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OF
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of _____

_____dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891-1923.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT	1905-1923

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH	1922-1923

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT	1903-1923

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES	1921-1923

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW	1894
JOHN WOODBURY	1894-1923

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1923.

	ACRES
Virginia Wood	20
Goodwill Park	139
Rocky Narrows	21
Mount Ann Park	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field	10
Monument Mountain Reservation	260
The Pine Knoll	6
Petticoat Hill	60

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but

no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC
RESERVATIONS.**

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERS.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.

OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:—

First.— The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second.— The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third.— The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth.— The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth.— Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth.— If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence

of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-third annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, has been transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, in pursuance of the authority given by Chapter 219 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1923 and a vote of this Corporation passed at a special meeting called to act upon this matter held on October 10, 1923. The reasons for this legislation and action were fully set forth in the report of the Trustees of last year, and are, in brief, that *Virginia Wood* is and practically has been almost from the date of its acquirement an integral part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation of the Metropolitan Park System, and by an informal understanding has been largely cared for and maintained by the Park Commission and its successor, the Metropolitan District Commission, as a part of the Fells Reservation. The act authorizing the transfer is printed as an appendix to this report, and it directs that after the transfer has been made the Wood "shall be maintained as a part of said Middlesex Fells Reservation, but it shall continue to be known as *Virginia Wood*, and its bounds shall be marked by suitable boundstones, and the bronze tablet installed therein, expressing the purpose of the gift, shall be maintained in its present or other suitable location." Thereby *Virginia Wood* passes out of the possession of this Association, but it should ever be of interest to the Trustees to observe and to see that in the future as in the past the purposes of this first gift to this Board are being properly carried out. As a matter of convenience it may be noted here that the deed from the Trustees to the Commonwealth is dated October 16, 1923, that the District Commission accepted the same by vote of that Board passed on

October 16, 1923, and that the deed was recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds on November 9, 1923, in Book 4669, page 487.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, has been kept in good order. The road through this Park was repaired in the spring, dead trees were removed, seats put in condition, and some repairs made on the pavilion. The red pines that were planted a few years ago have made a remarkable growth. Last spring the town of Falmouth set apart town land adjacent to the Park as a town forest, and made an appropriation of \$200 for planting. In conjunction with the Massachusetts Forestry Association ten acres were planted, the work being extended into the Park where it borders the highway. The young trees are reported to be thriving and will replace some large oaks, most of which have already died. The town made the usual appropriation of \$300 for the Park, and it was substantially all expended as above stated.

Mount Ann Park in Gloucester, presents problems which are receiving the consideration of the Committee. The disastrous fire of 1921 left conditions which still require attention. The work done by the contractor who undertook the removal of trees killed by the fire and other trees designated by the forester employed by the Trustees has not been satisfactorily performed and more work will be necessary. The paths are not sufficiently designated and much of the view from the summit of the Mount is still obstructed. The question of the public entrance to the Park from the highway is not yet settled. All of these matters demand attention during the coming year.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River, in Sherborn, does not call for extended mention at this time. There have been no further complaints as to order in this Reservation since the co-operation of the State Department of Conservation was obtained, and the service rendered by the patrol of the Department of Fisheries and Game was acknowledged in the last report. The important question pending in relation to this holding is one of forestry. The depredations of the gypsy moth and the ice storm of November, 1922, have left a large amount of dead wood which for several reasons

should be removed as soon as practicable. The lack of convenient access to this locality makes it doubtful if it can be handled as a commercial proposition, although there is some value in the wood, if there were any possible method of getting it out on a highway. The local committee and members of the Standing Committee are investigating this whole matter and expect to arrange for some of the work, at least, to be done in the near future.

Governor Hutchinson's Field, in Milton, had such attention as was necessary. The grass was cut and the trees were sprayed. In addition, an attempt was made to harrow and reseed the grass land which comprises the greater part of this holding. The prolonged dry weather had rendered the sod so tough that it was difficult to cut, and the drought continued so far into the autumn that it seemed best to wait until another year for any improvement of the surface. The old stumps, however, continue to grow in spite of lack of rain.

Monument Mountain Reservation, in Great Barrington, is cared for by the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge, and the report of the Association Committee is as follows:

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS OF THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

No planting has been done in 1923, but proper work has been done in the care of previous planting. It is proposed to plant additional white pine in 1924.

Large signs have been painted and placed in position stating that Monument Mountain Reservation is the property of the Trustees, and prohibiting fires for any purpose on the reservation.

Signs designating paths have been placed where needed. Work has also been done repairing paths leading to the cliffs.

Additional dead chestnut has been removed. It will be necessary to reclean the lettering on the Memorial Rock this year, as moss and lichens have partly covered it. It may be wise to have the lettering painted, to prevent such growths.

We have to report one small forest fire started by picnickers, which was cared for by the fire departments of Stockbridge and Great Barrington. Not more than an acre was burned over.

When the hauling out of dead chestnut is over, the forest roadway behind the cliffs should be repaired to make it available for horse-

drawn vehicles. The Committee does not favor making this forest roadway available for automobiles, which can be parked a short distance up from the main highway.

The Committee will welcome any suggestions from the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. OWEN,

For the Committee.

JANUARY 5, 1924.

Pine Knoll, in Sheffield, requires little beyond the clearing up of the grounds, removal of any dead wood and a small amount of mowing. These matters have been attended to by the custodian, as usual. He again reports that it was impracticable to obtain the labor necessary for rebuilding the section of fence referred to in the last report, but that he hopes to get the work done the coming spring. At the same time it is expected to have some new seats installed in the grove.

Petticoat Hill, in Williamsburg, has been added to by the purchase, from Hans Nietshe and others, of ten acres adjacent to the summit of the hill. On this tract are two ledges which command — or will, after a certain amount of clearing has been made — an unobstructed view in a southerly direction. This was the purpose of the purchase. In addition to this clearing referred to there remains in the reservation considerable dead wood from the ice storm, and blighted chestnut, which should be removed as soon as a market therefor can be secured. The hill has been visited this year by the usual number, most of whom came either by automobile or by the electric car line from Northampton.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,

CHARLES S. SARGENT,

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,

HERBERT PARKER,

JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

JANUARY 30, 1924.

Standing Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1923.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

For Virginia Wood.

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

For Monument Mountain Reservation.

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Co. 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

For General Purpose Fund.

\$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).

\$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

\$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards 5s.

\$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s.

\$5,000 New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5s.

For Pine Knoll.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

For Mount Ann Park.

\$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 4s.

For Petticoat Hill.

\$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 4s.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1923	\$2,034 99
Arthur F. Estabrook, legacy	18,750 00
Coupons on above securities held for this fund	1,178 36
Interest on deposits	141 82
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	\$22,105 17

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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\$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards 5s	\$3,766 00
\$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s	10,000 00
\$5,000 New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5s	4,982 50
Union Safe Deposit Vaults for rent of box in vault	10 00
John Woodbury, postage, printing notices, legal expense and typewriting	15 48
Postage on returns to assessors	96
Certificates of appointment of notary public	1 00
Wright & Potter Printing Co. for Thirty- second Annual Report	142 24
Wright & Potter Printing Co. printing sec- retary's envelopes	4 75
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	\$18,922 93
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$3,182 24

GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$761 05
• Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for spraying	13 75
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$747 30

MOUNT ANN PARK.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$668 89
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telegraph & Telephone Co. 4s	40 00
Received on Sidney F. Haskell contract	150 00
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To balance Jan. 1, 1924	\$858 89

PINE KNOLL.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$35 00
Coupons on \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co. 3½s	35 00
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	\$70 00
Paid W. D. French for labor	3 00
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$67 00

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

PETTICOAT HILL.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance		\$717 59
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 4s		40 00
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		\$757 59
Paid George A. Thresher for care	\$123 00	
Paid W. Hans Nietsche for 10 acres of land	100 00	
Paid E. E. Davis for surveyor's services	40 00	
	<hr/>	263 15
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance		\$494 44

GOODWILL PARK.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$50 41
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$50 41

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Interest on securities held for this account	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year	\$380 00

ROCKY NARROWS.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$49 03
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$49 03

VIRGINIA WOOD.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	\$2,080 03
Coupons on bonds held for this account	115 00
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	\$2,195 03
Paid Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster for legal services in connection with transfer of land	102 00
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance	\$2,093 03

TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.	CR.
Cash \$7,542 34	General Purpose Fund . \$3,182 24
	Governor Hutchinson's
	Field 747 30
	Mount Ann Park 858 89
	Petticoat Hill 494 44
	Goodwill Park 50 41
	Rocky Narrows 49 03
	Pine Knoll 67 00
	Virginia Wood 2,093 03
\$7,542 34	\$7,542 34

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending December 31, 1923, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above accounts were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,

JANUARY 29, 1924.

Committee on Audit.

LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

1923

Jan. 1	Cash on hand	\$1,212 84
Apr. 6	Received from Trustees of Public Reservations	190 00
Oct. 5	Received from Trustees of Public Reservations	190 00
Jan. 3	Received from Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce	100 00
		\$1,692 84

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Jan. 23	Paid caretaker	\$60 00
	Paid for burning and clearing papers	4 50
Apr. 4	Paid for cleaning	69 00
June 15	Paid for making signs	18 96
June 15	Paid for painting signs	56 25
July 9	Paid for cleaning	13 45
Dec. 24	Paid for clearing brush	118 80
		\$340 96
Dec. 31	Cash on hand	1,351 88
		\$1,692 84

RALPH E. HEATH, *Treasurer,*
Laurel Hill Association.

APPENDIX.

CHAPTER 219.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS
TO TRANSFER VIRGINIA WOOD IN STONEHAM TO THE MET-
ROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled and by the authority of the same;
as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Trustees of Public Reservations, a corporation created by chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer in fee or for care, maintenance and control to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its metropolitan district commission, a parcel of land known as Virginia Wood adjacent to the Middlesex Fells reservation of the metropolitan park system and situated between Pond street and Ravine road in the town of Stoneham, and said district commission is authorized to accept the same on behalf of the commonwealth on such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between said trustees and said district commission.

SECTION 2. Thereafter said parcel shall be maintained as a part of said Middlesex Fells reservation, but it shall continue to be known as Virginia Wood, and its bounds shall be marked by suitable boundstones, and the bronze tablet now installed therein, expressing the purpose of the gift, shall be maintained in its present or other suitable location.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 7, 1923.

VOTE.

At a meeting of the members of the Trustees of Public Reservations, a Massachusetts corporation, duly called and held at Massachusetts, on the tenth day of October, A.D. 1923, at which a quorum was present and acting, it was unani-

mously *voted*, That John S. Ames, the treasurer of this corporation, be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in its name and behalf to sign, seal with the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, a quitclaim deed conveying to the said Commonwealth a certain parcel of land situate in that part of Stoneham called Wyoming, in the county of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, and known as Virginia Wood, except such portions thereof as have been previously conveyed of record, or have been taken by right of eminent domain for public use, the said Virginia Wood containing in all about twenty acres more or less; said deed to be in such form and to contain such provisions as to the said treasurer may seem best, and his execution thereof shall be deemed a sufficient determination. A true copy of record, attest, John Woodbury, secretary of the Trustees of Public Reservations.

VOTE.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan District Commission duly called and held at the offices of the Commission at 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, on Thursday, November 1, 1923, a deed executed October 16, 1923, from the Trustees of Public Reservations to the Commonwealth, of Virginia Wood, under authority of chapter 219 of the Acts of the year 1923, having been tendered to the Commonwealth by said Trustees, and being laid before the meeting for acceptance, it was *voted* that the secretary be authorized to accept the delivery of the same on behalf of the Commonwealth and to cause the same to be recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds. A true copy of the record, attest, Geo. Lyman Rogers, secretary.

DEED.

Know all men by these presents, That the Trustees of Public Reservations a corporation established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting herein by virtue and in execution of the power and authority to it given under the terms and provisions of Chapter 219, of the Acts of 1923, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of every other power and authority it hereto enabling, for consideration paid, hereby grants unto the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission,

with quitclaim covenants, a certain parcel of land situate in that part of Stoneham called Wyoming, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, and known as Virginia Wood, being all of lots D and E on a plan of lands in Wyoming, made for H. J. Tudor by Edward Buckman of Stoneham, dated June 1863, and referred to in a deed from John C. Ropes et als., Trustees, to the Grantor herein, dated February 6, 1892, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 2096, page 530, except such portions thereof as have been previously conveyed of record, or have been taken by right of eminent domain for public use, the said lots being together bounded as follows:—Northeast and Northwest by Woodland Road, North by land now or late of Charles Copeland and the Schoolhouse Lot on said plan, one hundred and forty-four feet (144 ft.), West by said Schoolhouse Lot one hundred and sixty-four feet (164 ft.), North again by Pond Street, East by land now or late of Haywood and South, Southwest and South again by the Ravine Road, so called, according to the course thereof containing together about twenty acres more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor herein by said deed dated February 6, 1892, and recorded with said deeds, book 2096, page 530, and this conveyance is made with the benefit of and subject to the trusts, restrictions, limitations and agreements therein set forth or referred to so far as now in force and applicable. Said premises are conveyed also with the benefit of and subject to the terms and provisions of the said Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1923 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The grantee herein agrees that it will hereafter make no claim to any fund or other personal property in the possession of the grantor herein which said fund or other personal property is connected with the care, protection and upkeep of said Virginia Wood, and further agrees that the grantor herein may make such disposition of said fund or other personal property as it deems best.

In witness whereof said The Trustees of Public Reservations has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by John S. Ames, its Treasurer, hereto duly authorized this sixteenth day of October, A.D. 1923, no stamps being hereto affixed as none are required by law. The Trustees of Public Reservations by John S. Ames, Treasurer (corporate seal).

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUFFOLK, ss.

OCTOBER 16, 1923.

Then personally appeared the above named John S. Ames and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Before me,

PAUL B. WATSON, Jr.,
Notary Public.

My commission expires October 6, 1927.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

NOVEMBER 9, 1923.

3 h. 40 min. P.M. Rec'd and Recorded. Book 4669, page 487.

