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Re: Town of Wakefield Home Rule Petition

Dear Senator Lewis and Representatives Lipper-Garabedian & Wong:

Enclosed herewith please find special legislation permitting the Town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department in and to a one-acre portion of a six-acre town-owned parcel of land for the purposes of constructing and maintaining an energy park. The petition was approved by a 2/3's vote of an open town meeting.

Please file the legislation in your usual prompt manner for consideration in the current legislative session.

Very truly yours,

Proposed Special Legislation

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, the town of Wakefield may grant a perpetual easement in certain town-owned land comprising approximately 43,560 square feet, more or less, located on Hemlock Road, which is a portion of the land described in a deed recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8526, Page 287, and which is shown as “Easement Area” on a plan of land entitled “Easement Area Sketch Plan, Wakefield, Mass.”, dated August 3, 2022, by Hayes Engineering, Inc., to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department for the construction and maintenance of an energy park.

SECTION 2. In consideration for the grant authorized in section 1, the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department shall convey an easement for open space and conservation purposes comprising approximately 2.51 acres, more or less, shown as “Parcel A” on a plan of land entitled “Sketch Plan in Wakefield, Mass.”, dated December 1, 2022, by Hayes Engineering, Inc., to the town of Wakefield with a recorded restriction placing the land under the protection of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth in perpetuity.

SECTION 3. In addition to the transfer pursuant to section 2, the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department shall convert an electrical substation located on a parcel of land comprising approximately 8,500 square feet, more or less, located on Ballister Street in said Wakefield to a passive park and shall convey it to the town of Wakefield to be known as “Burns Park” with a recorded restriction placing the land under the protection of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth in perpetuity.

SECTION 4. In addition to the transfers pursuant to sections 2 and 3, the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department shall plant trees in a manner to be determined by the Wakefield department of public works in a town-owned area of land comprising approximately 38,000 square feet, more or less, located between Mapleway Playground and Arundel Avenue, being a portion of the land shown on town of Wakefield assessor’s map 42, parcel 002-002.

SECTION 5. The grant of the easement in Section 1 shall be contingent upon the transfers described in Sections 2 and 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.