

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4038**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 relative to the planning board in the town of Shutesbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>7/21/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>7/26/2023</i>

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By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the planning board in the town of Shutesbury. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the planning board in the town of Shutesbury.

*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 the provisions of the fourth sentence of the eleventh  
2 paragraph of section 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws to the contrary, in the case of an  
3 absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the planning board  
4 of the town of Shutesbury or in the event of a vacancy on the planning board, the chair of the  
5 planning board may designate an associate member of the planning board to sit on the planning  
6 board for the purposes of acting on any matter under its jurisdiction including, but not limited to  
7 a matter coming under its jurisdiction pursuant to chapter 41 or chapter 40A of the General  
8 Laws.

9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.