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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the acceptance and disposition of municipal easements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Katherine M. Clark	*Middlesex and Essex*
William N. Brownsberger	*[District]*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2324) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the acceptance and disposition of municipal easements. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the acceptance and disposition of municipal easements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 14 the following new section:-

Section 14A. In any town, the Board of Selectman may accept any conveyance of land or any interest therein, including easements, provided that any purchase of such land or any interest therein, including easements, has been previously authorized by vote of the town as may be required by state law or local bylaw and an appropriation of money has been made as provided in section 14. Such Board may also accept any conveyance of land or any interest therein, including easements, for nominal consideration of less than one hundred dollars and for which no appropriation is required. In any town, the Board of Selectman may approve the conveyance of any easement, provided that the conveyance has been previously authorized by vote of the town as may be required by state law or local bylaw.