

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Theodore C. Speliotis**  
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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act discontinuing that portion of Gravelly Brook Road lying in the town of Topsfield as a county highway, and authorizing and directing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey and grant all right, title, and interest in said discontinued portion to abutters.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Frederick E. Berry	Second Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 57 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT DISCONTINUING THAT PORTION OF GRAVELLY BROOK ROAD LYING IN THE TOWN OF TOPSFIELD AS A COUNTY HIGHWAY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT TO CONVEY AND GRANT ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN SAID DISCONTINUED PORTION TO ABUTTERS.

*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 eighty-two of the general laws, the portion of Gravelly Brook  
2 Road in the town of Topsfield described in section 3 of this act is hereby discontinued as a county highway, and the  
3 commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, is  
4 directed to file in the office of the Topsfield Town Clerk notice of such discontinuance.
- 5 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections forty E through forty J of chapter seven of the general laws,  
6 or section 16 of chapter thirty B of the general laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, the  
7 aforesaid commissioner is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to grant to each abutter of said portion of  
8 Gravelly Brook Road, respectively, by recordable deed and for no monetary consideration, all the Commonwealth's  
9 right, title, and interest to the land described in section 3 of this act, such that each abutter shall receive a deed  
10 conveying the Commonwealth's interest in that portion of Gravelly Brook Road bounded by the center line of the  
11 Road, the abutter's present, shared boundary line with the Road, and the extensions to the center line of the Road  
12 of the abutter's side boundary lines from the point where they intersect with said shared boundary line, to be held  
13 for all lawful purposes without restriction.
- 14 SECTION 3. The portion of Gravelly Brook Road to be discontinued, and the parcel of land to be conveyed to the  
15 abutters of said Road, is all that portion of said road lying in the town of Topsfield and described in Layout Plan  
16 Number 1052, voted on December 19, 1854, by the Essex County Commissioners, having approximately 6.12 acres
- 17 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.