

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3711**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Randy Hunt and Viriato M. deMacedo*

*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 assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>5/11/2017</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>5/11/2017</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Sandwich and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3711) of Randy Hunt and Viriato M. deMacedo (by vote of the town) that the town of Sandwich be authorized to establish a betterments assessment fund for improvements to private ways. Revenue. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich.

*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. The town of Sandwich may establish a fund, which shall be known as the  
2   Improvements to Private Ways Betterment Fund, hereinafter referred to as the fund, into which  
3   fund shall be deposited all payments received from property owners assessed betterments for the  
4   costs of improvements to private ways pursuant to the town of Sandwich general bylaw enacted  
5   pursuant to Section 6N of chapter 40 of the General Laws, and into which may be deposited  
6   other funds appropriated by the town for such purposes. Such fund shall continue from year to  
7   year without the necessity of town meeting authorization annually. The town may appropriate  
8   from the fund, by majority vote at any special or annual town meeting, funds to be expended by  
9   the town for improvements to private ways.

10           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of  
11   Sandwich may borrow for a term of up to 20 years in anticipation of reimbursement from

12 betterments assessed in connection with work on private ways open to and used by the general  
13 public.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.