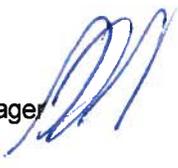


**Town of Acton****Memo**

**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**From:** Steven L Ledoux, Town Manager  
**Date:** June 30, 2015  
**Re:** Community Compact



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The Baker administration has launched the Community Compact program as described below by the Lieutenant Governor:

On January 23rd, 2015 Governor Baker signed his first Executive Order, creating the Community Compact Cabinet, in order to elevate the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns in all communities of the Commonwealth.

Becoming a strong partner with our municipalities is a critical first step in the right direction for our Administration. As the Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet. I look forward to working with leaders from our cities and towns on this effort. In partnering with our hardworking municipalities we pave the way for better and brighter opportunities in our schools and communities.

**About the Community Compact Cabinet**

The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor's Office to work more closely with leaders from all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners. As Governor Baker said when signing the Executive Order, the Community Compact Cabinet "gives cities and towns a real seat at the table" in the Baker-Polito Administration.

**About the Executive Order**

- Empowers Lieutenant Governor Polito to be a champion for municipal issues across state government.

- Restructures the Department of Revenue to include a new Senior Commissioner for the Division of Local Services, reporting directly to the Commissioner.
- Creates a Community Compact Cabinet that will work toward mutual accountability, work to reduce red tape, promote best practices, and develop specific “community compacts” with local governments.
- These Community Compacts create clear, mutual standards, expectations, and accountability for both the state and municipalities as to create better government for our citizens.

[Executive Order No. 554](#)

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- **Gary Lambert**, *Assistant Secretary for Operational Services*
- **Bill Oates**, *Chief Information Officer*
- any other person whom the Lieutenant Governor may designate from time to time.

**It is my recommendation that the Town, along with our partners in Littleton, Maynard, Boxborough, Concord, and Westford, submit a Community Compact application for the Cross Town Connect program. Our program certainly represents a best practice. To date, Littleton and Westford have agreed to be part of the application**