, sustainable land use policies, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, an affordable housing stock, economic development, public safety, and equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds. MAPC is governed by representatives from each city and town in our region, as well as gubernatorial appointees, state agencies, and other diverse leaders.

An Executive Committee composed of 25 elected members oversees agency operations. MAPC employs more than 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

MINUTEMAN ADVISORY GROUP ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION (MAGIC) SUBREGION

The MAGIC subregion of MAPC includes: Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury

MAGIC held eight regular meetings and three special meetings in 2009. The standard meetings consisted of local officials from the thirteen communities discussing green communities, transportation reform, transportation priorities, zoning reform, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), suburban mobility (two meetings), and other inter-municipal planning issues.

For the special meetings, MAGIC hosted its annual legislative breakfast to facilitate communication between municipal officials and the MAGIC legislative delegation. MAGIC also hosted a Planners' Forum, and a full day GIS training session.

MAGIC generated several products throughout the year including a transportation priorities comment letter to the Boston MPO, a TIP comment letter, and an RTP comment letter. MAGIC also produced its annual work plan and updated its bylaws.

As part of the "MAGIC Mobility" meetings, MAGIC conducted a survey of its member communities regarding suburban mobility services and constraints in each town. MAGIC also voted to spend special assessment funds on two studies in 2010, including a suburban mobility study for the MAGIC towns and a feasibility study for a shared bicycle and bus rapid transit (BRT) path along the Mass Central Railroad right of way.

In addition to subregional activities, MAPC assisted with the following projects in the MAGIC subregion: Stormwater Bylaw and Regulation development in Sudbury, Overlay District Development in Littleton, the Battle Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington, the Route 128 Central Corridor Plan in Lexington and Lincoln, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans for all the MAGIC towns.