



Town of Stockbridge

Stockbridge Annual Town Meeting
June 12, 2021

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to authorize the Town to return original historic documents in its possession to the Mohican Nation; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments that are within the scope of the objectives of this petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE TO RETURN ORIGINAL HISTORIC DOCUMENTS TO THE MOHICAN NATION.

Be it enacted as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 8 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Stockbridge is hereby authorized to return all original documents, created by any of the people of the Mohican Nation prior to 1870 and currently or in the future found to be in the possession of the Town, to the Mohican Nation, upon an authorizing vote by the board of selectmen. The Town shall be authorized to retain copies of such documents for municipal record retention purposes in lieu of any otherwise applicable requirement to retain the original documents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A true copy, ATTEST:

Teresa Iemolini, Town Clerk
Stockbridge, MA 01262



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ARTICLE 42. I move that the Town authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, to authorize the Town to return original historic documents in its possession to the Mohican Nation; such legislation in the form as set forth in the Warrant Article 42, provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments that are within the scope of the objectives of this petition:

VOTE: YES - 79 NO - 4

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