

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 276.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. George A. Sawyer, Jasper Wyman, Warren
2 Sawyer, Antoinette T. Hinkley, Nellie M. Sawyer, their
3 associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a
4 corporation by the name of the Milbridge Water Com-
5 pany, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the
6 inhabitants of Milbridge with water for all domestic, sani-
7 tary and municipal purposes, with all the rights and privi-
8 leges, and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of
9 similar corporations under the general laws of the State of
10 Maine.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized, for the
2 purposes aforesaid, to take, hold and convey to said town
3 of Milbridge, and through any part thereof, or any adjoin-
4 ing town, water from Round Pond in the town of
5 Steuben, or from any other supply which may be selected
6 within said town of Milbridge, or any adjoining town ;
7 said rights to a supply to include a supply by contract or
8 lease from any other corporation or person ; to sur-
9 vey for, locate, lay, erect, and maintain suitable
10 dams, reservoirs and machinery, pipes, aqueducts,
11 hydrants and fixtures ; to carry its pipes or aqueducts
12 under or over any water course, creek, river, bridge,
13 street, highway, or other way, but in such manner, how-
14 ever, as not to obstruct the same, and for that pur-
15 pose to enter upon and excavate any street, road or way
16 in such a manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct the
17 same, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes,
18 aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for said pur-
19 poses, and to enter upon, pass over, excavate and flow
20 any lands and to take and hold by purchase or otherwise,
21 any real estate, rights of way or water. And said cor-
22 poration is further authorized for the purpose of making
23 all necessary repairs, surveys or connections to lay its
24 mains and pipes through any private or public lands or
25 ways, with the right to enter upon the same and dig there-
26 in, and said corporation may establish written regulations
27 for the use of said water. Said Milbridge Water Com-
28 pany shall be responsible for all damages to persons and
29 property occasioned by such use of said streets and ways.

SECT. 3. Said Milbridge Water Company shall file in
2 the registry of deeds in the county of Washington, plans

3 and descriptions of the location of all lands and water
4 rights taken under the provisions of this act, and no entry
5 shall be made upon any land, except to make surveys,
6 until the expiration of twenty days from such filing, and
7 with such plan the corporation may file a statement of
8 the damages it is willing to pay to any person or corpora-
9 tion for any property so taken, and if the amount finally
10 awarded does not exceed that sum the company shall
11 recover costs against said person or corporation, other-
12 wise such person or corporation shall recover such costs
13 against said company.

SECT. 4. Said Milbridge Water Company shall be held
2 liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any
3 person by the taking of any land or other property, or by
4 flowage, or by excavating through any land for the pur-
5 pose of laying down its pipes and aqueducts, building
6 dams and reservoirs, and also damages for any other
7 injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person sus-
8 taining damages as aforesaid, and said corporation cannot
9 mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such
10 person may cause his damages to be ascertained in the
11 same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions
12 and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of
13 damages, by the laying out of railroads.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be
2 fixed at a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars and shall
3 be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. And
4 said corporation for the purposes of this charter, may hold
5 real or personal estate necessary or convenient therefor
6 and not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 6. Said Milbridge Water Company is hereby
2 authorized to make contracts with said town of Milbridge,

3 and with other towns and corporations, associations and
4 individuals for the purpose of supplying them with water
5 as contemplated by this act, and also for the purpose of
6 procuring a supply of water for its own purposes may
7 contract for such supply with any other corporation or
8 individual, and use the same for the purposes hereunder.
9 Said town of Milbridge, by its selectmen, or by its duly
10 authorized agents, is hereby authorized to enter into con-
11 tracts with said Milbridge Water Company for the supply
12 of water, and from such exemption from public burden as
13 said town and said company may agree upon, which, when
14 made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.
15 Manufacturing and other corporations are hereby author-
16 ized to subscribe and hold stock of said Milbridge Water
17 Company.

SECT. 7. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the
2 construction of its works upon such rates and times as it
3 may deem expedient, to an amount not exceeding the
4 amount of its capital stock subscribed for, and secure the
5 same by mortgage of the franchises and property of said
6 company.

SECT. 8. The first meeting of said corporation shall be
2 called by written notice thereof signed by any two corpo-
3 rators herein named, served upon each corporator, by giv-
4 ing him the same in hand or by leaving same at his last
5 usual place of abode seven days before the time of said
6 meeting.

SECT. 9. This act shall become null and void in two
2 years from the approval hereof, unless said corporation
3 shall have organized, commenced actual business under this
4 charter, and shall have so far completed the same as to be

5 able to supply the village of Milbridge with a reasonably
6 sufficient quantity of water for domestic, sanitary and
7 municipal purposes.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 2, 1895.

Reported by Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under house rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*