

SENATE No. 2374

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Rockland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John F. Keenan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2374) of John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Rockland. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Rockland.

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. The town of Rockland may transfer the care, custody, management and
2 control of a certain parcel of park land currently held by the board of park commissioners to the
3 school committee for the siting of a new Memorial School building. The parcel of land is shown
4 on a plan of land entitled “F2 - Article 97 Land Transfer: Proposed Memorial Taking”, dated
5 3/13/19, comprising 7.49 acres, more or less, and being a portion of lot 1B on a plan entitled Plan
6 of Land, 52 Mackinlay Way, Rockland, MA on file with the town clerk.

7 SECTION 2. In consideration for the transfer authorized in section 1, the town of
8 Rockland shall transfer the care, custody, management and control of 2 parcels of land currently
9 held by the school committee and comprising 11.34 acres, more or less, to the board of park
10 commissioners and such land shall be held for public park and open space purposes. The parcels
11 of land are described as follows: (i) a certain parcel of land as shown on a plan entitled “F1 -
12 Article 97 Land Transfer: Proposed Memorial Giving”, dated 3/13/19, consisting of 5.54 acres,

13 more or less, which is currently being used as the site of the existing Memorial School and
14 adjoining parking area; and (ii) a certain parcel of land as shown on a plan entitled “F3 - Article
15 97 Land Transfer: Proposed Jefferson Giving”, dated 3/13/19, consisting of 5.8 acres, more or
16 less, and also shown on the town of Rockland assessors’ maps as parcel 52-006, which parcel is
17 currently being used as the site of the existing Jefferson School and adjoining access and parking
18 areas.

19 The Town shall provide ball fields and other outdoor recreational resources on these
20 parcels within two years of the completion of the Memorial School, the construction of which is
21 enabled by the land transfer in Section 1. If the construction of the Memorial School is not
22 commenced within three years of the land transfers above, the parcels referred to in section 1
23 shall revert to the care, custody, management and control of the board of park commissioners,
24 and the Town shall complete any restoration necessary to restore these parcels to ball fields and
25 other outdoor recreational resources.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.