

HOUSE No. 3995

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 17, 2023.

The committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3729) of Donald H. Wong and Kate Lipper-Garabedian (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to convey an easement in said town to the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3995) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

CAROLE A. FIOLA.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act permitting the town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department.

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 by-law to the contrary, the
2 Town of Wakefield may grant a perpetual easement in certain town-owned land comprising
3 approximately 43,000 square feet, more or less, located on Hemlock Rd., which is a portion of
4 the land described in a deed recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book
5 8526, Page 287, and which is shown as "Easement Area" on a plan of land entitled "Easement
6 Area Sketch Plan, Wakefield, Mass." dated August 3, 2022, by Hayes Engineering Inc. to the
7 Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department for the construction and maintenance of an
8 energy park.

9 SECTION 2. In consideration for the grant authorized in section 1, the Wakefield
10 Municipal Gas & Light Department shall convey an easement for open space and conservation
11 purposes comprising approximately 2.51 acres, more or less, shown as "Parcel A" on a plan
12 of land entitled "Sketch Plan in Wakefield Mass." dated December 1, 2022, by Hayes
13 Engineering, Inc., to the Town of Wakefield with a recorded restriction placing the land under

14 the protection of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth in
15 perpetuity.

16 SECTION 3. In addition to the transfer pursuant to section 2, the Wakefield Municipal
17 Gas & Light Department shall convert an electrical substation located on a parcel of land
18 compromising approximately 8,500 square feet, more or less, located on Ballister St. in said
19 Wakefield to a passive park and shall convey it to the town of Wakefield to be known as "Burns
20 Park" with a recorded restriction placing the land under the protection of Article 97 of the
21 Amendments of the Constitution of the commonwealth in perpetuity.

22 SECTION 4. In addition to the transfers pursuant to sections 2 and 3, the Wakefield
23 Municipal Gas & Light Department shall plant trees in a manner to be determined by the
24 Wakefield department of public works in a town-owned area of land comprising of
25 approximately 38,000 square feet, more or less, located between Mapleway Playground and
26 Arundel Ave. being a portion of the land shown on town of Wakefield's assessor's map 42, parcel
27 002-002.

28 SECTION 5. The grant of the easement in Section 1 shall be contingent upon the
29 transfers described in Sections 2 and 3.

30 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.