



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Archives Division

Pamela H. Powell, CMMC
Town Clerk
663 Main Street
Bolton, MA 01740

April 3, 2019

Dear Pam,

This letter is in response to your inquiry concerning a certified copy of the legislative act incorporating the town of Bolton.

Enclosed please find a certified copy of said act, entitled: "*An act for dividing the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester & erecting a new Town there by the name of Bolton,*" dated June 24, 1738.

I hope you find this helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Hannigan III".

John Hannigan
Head of Reference



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Acts 1738-9, Chapter 7, "An act for dividing the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester & erecting a new Town there by the name of Bolton," June 24, 1738, Massachusetts Archives, Boston.

**A True Copy Witnessed Under the
Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

William Francis Galvin

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



Anno Regni
Undecimo et duodecimo

Regis Georgii Secundi

An act for dividing the Town of Lancaster
in the County of Worcester & erecting a ^{new} Town there by the Name
of Bolton

Whereas the South Easterly Part of the Town of
Lancaster is competently fill'd with Inhabitants who labour under
great difficulties by reason they live very remote from the Place
of Publick Worship in said Town & having address'd this Court
that they may be set off a distinct & separate Township, where-
unto the Inhabitants of said Town by their Vote have manifested
their Consent.

Be it therefore Enacted by His Excellency the Governor
Council & Representatives in General Court assembled & by the
Authority of the same, That the Easterly part of the Town of
Lancaster be & hereby is set off from the said Town of Lancaster
& erected into a separate & distinct Township by the Name of
Bolton according to the following Boundaries viz. North
Easterly upon Harvard, Easterly upon How, South Easterly
upon Marlborough, Southerly upon Wutborough, & Westerly
upon Lancaster by a line running near a South & North
Point parallel with the West Line of said Township of Lancaster
at four miles distance therefrom agreeable to a Vote of the said
Town pass'd the first day of March 1735, And that the Inhabitants
thereof be, & hereby are vested with all those Powers, Privileges
& Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this
Province are or ought by Law to be vested with. Provided that the
Town of Bolton shall be liable & subject to the Paymt. of their proportionable part of the Taxes
of Lancaster Province & County for the present Year as they were not by this act separated from
June 23rd 1738. This Bill having been read three severa
times in the House of Representatives. — Pass'd to be Enacted

June 27. 1738. This Bill having been read three several
times in Council. — Pass'd to be Enacted.

June 24. 1738. By His Excellency the Governor.
Consent to the Enacting of this Bill.

W. B. Bishop