

OLD COLONY RAILROAD

PETITION

Duxbury March 8, 1937

TO:

The Senate and House of Representatives  
The Great and General Court of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

NO. COMES:

Sidney C. Soule  
Harry F. Swift      The Board of Selectmen  
Charles R. Crocker  
                    and  
Charles S. Clark  
Benjamin F. Goodrich  
Percy L. Walker

As the Duxbury Railroad Committee and respectfully represent:

1. The Trustees of the NY NH & H and Old Colony Railroads have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for the right to abandon fifteen miles of railroad track from Greenbush, Mass., to Kingston, Mass.
2. If so abandoned the Towns of Duxbury and Marshfield will be without railroad facilities for the transportation of passengers or freight notwithstanding they contributed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.) to the cost of building said line of railroad.
3. The inhabitants of both Duxbury and Marshfield are dependant in large measure upon the patronage of summer residents and visitors for business and employment.
4. Without railroad facilities and summer patronage real estate values will be further depressed. Many business enterprises will be destroyed and numerous employees deprived of the opportunity of earning a living at home.
5. The Trustees of the railroads claim that the line in question is operated at a loss.
6. Now therefore your petitioners, the inhabitants of the town of Duxbury petition your honorable body to enact such a law or laws as will confer upon cities and towns authority to raise by taxation and appropriate, such a sum or sums of money as will, under proper safeguards, defray in whole or in part any deficit between the receipts and the costs of operation of said railroad in Duxbury and Marshfield as they are permitted now to do, to insure the continued operation of Street Railways under Chapter 161 of the General Laws.

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