

HOUSE No. 1002

By Mr. Kostanski of Montague, petition of Walter T. Kostanski and Ralph C. Mahar that the Commissioner of Natural Resources be directed to acquire and develop land in the towns of Montague, Leverett, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Wendall for conservation, recreation and forestry purposes. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWNS OF MONTAGUE AND LEVERETT AND THE VICINITY.

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 commissioner of natural resources is hereby
2 authorized and directed to acquire such land, buildings, dams
3 and water rights adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Saw Mill
4 brook in the towns of Montague, Leverett and Shutesbury,
5 and such other land in said towns and in the towns of Sunderland
6 and Wendall as may be necessary, for conservation, recreation
7 and forestry purposes and to preserve the natural beauty and
8 forest growth of the area.

1 SECTION 2. All such acquisitions shall be made under the
2 provisions of section three of chapter one hundred and thirty-
3 two A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter
4 six hundred and fifty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 fifty-eight, and of section thirty of chapter one hundred and
6 thirty-two of the General Laws, except that the limitation of
7 price for the purchase of land to an average cost of five dollars
8 per acre, as provided in said section thirty, shall not apply to
9 purchases made under the authority of this act.

1 SECTION 3. The commissioner of natural resources and the
2 trustees of the university of Massachusetts are hereby author-
3 ized and empowered to enter into agreements for the use of such
4 portions of the land and of buildings acquired under the au-
5 thority of this act as are deemed suitable to provide facilities for
6 forestry experimentation, wildlife management and field work
7 in connection with the development of forestry and wildlife
8 management of said university.

1 SECTION 4. For the purposes of this act the commissioner of
2 natural resources may expend such sums as may be available or
3 appropriated therefor.