

SENATE No. 2239

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 to authorize the conveyance by lease or easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Groton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Edward J. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) of Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance by lease or easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Groton. Municipalities and Regional Government.
[Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to authorize the conveyance by lease or easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Groton.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of
2 Groton is authorized to transfer to the care, custody and control of the Select Board of the Town
3 of Groton a parcel of land described below currently held by the Town of Groton Conservation
4 Commission for conservation purposes. Upon such transfer, the Select Board of the Town of
5 Groton is authorized to enter in an agreement with Reedy Meadow Estates Trust to convey by
6 lease, easement or otherwise a part, portion or all of the aforesaid parcel of conservation land as
7 the Select Board of the Town of Groton deems necessary or appropriate, and that the Select
8 Board of the Town of Groton is authorized to change the use of part, a portion or all of said
9 parcel of conservation land, to the new use of providing stormwater drainage for a residential
10 development known as Reedy Meadow Estates.

11 SECTION 2. The parcel of land referred to in Section 1 of this Act is Town of Groton
12 Conservation Commission property shown as Town of Groton Assessors Map 228, Parcel 59,
13 being 0.34 acres (15,000 SF) more or less, and as further shown on a plan entitled “Easement
14 Plan in Groton, Massachusetts, Olivia Way, Date: April 9, 2019, Prepared by Land Engineering
15 & Environmental Services, Inc.”

16 SECTION 3. In consideration for the transfer, conveyance and change of use of part, a
17 portion, or all of said parcel of land as described in Section 1 of this Act, the Select Board of the
18 Town of Groton shall acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and shall dedicate for
19 conservation purposes under the care, custody and control of the Town of Groton Conservation
20 Commission pursuant to section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws and Article 97 of the
21 Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the land and property shown on a plan
22 entitled “Land Swap Plan, Red Pepper Lane, Groton Massachusetts dated April 23, 2019
23 prepared by Land Engineering & Environmental Services”, being one (1) property in-fee in
24 Pepperell, MA totaling 0.24 acres (10,686 SF) more or less, and one (1) Conservation Restriction
25 on parcel 229-1 (473 Nashua Road, Groton, MA) totaling 0.14 acres (6,000 SF) more or less for
26 a grand total of 0.38 acres (16,686 SF) more or less. In addition the Select Board of the Town of
27 Groton shall return to the care, custody and control of the Town of Groton Conservation
28 Commission as deemed appropriate by said Select Board, any material part or portion of the land
29 and property described in Section 1 of this Act that is not so conveyed and not so used for such
30 drainage purposes.

31 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.