

HOUSE No. 813

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition of James R. Miceli relative to the membership of the Middlesex Canal Commission. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MIDDLESEX CANAL COMMISSION.

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. Section one of Chapter 403 of the acts of 1977, as
2 amended by section one of Chapter 51 of the acts of 1982, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—

5 There is hereby established the Middlesex Canal Commission,
6 hereinafter called the commission, to consist of one member of the
7 House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the
8 house of representatives; one member of the senate to be appointed
9 by the president of the senate; one person, with alternates, to be
10 appointed by the chief administrative official of each of the municipi-
11 palities of Lowell, Chelmsford, Billerica, Wilmington, Woburn,
12 Winchester, Medford, Somerville, and Boston; the commissioner of
13 the department of conservation and recreation, ex officio, or his
14 designee; the commissioner of the Massachusetts highway depart-
15 ment, ex officio, or his designee; the executive director of the Metro-
16 politan Area Planning Council and the executive director of the
17 Northern Middlesex Council of Government.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said Chapter 403 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:—

4 The commission will consider the feasibility and make recom-
5 mendation to the commissioner of the department of conservation

6 and recreation regarding the establishment, ownership and operation
7 of a Middlesex Canal State Heritage Park.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of said Chapter 403 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the fourth paragraph, inserted by Section 2 of Chapter
3 51 of the acts of 1982, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph:—

5 At least 14 days before the appropriate board of a member city or
6 town permits or approves an activity or action within 100 feet of the
7 route of the Middlesex Canal, notice shall be given in writing to the
8 commission. The appropriate boards shall include, but not be lim-
9 ited to, the city council, board of selectmen, board of aldermen,
10 planning board, zoning board of appeals, conservation commission,
11 historical commission, building or public works department.