



Substitute House Bill No. 5359

Special Act No. 14-13

AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE CATHERINE VIOLET HUBBARD FOUNDATION, INC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall convey to the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, Inc., a parcel of land located in the town of Newtown, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 34.44 acres and is bounded on the west by the Housatonic Railroad right-of-way property line; on the north by the approximately 37.54 acre parcel sold to the town of Newtown for economic development; and on the east and south by the approximately 21.66 acre parcel conveyed to the town of Newtown along Deep Brook. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

(b) The Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, Inc. shall use said parcel of land for an animal sanctuary, wildlife preserve or other nature preservation purpose. If the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, Inc.:

(1) Does not use said parcel for said purposes;

Substitute House Bill No. 5359

(2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel; or

(3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel;

the parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

(c) The state shall reserve unto itself, its successors and assigns and agricultural lessees of the state, a fifty-foot wide easement extending approximately 1539.57 feet along the entire general northerly line of said parcel. The easement shall be for access and ingress and egress to other state lands and for agricultural purposes.

(d) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the Department of Agriculture. The land shall remain under the care and control of said department until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.

Sec. 2. Section 16 of special act 03-19 and section 29 of public act 05-279, as amended by section 2 of special act 06-10, are repealed.
(Effective from passage)

Approved June 6, 2014