



# IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Marlborough, Mass., \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERED:**

**Suspension of Rules requested – granted**

That the Communication from the Mayor re: Regional Veterans District, be and is herewith refer to **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.**

**ADOPTED**

**ORDER NO. 13-1005349**



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February 21, 2013

City Council President Patricia Pope  
Marlborough City Council  
140 Main Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

*ref to VA*

**Re: Regional Veterans District**

Honorable President Pope and Councilors:

The City of Marlborough has been working closely with the Town of Sudbury for several months now as they have searched for a long term solution in their Veterans Office. Over the course of that time, our communities have discussed the potential benefits of combining our resources to better serve our veterans community. Over the past few years, more and more communities have gone with a regional approach that pools resources and ensures uninterrupted service to the veteran community during times of absence or transition.

We have now arrived at a point where both Sudbury and Marlborough believe we can better serve our veteran community through a regional approach. Therefore, I am pleased to present to you an inter-municipal agreement (IMA) that would create the "Marlborough-Sudbury Regional Veterans District."

Per the enclosed draft IMA, the Marlborough Veterans Agent will serve as the Director of Veterans Services for this district. For this, the city will receive compensation of \$833.50 per month towards the salary and benefits of this position (totaling \$10,002.00 per fiscal year). In addition, Sudbury will provide fifteen hours of administrative support per week in service of both communities to ensure full compliance with related veteran benefits coordination and compensation.

Formation of veterans' services districts comes under the general direction and authority of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). This agreement has been given initial approval by the DVA for a trial period of one year. At the conclusion of FY14, this IMA can then be assessed and reevaluated before any renewal takes place.

I look forward to discussing this proposal with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigeant  
Mayor

**VETERANS' SERVICES INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**  
**Between the City of Marlborough and the Town of Sudbury**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A, this Intermunicipal Agreement, approved by the Marlborough City Council and the Selectmen of the Town of Sudbury (the "Parties"), establishes the "Marlborough – Sudbury Regional Veterans District" ("the District") and is hereby entered into and is effective from 1st day of March, 2013 by and between the City of Marlborough ("Marlborough") and the Town of Sudbury ("Sudbury") in accordance with the following terms:

1. **Purpose And Duties:** (A) This agreement contractually enables Gary Brown, the Director of Marlborough's Veterans' Services Department (the "Director") to perform the duties of such office for Sudbury. The Director will maintain separate accurate and comprehensive records of all services performed for Sudbury.  
(B) Sudbury will provide for a part-time employee to serve as administrative support for the District. Said employee will be an employee of the Sudbury.  
(C) The Director of Veterans Services and the Administrative Assistant will serve equally the veterans and eligible families of the City of Marlborough and Town of Sudbury without prejudice.  
(D) The Director of Veterans Services will develop a schedule of available hours in each community in consultation with the Town Manager of Sudbury and the Mayor of Marlborough.  
(E) The Agent/Administrative Assistant will work under the direction of the Director of Veterans Services and assist the office in carrying out relevant duties including but not limited to the coordination of benefits to eligible applicants, the completion local and state compliance reports, and other duties as needed.
2. **Term:** The term of this agreement shall be from March 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014. The Town of Sudbury and the City of Marlborough reserve the right to terminate this agreement at any point with at least (45) business days written notice.
3. **Location and Time of Services:** The Director shall perform his duties in an office to be provided by Sudbury. The Director will provide such duties during one day per week not to exceed six hours per day for the term of this agreement.
4. **Salary and Benefits:** The Director shall be an employee of Marlborough, and his salary and benefits will be paid by the City of Marlborough. Sudbury agrees to pay to Marlborough the amount of \$833.50 per month, by check made payable to the City of Marlborough, c/o Comptroller, 140 Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, for the duration of this agreement.
5. **Distribution of Benefits to Veterans:** It is understood and agreed that the distribution of benefits payments to Veterans in Sudbury under M.G.L. c. 115 shall be paid by the Treasurer of Sudbury.
6. **Amendments:** The Parties may modify this Agreement only by a writing signed by both Parties.
7. This district is subject to approval by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands and seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

City of Marlborough:

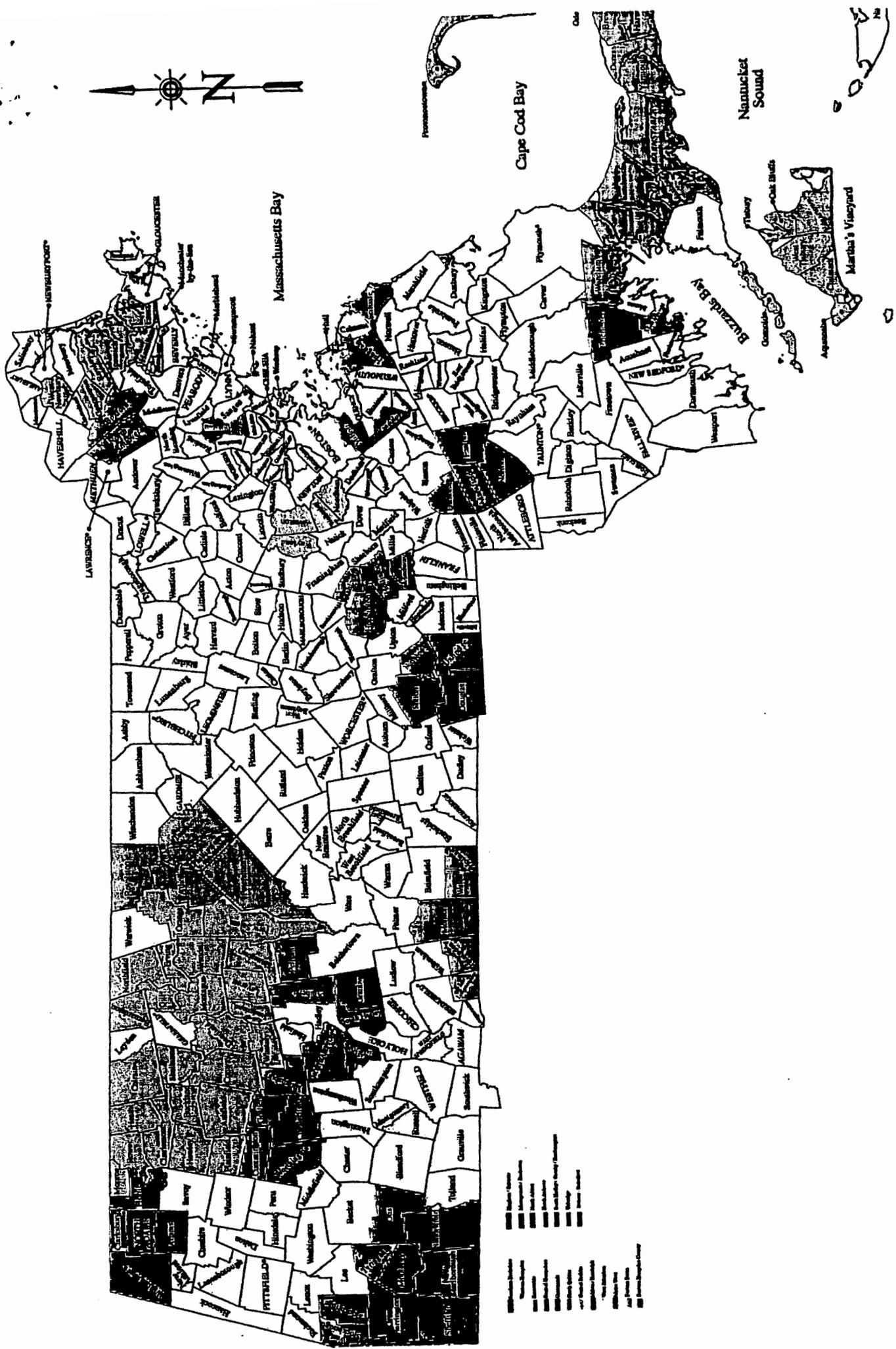
Town of Sudbury:

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Arthur G. Vigeant, Mayor

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Maureen Valente, Town Manager

**District Report**

Name of District	Cities / Towns	Requested	Approved date
Barnstable District	Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wareham, Wellfleet and Yarmouth.	7/14/2011	10/12/2011
Central Franklin County	Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Heath, Leverett, Montague, Monroe, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Plainfield, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Wendall, Whatley	8/17/2011	6/19/2012
Central Hampshire Veterans Service District	Northampton Amherst, Chesterfield, Cumming ton, Pelham, Williamsburg, Goshen and Worthington	8/11/2011	10/12/2011
Crossroads Veterans Service District	Easton / Mansfield / Norton / Foxborough	12/30/2011	1/1/2012
Duxbury- Hanover District	Duxbury / Hanover	8/10/2011	Towns request not detailed to make recommendation
Dukes County	Aquinnah -Gayhead/ Chilmark/OakBluffs / Edgartown / Tisbury / West Tisbury / Gossond	7/20/2011	County Veterans Service established
Eastern Essex Service District	Essex / Hamilton / Goergetown / Ipswich / Rowely / Wenham / West Newbury	7/29/2011	10/14/2011
Eastern Hampden County	Hampden / Holland / Monson / Wales/ East Longmedow	8/4/2011	10/12/2011
Greenfield / Leyden	Greenfield / Leyden	3/15/2012	6/19/2012
Hingham / Scituate Service District	Hingham / Scituate	12/1/2011	1/1/2012
Mattapoiset Sevice District	Mattapoiset / Rochester	7/2/2011	10/14/2011
Melrose / Wakefield *	Melrose / Wakefield/ Saugus	5/17/2012	5/22/2012
Metro-West Veterans' Services Disctrict	Ashland / Hilliston / Hopkinton/ Medway	5/5/2011	8/15/2011
Milton-Randolph District	Milton / Randolph	7/28/2011	1/26/2012
North Qubbin Service District	Athol/ Petersham / Phillipston/ Royalston / Templeton	7/25/2011	9/15/2011
North Adams Service District	Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Florida	11/9/2011	1/1/2012
North Andover- Boxford district	Boxford, North Andover	8/1/2011	1/12/2012
Grafton / Northborough / Shrewsbury	Grafton / Northborough / Shrewsbury		Denied Staffing
Southern Berkshire Veterans' Service District	Great barrington, West Stockbridge, Egemont, Monterey, Sheffield, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, Alford, Stockbridge, Otis, Tyringham, Mt. Washington	8/16/2011	1/1/2012
South Hadley-Granby-Easthampton Veterans Services	South Hadley / Granby / Easthampton	7/19/2011	1/1/2012
Veterans Service District #23	Saugus / Stoneham / Wakefield	8/26/2011	Denied Staffing
Uxbridge Service District	Douglas, Northbridge, Sutton, Uxbridge	8/30/2011	1/1/2012
Western Hampden County	Agawam, Granville, Russell, Southwick, Tolland	7/13/2011	1/12/2012
West Suburan Vetrans Services	Needham, Wellesley, Weston, Wayland	8/23/2011	5/30/2012
Wilmington- Reading District	Wilmington, Reading	11/17/2011	Denied-Not established



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