

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5517

AN ACT REPEALING THE PRIOR CONVEYANCE OF AND RECONVEYING A

Title: PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF WILTON.

Vote Date: 4/10/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 4/9/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The legislation aims to repeal a prior conveyance of a parcel of state land to the Town of Wilton and sell the property at fair market value to the current tenant.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Keith Denning, State Representative:

Supports the proposed conveyance of property, as the people who have leased the property have been responsible business owners in the community and have taken care of the land and used it to provide quality landscaping and garden care.

Ceci Maher, State Senator:

Offers support for the conveyance of the parcel from the Town of Wilton to Hoffman Properties, LLC, as the company has been a responsible business owner in the community and taken care of the property during its lease period.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Toni Boucher, First Selectman, Wilton, Supports:

The Town of Wilton has no need for the property to be reconveyed and no object to the sale to Hoffman properties, as the landscaping business has created jobs.

Michael Hoffman, Hoffman Landscapes, President:

The conveyance was previously approved three years ago by the House and Senate, signed by the Governor, and became Special Act No. 21-29, however due to changes that were made to the original text written by the DOT, the conveyance was unable to be completed. The property has been used for Hoffman Landscapes for the past 26 years and the DOT is in support.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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