

HOUSE No. 5241

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Anne M. Gobi

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 abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the Select Board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>7/1/2022</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>7/1/2022</i> |

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5241) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the select board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the Select Board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project.

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 any general or special law, or vote of the town of
2 Hardwick Town Meeting thereunder, to the contrary, the town of Hardwick sewer commission is
3 hereby abolished, and the tenure of any incumbent commissioner is hereby terminated.

4 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the board of selectmen of the town of
5 Hardwick shall have all the powers and duties of sewer commissioners provided for under any
6 general or special law, town bylaw, or other applicable laws.

7 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law, or vote of the Hardwick Town
8 Meeting thereunder, to the contrary, the board of selectmen of said town of Hardwick shall have
9 the authority to issue any approval required by any board, commission, committee, or officer of
10 the town, for the completion of the upgrade of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution

11 Control Facilities and the so-called Eagle Hill Pump Station and Force Main, as described in the
12 letter of conditions for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, and the
13 decision of said board of selectmen shall prevail over any conflicting decision of any other
14 board, commission, committee or officer of the town; provided, however, that the authority
15 conferred by this section shall automatically cease upon final completion of said upgrades.

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