

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition of Marie J. Parente and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the county commissioners) relative to the closure of the Worcester County Hospital. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

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 the provisions of chapter thirty B
2 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
3 contrary, the county commissioners of Worcester county are
4 hereby authorized to sell, donate or otherwise dispose of any and
5 all equipment, supplies, books, and records stored at or used in the
6 operation of the Worcester County Hospital.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, effective as of July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-
3 four, the former employees of Worcester County Hospital,
4 including retirees, shall be transferred to the state system for pur-
5 poses of retirement and pension and in connection therewith,
6 health insurance.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, all indebtedness owed by Worcester County to the
3 department of medical assistance, less any amounts owed by said
4 department to the county, which debt was generated with respect
5 to medical services rendered through May seventeenth, nineteen
6 hundred and ninety-four, shall be forgiven.

1 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the county commissioners of Worcester county, acting as
3 commissioners and as trustees of the Worcester County Hospital,
4 are hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to
5 effectuate the closing of the Worcester County Hospital and to
6 carry out the purposes of this act.

1 SECTION 5. The county commissioners of Worcester county
2 are hereby authorized and directed to use for county correctional
3 facility purposes and for no other purpose the following parcel of
4 land located in the towns of Boylston and West Boylston and
5 owned by the county of Worcester bounded on the South and East
6 by various owners; on the North by Paul X. Tivnan Drive and on
7 the West by Shrewsbury Street. The Sheriff of the County of
8 Worcester is hereby authorized to develop plans for the construc-
9 tion, operation, and maintenance of a facility or facilities to be
10 used for substance abuse treatment, for an AIDS hospice, and for
11 a segregation unit on said parcel, or for any other correctional use
12 in accordance with Massachusetts law; provided, however, that
13 the funding for the construction of a facility or facilities to be used
14 for substance abuse treatment, for an AIDS hospice, and for a seg-
15regation unit on said parcel, or for any other correctional use in
16 accordance with Massachusetts law, will not involve the expendi-
17 ture of funds appropriated by the County of Worcester; provided
18 further that an appropriate buffer zone of trees and natural vegeta-
19 tion is maintained along the boundaries located adjacent to areas
20 which are zoned for residential purposes in the Town of Boylston.
21 The parcel being a portion of the land shown on a "Plan of Land
22 in the towns of Boylston and West Boylston owned by the County
23 of Worcester surveyed by the Worcester County Engineering
24 Department — 1993.

25 Paul X. Tivnan Drive (Hospital Road) was declared a County
26 Road by Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1931. A plan of said
27 highway is shown on Plan H-2246-R of the Worcester County
28 Engineering Department.

29 The land in Boylston and West Boylston, Worcester County,
30 Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

31 BEGINNING at a Worcester County Hospital bound (WCH) at
32 the southwest corner of said plan which bound is located in West
33 Boylston near the West Boylston-Worcester corporate boundary
34 line as described by the Land Court of Massachusetts in 1941;

35 THENCE by land of the Salem Covenant Church S. 72° 05' 46" E.
36 a distance of 610.39 feet to a WCH bound;

37 THENCE by said Church S. 18° 40' 09" W., a distance of 46.05
38 feet to an iron pipe;

39 THENCE by said Church 65° 56' 42" E. a distance of 391.60
40 feet to a WCH bound; S. 55° 49' 46" E. a distance of 393.57 feet
41 to a point; S. 17° 34' 31" W. a distance of 389.76 feet to a WCH
42 bound at land of St. Pierre Family Realty Trust;

43 THENCE by St. Pierre S. 71° 48' 51" E. a distance of 1551.88
44 to a WCH bound; S. 9° 39' 08" W. a distance of 478.36 feet to a
45 WCH bound at land the Morningdale Water District;

46 THENCE S. 78° 14' 16" E. a distance of 602.31 feet by land of
47 said District and one Rice crossing the West Boylston-Boylston
48 Town Line and through two concrete bounds to a WCH bound at
49 land of Kozlowski in the Town of Boylston;

50 THENCE by land of the Town of Boylston N. 36° 00' 46" E. a
51 distance of 294.35 feet crossing through an iron pipe to a WCH
52 bound;

53 THENCE by land of Town of Boylston, COMEAU, Town of
54 Boylston and GASEK N. 10° 34' 54" E. a distance of 480.42 feet
55 to an iron pipe at the southwesterly terminus of Morningdale
56 Avenue;

57 THENCE by the end line of Morningdale Avenue and land of
58 the Town of Boylston N. 23° 51' 46" E. a distance of 495.83 feet
59 to an iron pipe;

60 THENCE by the Town of Boylston N. 13° 41' 08" E. a distance
61 of 416.26 to a WCH bound;

62 THENCE by the Town of Boylston S. 75° 01' 35" E. a distance
63 of 295.36 feet to a WCH bound at land of Ross;

64 THENCE by Ross, Lis and Seed N. 4° 18' 44" E. a distance of
65 509.56 feet to a WCH bound;

66 THENCE still by Seed N. 12° 40' 51" E. a distance of 171.86
67 feet to a WCH bound at land of Bussolari;

68 THENCE by Bussolari, Knapik, Kaczowky, Bourque, Redgate,
69 Blondin and Manion S. 77° 24' 48" E. a distance of 1008.58 feet

70 to the westerly line of the 1946 State Highway layout of Route 70
71 at its intersection with Paul X. Tivnan Drive which point is desig-
72 nated by a WCH bound;

73 THENCE by southerly line of Paul X. Tivnan Drive:

74 N. $41^{\circ} 34' 55''$ W. a distance of 349.62 feet to a WCH;

75 N. $77^{\circ} 03' 10''$ W. a distance of 294.95 feet to a WCH;

76 By a curve to the right with a radius of 430.00 feet a distance of
77 870.57 feet to a WCH;

78 N. $38^{\circ} 56' 50''$ E. a distance of 304.39 feet to a WCH;

79 By a curve to the left with a radius of 536.37 feet a distance of
80 402.54 feet to a WCH;

81 S. $85^{\circ} 56' 50''$ W. a distance of 20.00 feet to a WCH;

82 By a curve to the left with a radius of 516.37 a distance of
83 129.18 feet to a WCH;

84 By a curve to the left with a radius of 350.00 feet a distance of
85 531.45 feet to WCH;

86 By a curve to the left of 350.00 feet a distance of 531.45 feet to
87 a WCH;

88 N. $15^{\circ} 23' 10''$ E. a distance of 20.00 feet to a WCH;

89 S. $74^{\circ} 36' 50''$ W. a distance of 220.63 feet to a WCH;

90 By a curve to the right with a radius of 2430.00 feet a distance
91 of 735.37 feet to a WCH at the West Boylston Town Line;

92 THENCE in West Boylston:

93 N. $88^{\circ} 02' 50''$ W. a distance of 111.56 feet to a WCH;

94 By a curve to the right with a radius of 591.74 feet a distance of
95 456.37 feet to a WCH;

96 N. $43^{\circ} 51' 30''$ W. a distance of 296.99 feet to a WCH;

97 By a curve with a radius of 2970.00 feet a distance of 838.45
98 feet to a WCH;

99 N. $60^{\circ} 02' 00''$ W. a distance of 539.40 feet to a WCH;

100 And thence by a curve with a radius of 180.00 feet a distance of
101 285.33 feet to a WCH at the easterly sideline of Shrewsbury
102 Street;

103 THENCE by the easterly side of Shrewsbury Street:

104 S. $29^{\circ} 08' 40''$ W. a distance of 84.16 feet to a point;

105 By a curve with a radius of 3970.00 feet and a distance of
106 266.76 feet to a point;

107 S. $25^{\circ} 17' 40''$ W. a distance of 609.57 feet to a point;

108 By a curve with a radius of 4030.00 feet and a distance of
109 379.82 feet to a point;
110 S. 30° 41' 40" W. a distance of 156.54 feet to a point at land of
111 Kelly;
112 THENCE by Kelly land the following six course:
113 S. 80° 39' 44" E. 398.89 feet to a WCH bound;
114 S. 23° 20' 44" W. 308.68 feet to a WCH bound;
115 S. 6° 19' 25" E. 166.82 feet to a WCH bound;
116 S. 32° 27' 07" W. 394.45 feet to a WCH bound;
117 S. 56° 49' 55" W. 377.62 feet to a WCH bound;
118 N. 79° 06' 43" W. a distance of 23.82 feet to a point at said
119 Shrewsbury Street;
120 THENCE S. 10° 53' 17" W. by said Shrewsbury Street a dis-
121 tance of 306.71 feet to a WCH bound at the Worcester-West
122 Boylston Corporate Boundary prior to 1941;
123 THENCE S. 20° 12' 49" W. by a road called Briar Lane a dis-
124 tance of 180.74 feet to the point of beginning.
125 Together with rights to pass and repass over Paul X. Tivnan
126 Drive as shown on said plans.

1 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the county commissioners of Worcester county are
3 hereby authorized to transfer, by agreement approved by the
4 department of public health, the medical records presently located
5 at, and under the responsibility of, the Worcester County Hospital
6 to a similarly approved custodian.

1 SECTION 7. Chapter 60 of the acts of 1994 is hereby amended
2 in section 2 by inserting the following item:—

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For a reserve to fund grants to Worcester county for expenditures related to the closing of the Worcester County Hospital, including but not limited to, payroll, accrued benefits, insurance, vendor contracts, and other payables; for the site preparation at the former Worcester County Hospital; for the planning and administration of the transfer of employees to the state system and the closing out of accounts; for the purpose of reimbursing county employees involuntarily terminated by Worcester county on May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, for any COBRA premiums for health insurance through August thirty-first, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, a sum not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

provided, however, that funds appropriated herein shall be distributed to the county in accordance with a schedule prepared by the County Government Finance Review Board; provided, further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed shall be paid to the County treasury in the manner prescribed by said County Government Finance Review Board; provided, further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed to the county from such appropriations shall be expended in such amounts, in such manner and for such purposes as said County Government Finance Review Board shall prescribe, including but not be limited to, satisfying closing costs associated with Worcester County Hospital.....

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1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

