

HOUSE No. 1851

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 acceptance and disposition of municipal easements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>		
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1851) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the acceptance and disposition of municipal easements. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2324 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the acceptance and disposition of municipal easements.

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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding, after section 14, the following new section:-

3 Section 14A. In any town, the board of selectman may accept any conveyance of land or
4 any interest therein, including easements, provided that any purchase of such land or any interest
5 therein, including easements, has been previously authorized by vote of the town as may be
6 required by state law or local bylaw and an appropriation of money has been made as provided in
7 section 14. Such board may also accept any conveyance of land or any interest therein, including
8 easements, for nominal consideration of less than \$100 and for which no appropriation is
9 required. In any town, the board of selectman may approve the conveyance of any easement,
10 provided that the conveyance has been previously authorized by vote of the town as may be
11 required by state law or local bylaw.