

HOUSE No. 3881

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush

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 relative to the creation of a renewable energy fund in the town of Dedham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>12/1/2015</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>12/1/2015</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3881) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to create a renewable energy fund for said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the creation of a renewable energy fund in the town of Dedham.

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 sections 53 or 53E¹/₂ of Chapter 44 of
2 the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established in
3 the Town of Dedham a special fund to be known as the Renewable Energy Fund, to which shall
4 be credited all fees, proceeds and other receipts received by the town in connection with the sale
5 of solar renewable energy credits or energy produced by town-owned and operated solar arrays.
6 Monies in said fund may be expended by the Dedham Town Manager, following consultation
7 with the town’s sustainability committee or its equivalent, without further appropriation for costs
8 associated with energy efficiency upgrades to town and school buildings and other infrastructure,
9 including but not limited to regulation of building temperature, windows, doors, street
10 lighting, and renewable energy or water conservation projects. Town meeting shall annually
11 impose a limit on expenditures from said fund and may provide that receipts remaining in the
12 fund at the end of the fiscal year in excess of \$5,000 be closed out to the general fund. The fund

13 established by this act shall not be considered a revolving fund under section 53E½ of
14 chapter 44 of the General Laws or be included to determine the aggregate limit of all
15 revolving funds authorized under section 53E½ of said chapter 44.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage provided, however, that the General
17 Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to such bill, unless the Board of
18 Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and
19 provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which
20 shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any other action
21 relative thereto.