

HOUSE No. 4170

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney

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 authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal purposes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>11/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>11/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4170) of Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to change the use of a certain parcel of land in said town acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal 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. (a) The select board of the town of Sharon may use a certain portion of the
2 property known as the Sacred Heart site, which is dedicated for outdoor recreational purposes,
3 for general municipal purposes or for the construction of a municipal building and related
4 facilities, including parking. The land was acquired by the town by deed of The Order of the
5 Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974 and recorded in the
6 Norfolk county registry of deeds in book 5099, page 169 and is shown as "Parcel B" on a plan
7 entitled "Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass." dated June, 1973 prepared by the
8 Sharon Engineering Department, recorded in the Norfolk County registry of deeds as plan
9 number 1102 of 1974. The portion of "Parcel B" to be used for general municipal purposes or for
10 the construction of a municipal building and related facilities, including parking, contains
11 approximately 0.86 acres of land and is shown as "Parcel 'T'" on a plan entitled "Proposed Park

12 Land Conversion" prepared by the Sharon Engineering Department, which is on file with the
13 clerk of the town of Sharon.

14 (b) In exchange for the use of "Parcel 'T'" for general municipal purposes or the
15 construction of a municipal building and related facilities, including parking, the select board or
16 the conservation commission shall dedicate replacement land to public outdoor recreational use.
17 The land to be dedicated is identified as "Lot 213" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land, For land in
18 Sharon, Massachusetts, Site Location: 74 East Foxboro Street, Sharon Massachusetts 02067",
19 Prepared For: Town of Sharon, 271 Rear South Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067", dated
20 February 12, 2021, and prepared by Dunn McKenzie, Inc., Land Surveying and Civil
21 Engineering, 206 Dedham Street, Norfolk, filed with the Land Court as Plan No. 1191-17,
22 document no. 15270231. The parcel contains 5.95 acres of land. As a further condition of the
23 change of use of Parcel T, the select board shall require that best practices be used to protect the
24 health of trees on said Parcel T that are not required to be removed for the construction of a
25 municipal building and related facilities, including parking.

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