

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint Senate Resolution

By Committee on Institutions,

J.R.S. 54. Joint resolution approving a land exchange in Alburgh and a lease with Camp Downer, Inc.

Whereas, in accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 2606(b), the general assembly may adopt a resolution authorizing the commissioner of forests, parks and recreation to exchange or lease certain lands that are under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, and

Whereas, the general assembly has reviewed the proposed transactions and considers them to be in the best interest of the state, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly authorizes the commissioner of forests, parks and recreation to:

First: Enter into an exchange of a portion of Alburgh Dunes State Park in the Town of Alburgh with the South Alburgh Cemetery Association, Inc. for up to 44 +/- acres to be added to Alburgh Dunes State Park in the town of Alburgh that is of equivalent or greater value to the state. Any exchange of state parkland with the South Alburgh Cemetery Association, Inc. shall be contingent on the following: (1) the land exchange shall have the support of the selectboard of the town of Alburgh; (2) an independent appraiser shall determine the value of the parcels for exchange; (3) the South Alburgh Cemetery Association, Inc. shall be responsible for any and all associated costs of the exchange, including appraisal, survey, permitting, and legal costs; (4) the parcel conveyed to the state in exchange for the state park parcel conveyed to the South Alburgh Cemetery Association, Inc. shall be placed under the control and jurisdiction of the department of forests, parks and recreation; (5) the coholders of the conservation easement that encumbers Alburgh Dunes State Park (The Nature Conservancy and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board) shall approve the land exchange, and the conservation easement shall be amended to reflect this land exchange.

Second: Amend the lease with Camp Downer, Inc. at Downer State Forest in Sharon to provide for two additional ten-year renewal periods.

President of the Senate

Attested to:

Speaker of the House

John H. Bloomer, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Date: _____