

HOUSE No. 00846

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Theodore C. Speliotis

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act discontinuing that portion of Gravelly Brook Road lying in the town of Topsfield as a county highway, and authorizing and directing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey and grant all right, title, and interest in said discontinued portion to abutters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Theodore C. Speliotis

13th Essex

Frederick E. Berry

Second Essex

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By Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis of Danvers, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00846) of Frederick Berry and Theodore C. Speliotis relative to discontinuing that portion of Gravelly Brook Road lying in the town of Topsfield as a county highway, and authorizing and directing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey and grant all right, title, and interest in said discontinued portion to abutters.. Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter eighty-two of the general laws, the
- 2 portion of Gravelly Brook Road in the town of Topsfield described in section 3 of this act is
- 3 hereby discontinued as a county highway, and the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset
- 4 Management, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, is directed to file in the office of the
- 5 Topsfield Town Clerk notice of such discontinuance.

6 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections forty E through forty J of chapter seven
7 of the general laws, or section 16 of chapter thirty B of the general laws, or of any other general
8 or special law to the contrary, the aforesaid commissioner is hereby authorized, empowered and
9 directed to grant to each abutter of said portion of Gravelly Brook Road, respectively, by
10 recordable deed and for no monetary consideration, all the Commonwealth's right, title, and
11 interest to the land described in section 3 of this act, such that each abutter shall receive a deed
12 conveying the Commonwealth's interest in that portion of Gravelly Brook Road bounded by the
13 center line of the Road, the abutter's present, shared boundary line with the Road, and the
14 extensions to the center line of the Road of the abutter's side boundary lines from the point
15 where they intersect with said shared boundary line, to be held for all lawful purposes without
16 restriction.

17 SECTION 3. The portion of Gravelly Brook Road to be discontinued, and the parcel of land to
18 be conveyed to the abutters of said Road, is all that portion of said road lying in the town of
19 Topsfield and described in Layout Plan Number 1052, voted on December 19, 1854, by the
20 Essex County Commissioners, having approximately 6.12 acres

21 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.