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[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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:

An Act authorizing the town of Groveland to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility on land held for water supply and protection purposes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Harriett L. Stanley	*2nd Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2257) of Bruce E. Tarr and Harriett L. Stanley (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Groveland to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility on land held for water supply and protection purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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An Act authorizing the town of Groveland to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility on land held for water supply and protection purposes.

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary and pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Groveland is hereby authorized to transfer the care, custody, management and control of all or a portion of the property described as Lot 24 on Groveland Assessors Map 41, and described in a deed recorded with the Southern District of the Essex Registry of Deeds in Book 5217, Page 779, from its Board of Water Commissioners for use in connection with the construction of wells for the Town's water supply, to its Board of Water Commissioners for water supply and protection purposes and for the purpose of providing for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility thereon to generate electricity for distribution by the Groveland Municipal Light Department, which may include the lease, license or other disposition of the property for such purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Water Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate.

SECTION 2. The Town of Groveland, acting by and through its Water Commissioners and with the approval of its Board of Selectmen, may enter into a binding agreement for the use of such land with the Groveland Municipal Light Department, which agreement may be in the form of a lease and may provide that the Groveland Municipal Light Department shall compensate the Town of Groveland for such use. Such agreement shall be exempt from the provisions of General Laws Chapter 30B.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.