

Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Hamilton  
and Patton Homestead, Inc.

The Town of Hamilton (“the Town”), owner of the Patton Homestead, and Patton Homestead, Inc. (“PHI”), a charitable and educational non-profit, formed for the purposes of (a) leasing the historic homestead of General George S. Patton (the “Patton Homestead”) from the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts; (b) preserving and operating the Patton Homestead as a community asset by providing public access for educational, recreational and cultural opportunities; (c) promoting an appreciation of military history through the preservation and operation of the Patton Homestead; and (d) engaging in any activities in furtherance of such purposes which may lawfully be carried on by a corporation organized under Chapter 180, hereby agree to the following :

The Patton Homestead will be used to house the Patton and Holbrook families archives and artifacts; host educational, recreational, cultural and veterans programs and events; provide community meeting spaces; and provide a quiet, scenic park with access to the Ipswich River.

The principal responsibilities of PHI will be to:

- Advise the Town on the needs of the Patton Homestead;
- Advise the Town on policy matters relating to the Patton Homestead;
- Provide an annual written report to the Town on the activities and status of the Patton Homestead;
- Advocate to the community, legislative delegation, state and federal agencies on behalf of the Patton Homestead;
- Fundraise for capital and programming needs;
- Work with the Town in developing a strategic plan;
- Assist the Town in finding and writing grants.

The principal responsibilities of the Town will be to:

- Fund and hire a Director to manage operations and events at the Homestead, to work with PHI grant writing and fund raising, and other duties as outlined in the job description;
- Work with PHI to develop a strategic plan for the Patton Homestead;
- Maintain and provide a full accounting of the fund established pursuant to Chapter 84 of the Acts of 2018 (Special Fund for the Patton Homestead) and report this information, including revenues and expenses, to PHI;

- Work with the PHI to develop and fund operational and capital budgets to keep the Patton Homestead and its buildings and grounds in good order;
- Support the community objectives inherent in the acquisition of the Patton Homestead;
- Provide PHI with access to the Patton Homestead for the purpose of carrying out its mission.

By authorizing this Agreement, the Board of Selectmen hereby accepts gifts as provided for under Chapter 44, Section 53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, including donations and in-kind services provided by and through Patton Homestead, Inc. to the Town, to be expended or used in accordance with the purposes stipulated, provided those purposes are lawful.

The Town of Hamilton and the Patton Homestead, Inc. hereby agree and consent to this Memorandum of Agreement on this 7 day of August, 2018.


For the Town of Hamilton:



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By its Chairman

For the Patton Homestead, Inc.



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By its President