

SENATE No. 2732

Senate, February 28, 2022 -- Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Senator Timilty) as a new draft for Senate, No. 2548.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the town of Stoughton to transfer certain park property in exchange for acquisition and dedication of other land to park purposes.

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 to the contrary and pursuant to
2 of Article 97 of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth , the town of
3 Stoughton may transfer 3 parcels of land making up a portion of a lot held for park purposes
4 located at the intersection of Central street and Canton street and identified as Stoughton
5 assessors map 30, lot 46 from the town board or committee currently having care, custody and
6 control of each of the parcels to the board of selectmen for general municipal purposes,
7 including, but not limited to, all purposes for which public ways are used in the town. The
8 parcels are depicted as “Area 1 = 4,426 SF Reduced Parkland Area”, “Area 2 = 174 SF Reduced
9 Parkland Area” and “Area 3 = 26 SF Reduced Parkland Area” on the plan entitled “Plan of Land
10 Frederick H. Pye Memorial Park in Stoughton, MA Norfolk County Prepared for the Town of
11 Stoughton, MA”, dated August 13, 2019, and prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

12 SECTION 2. In consideration for the transfer of the parcels under section 1, the town of
13 Stoughton shall take all such actions as may be required, including, but not limited to,
14 discontinuance of Old Central street as a public way, acquisition of all necessary interests in land
15 and dedication to park purposes under section 3 of chapter 45 of the General Laws, to add the
16 portion of Old Central street depicted as “Area 4 = 4,626 SF Additional Parkland Area” on the
17 plan entitled “Plan of Land Frederick H. Pye Memorial Park in Stoughton, MA Norfolk County
18 Prepared for the Town of Stoughton, MA”, dated August 13, 2019, and prepared by Greenman-
19 Pedersen, Inc. to the lot held for park purposes from which parcels may be transferred pursuant
20 to said section 1, subject to the rights of others, if any, to maintain existing underground utilities
21 therein. Such land shall be held by the board of selectmen of the town for park purposes and
22 placed under the protection of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
23 Commonwealth; provided, however, that the town may grant such interests in the land described
24 under this section as may be required to confirm existing utility rights.

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