

HOUSE No. 4857

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 adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/18/2024</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4857) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings in said town. 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 adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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 section 11 of chapter 40A of the General Laws or any
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Sharon may provide alternative means
3 of publishing legal notices for public hearings that are required by law.

4 SECTION 2. The Town may authorize all notices of public hearings to be published: (i)
5 in a local newspaper, either in electronic or paper format; or (ii) on the bulletin board outside of
6 the town clerk's office; and (iii) on the town’s website. For the purposes of this act, the term
7 “website” shall mean the official website of the Town of Sharon that is operated and maintained
8 by the town’s government.

9 SECTION 3. If any provision or section of this act is invalidated, the remainder shall
10 survive in full force and effect.

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