

HOUSE No. 1876

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Whelan

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 to protect residential building lots.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1876) of Timothy R. Whelan relative to residential building lots. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1165 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to protect residential building lots.

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 6 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws shall be amended as follows:

2 SECTION 1: By deleting paragraph three and inserting in its place the following:

3 "Except for lots zoned for single and two family residential family use, a zoning
4 ordinance or by-law may define and regulate nonconforming uses and structures abandoned or
5 not used for a period of two years or more. "

6 SECTION 2: By adding at the beginning of the first line of paragraph 4 the following
7 words:

8 "Notwithstanding the previous existence of any building or structure thereon,"