

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** SB-461

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND

**Title:** IN THE TOWN OF SOMERS.

**Vote Date:** 4/10/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 4/9/2024

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

The legislation, as amended, aims to convey a parcel of State land in the Town of Somers from the Department of Correction to the Town of Somers, for purposes of public safety.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

John Kissel, State Senator, Chief Deputy Republican Leader:

If approved, the proposal will convey a 3-acre parcel of land from the DOC to the Town of Somers. The intended use of the site is a small public safety communications tower and related radio equipment, as the town has 3 correctional facilities to which it provides fire and EMS services.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Time Keeney, First Selectman, Somers:

Town of Somers requests a 3-acre parcel of land from the Connecticut DOC, as it is home to three correctional facilities. The proposed conveyance would reallocate three acres in such a way to allow the community to build a public safety communication tower, and the town has worked with the DOC to establish how local first responders can best mitigate emergency situations. The requested site is an ideal site and enhances public safety for the town and the DOC.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Lindsay de Brito**

**Date: 4/10/2024**