

HOUSE No. 5034

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark

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 establishing a festival of the hills committee for the town of Conway.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>8/15/2024</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5034) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a festival of the hills committee in the town of Conway. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act establishing a festival of the hills committee for the town of Conway.

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. There shall be a festival of the hills committee of the town of Conway
2 consisting of up to 7 citizens of the town. The select board shall appoint members to the
3 committee for terms not to exceed 3 years, full terms to begin on the first day of July. The
4 original members shall be appointed for terms so as to stagger the terms of office, 3 members to
5 be appointed for a term of 1 year, thereafter appointments shall be for 3 year terms. The
6 committee shall hold scheduled meetings at least once in every 2 months of the calendar years
7 and more if necessary. A member absent from 1/3 of the meetings in any year of their term or for
8 other cause may be removed by a majority vote of the select board after due notice to that
9 member of the impending removal action.

10 SECTION 2. In the event of any vacancy in its membership, the festival of the hills
11 committee shall notify the select board in writing and the selectboard and committee shall fill the

12 vacancy pursuant to section 11 of chapter 41 of the General Laws. Such appointee shall serve the
13 remaining portion of the term of the prior member.

14 SECTION 3. The festival of the hills committee shall be responsible for planning,
15 organizing and facilitating the festival of the hills in the town of Conway annually. The
16 committee shall furnish for the report for annual town meeting a statement of the activities of the
17 committee for the fiscal year last closed and an accounting of the funds received and expended
18 from the festival of the hills special fund for the fiscal year last closed.

19 SECTION 4. The committee shall have authority and control over the festival of the hills
20 special fund.

21 SECTION 5. A quorum of members will be a majority of the appointed members at the
22 time of any meeting. Each vote taken shall require a quorum and a majority vote of the quorum
23 to be valid.

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