

HOUSE No. 4753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susannah M. Whipps

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act Article 97 Land Conveyance in the town of Petersham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susannah M. Whipps

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Franklin

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By Ms. Whipps of Athol, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susannah M. Whipps that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to release a watershed preservation restriction over a portion of certain land in the town of Petersham. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act Article 97 Land Conveyance in the town of Petersham.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to
2 provide forthwith for the department of conservation and recreation to release a watershed
3 preservation restriction over a portion of certain land in the town of Petersham, therefore it is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 convenience.

6 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, the
7 department of conservation and recreation may release a watershed preservation restriction taken
8 by the department pursuant to section 17 of chapter 92A ½ of the General Laws upon a portion
9 of certain land in the town of Petersham described in an order of taking recorded in the
10 Worcester county registry of deeds book 56243, page 62, dated November 1, 2016. The exact
11 boundaries of the portion of the land to be released from the watershed preservation restriction

12 pursuant to this section shall be determined by the commissioner of conservation and recreation
13 based on a survey.

14 SECTION 2. The Hardwick Road Realty Trust shall assume all costs associated with
15 engineering, surveys, appraisals, document preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by
16 the commissioner of conservation and recreation to execute the release authorized pursuant to
17 section 1.

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