

SENATE No. 2066

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the superintendent of streets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

5th Worcester

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2066) of Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Hardwick. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the superintendent of streets.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 superintendent of streets for the town of Hardwick. The superintendent of streets shall under the
3 direction of the selectmen, have full charge of all repairs and labor upon public ways and
4 sidewalks; and in relation to such matters he shall have the powers, perform the duties and be
5 subject to the liabilities and penalties of surveyors of highways and road commissioners. The
6 superintendent of streets shall be appointed by the selectmen for a term not to exceed three years
7 and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing by the selectmen of the town.

8 The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract for the superintendent of
9 streets for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited
10 to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of
11 office, liability insurance and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment,
12 performance standards and leave.

13 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the elected office of highway surveyor
14 shall be abolished and the term of such office terminated; provided, however, that any incumbent
15 of such office serving on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to
16 perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected
17 or until said individual otherwise vacates such office. After the expiration of the term of the
18 incumbent highway surveyor, or a sooner vacating of the office, the board of selectmen shall
19 appoint a superintendent of streets as under section 1.

20 SECTION 3. No contracts of liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be
21 affected by the abolition of the elected office of highway surveyor and the appointment of a
22 superintendent of streets shall, in all respects, be the lawful successor of the office so abolished.
23 All records, property and equipment of the office of the elected highway surveyor shall be
24 assigned to the office of the appointed superintendent of streets.

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