

HOUSE No. 312

By Mr. Peterson of Woburn, petition of Joseph P. O'Brien for legislation to establish a recreation commission in the city of Woburn. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RECREATION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF WOBURN.

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. A recreation commission, hereinafter
2 referred to as the commission, is hereby established
3 in the city of Woburn. The commission shall con-
4 sist of five persons who shall serve without compen-
5 sation. Two members shall be appointed by the
6 mayor of said city, two by the city council thereof
7 and one by the school committee thereof. Of the
8 members originally appointed by the mayor one shall
9 serve for a term of five years and one shall serve for
10 a term of four years, and of the members originally
11 appointed by the city council one shall serve for a
12 term of three years and one shall serve for a term of
13 two years, and the member originally appointed by
14 the school committee shall serve for a term of one
15 year. On or before the expiration of any term of a

16 member, his successor shall be appointed for a term
17 of five years in the manner provided for the appoint-
18 ment of the member whose term expires. All members
19 shall serve until the appointment of their successors.
20 Any vacancy occurring in the commission shall be
21 filled for the remainder of the term by the mayor,
22 by the city council or by the school committee, ac-
23 cording as the original appointment was made.

1 SECTION 2. Immediately after their appointment,
2 and annually thereafter, the members of the commis-
3 sion shall meet and organize by electing one of their
4 members president and such other officers as may be
5 necessary. The commission shall have the power to
6 adopt rules and regulations for the proper conduct
7 of public recreation for the city.

1 SECTION 3. The commission shall provide, con-
2 duct and supervise public playgrounds, athletic fields,
3 recreation centers and other recreation facilities and
4 activities on any of the properties owned or con-
5 trolled by the city, or on other properties with the
6 consent of the owners and authorities thereof. It
7 shall have the power to conduct any form of recrea-
8 tion or cultural activity that will employ the leisure
9 time of the people in a constructive and wholesome
10 manner.

1 SECTION 4. The commission shall have the power
2 to appoint as superintendent a person who is trained
3 and properly qualified for the work, and to appoint
4 such other personnel as it deems proper.

1 SECTION 5. Annually the commission shall sub-
2 mit a budget to the city governing body for its ap-

3 proval. The commission may also solicit or receive
4 any gifts or bequests of money or other personal
5 property or any donation to be applied, principal or
6 income, for either temporary or permanent use for
7 playgrounds or other recreational purposes.

1 SECTION 6. The commission shall make full and
2 complete monthly and annual reports to the govern-
3 ing body of the city and other reports from time to
4 time as requested.

