

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

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AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF

Title: WOODBURY.

Vote Date: 4/6/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 4/1/2026

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep Reddington-Hughes

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill authorizes DOT to transfer about one acre of state land in Woodbury known as the South Green that contains veterans memorials to the town at minimal cost. The land must be used as a commemorative memorial green, and ownership will revert to the state if the town fails to use it for that purpose, sells it, or leases it. The transfer requires approval by the State Properties Review Board and must be completed following specific administrative procedures.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Garrett T. Eucalitto, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT): Opposes this bill, stating the department has not yet completed its required internal review to determine whether the parcel may be needed for future transportation purposes. While acknowledging the town's current maintenance and intended use, he noted CTDOT is willing to work with the town to further evaluate the request before any conveyance.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Lisa Amatruda, Veteran and Resident of Woodbury: Supports this bill stating the land is important for honoring veterans.

Nancy Bailey: Supports this bill.

Maureen Munson-Bette, PVGC Civic Development Chair, Pomperaug Valley Garden Club: Supports this bill, noting the land is a dedicated veterans' space maintained by the town and should be formally conveyed to Woodbury.

Kathleen Doyle: Supports this bill, stating the land is a historic veterans' memorial site long maintained by the town and should be conveyed to ensure its preservation.

Michèle Finn, Horticulture Chair, Pomperaug Valley Garden Club: Supports this bill, stating the town has been a strong steward of the property and should receive the parcel to continue its care without restrictions.

Suzanne Lovig, Woodbury resident: Supports this bill, stating the land is an important veterans' memorial space and should be transferred to ensure its preservation and continued community use.

Graham Musson, Parks and Recreation Director, Town of Woodbury: Supports this bill, stating the town has long maintained the site and should receive ownership to preserve it.

Lesa Peters: Supports this bill.

Annmarie Ryan, Chairman, Shade Tree & Sidewalk Committee, Town of Woodbury: Supports this bill, stating the town has long maintained the site and that conveyance would align ownership with stewardship and ensure its preservation.

Susan Shepard: Supports this bill.

Martha Sherman, Co-President, Pomperaug Valley Garden Club: Supports this bill, stating the site is a historic veterans' memorial long maintained by the community and should be conveyed to the town to ensure continued stewardship.

Maria Angelopoulos: Supports this bill, stating the land is a historic community gathering and veterans' memorial site that should be conveyed to allow continued preservation and improvements.

Mary Ellen Kunz: Supports this bill stating the town has long maintained the veterans' memorial site and should receive ownership to continue its care.

Robert Bailey, Pomperaug Valley Garden Club: Supports this bill, stating the town has long maintained the historic memorial site and should receive ownership to ensure its preservation and continued public use.

Vanita Bhalla: Supports this bill, stating the land is a significant veterans' memorial long maintained by the town and should be conveyed to ensure its preservation and proper stewardship.

Julie McLaughlin, Shade Tree & Sidewalk Committee: Supports this bill, stating the town should receive ownership to improve and properly maintain the historic veterans' memorial site.

Neel Harris: Supports this bill.

Karen Reddington-Hughes, State Representative, 66th District: Supports this bill, emphasizing the site's historic significance as a veterans' memorial, noting the town's long-standing maintenance, and stating that conveyance would allow for proper preservation and future improvements.

Charmaine Samoska, Woodbury resident: Supports this bill, stating the town has long maintained the historic South Green and should receive ownership to ensure its preservation and continued public use.

Andrew H. Sherman, Woodbury resident and member, Board of Finance: Supports this bill, stating the town has long maintained the historic veterans' memorial site and should receive ownership to ensure its preservation and continued public purpose.

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NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Anonymous 8 and 10: Left general comments.

**Reported by: Clerk-Greg Wolff
Assistant Clerk-Mike Hamann**

Date: 4/8/26