

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4620**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Leonard Mirra and 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish an appointed highway superintendent in the town of Groveland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>6/5/2018</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>6/5/2018</i>

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By Representative Mirra of West Newbury and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4620) of Leonard Mirra and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of Groveland be authorized to establish an appointed highway superintendent in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to establish an appointed highway superintendent in the town of Groveland.

*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 sections 1, 1B, 21 and 66 of chapter 41 of the General  
2 Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the town of Groveland  
3 an appointed highway superintendent, who shall be appointed, and may, after a hearing, be  
4 removed by the Groveland board of selectmen. The highway superintendent appointed under  
5 this act shall have all the duties and responsibilities of road commissioners, surveyors of  
6 highways, and superintendents of streets as set forth in the General Laws.

7           SECTION 2. As of the effective date of this act, the elected office of road commissioner  
8 shall be abolished and the term of the elected incumbent terminated, provided, however, that the  
9 elected incumbent road commissioner holding office as of the effective date of this act, shall  
10 become the first appointed highway superintendent, and shall serve in such capacity for a period  
11 of time equivalent to the remainder of the incumbent’s elected term or sooner vacating of office.

12 Thereafter, appointments to the position of highway superintendent shall be made in accordance  
13 with section 1 of this act.

14 SECTION 3. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be  
15 affected by the abolition of the elected office of road commissioner of the town of Groveland and  
16 the newly created appointed office of highway superintendent shall, in all respects, be the lawful  
17 successor of the office so abolished. All records, property and equipment whatsoever of the  
18 office of road commissioner shall be assigned to the office of the highway superintendent.

19 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.