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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 338.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Gorham Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The territory in the town of Gorham,
2 embraced within the following boundaries, to wit: Com-
3 mencing at the central point on the bridge over "Tommy's
4 Brook" in said Gorham, and on the road leading from
5 Gorham village over Fort Hill; thence westerly, by the
6 course of said brook and on the southerly branch thereof,
7 and by the northerly shore of Charles G. Alden's ice
8 pond, to a monument near the westerly end of said pond
9 marked G. V. C.; thence south, 8° west, across the Gor-
10 ham and West Gorham road, to the northerly side of
11 Flaggy Meadow road, to a monument marked G. V. C.;

12 thence south, 82° west, by said northerly side of said
13 Flaggy Meadow road, ten (10) rods, more or less, to a
14 monument marked G. V. C.; thence south, 8° west, to
15 land of William Henry Lombard, Jr., to a monument
16 marked G. V. C.; thence south, 82° east, to the south-
17 easterly side of the lower Buxton road; thence north-
18 easterly, by the southeasterly side of said lower Buxton
19 road, to a monument marked G. V. C.; thence south, 42°
20 east, to the center of Libby's lane, at the westerly end
21 thereof; thence south, 3° east, to Weeks' road; thence
22 by Weeks' road, north, 80° east, across South street, to
23 land of Frederick Robie, at a monument marked G. V.
24 C.; thence following the fence between said Robie and
25 the abutters on South street, by a northerly course, to a
26 monument marked G. V. C.; thence north, 65° east, to
27 a monument marked G. V. C.; thence, turning to the left
28 and running past the southeasterly corner of Randall J.
29 Elder's buildings, and across the old road leading from
30 Gorham village to Portland, to the northerly side of said
31 road, to a monument marked G. V. C.; thence north, 45°
32 west, across the Gray road, to a monument marked G. V.
33 C., on the westerly side thereof; thence north, 74° west,
34 to "Tommy's Brook;" thence westerly, by said brook to
35 the place of beginning: together with the inhabitants
36 thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate,
37 by the name of the Gorham Village Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power
2 at any meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for
3 organizing and maintaining a fire department, for the pur-
4 chase and maintenance of apparatus for the extinguish-
5 ment of fires, for a supply of water for fire and other

6 municipal purposes, for lighting streets, for sidewalks,
7 for sewers, and for a night watch, and for a police force.
8 Said corporation is empowered to enter into contracts,
9 through its board of assessors, with any incorporated com-
10 pany, for a supply of water, lighting streets, and sewer-
11 age system as aforesaid.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for
2 the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property
3 and polls within the said territory, by the assessors of said
4 corporation, in the same manner as county and town taxes,
5 and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said
6 property by the assessors of the town of Gorham, and
7 assess the tax thereon, if the corporation shall so direct;
8 and may abate any tax by them assessed. The tax on
9 polls shall not exceed the sum of one dollar to any person
10 in any one year, and the tax on property in any one year
11 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent on a dollar of
12 the valuation of said property within the limits of said
13 territory.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the said
2 assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the
3 amount of money raised for the purposes aforesaid at any
4 meeting, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon
5 as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and
6 estates of the persons residing on the territory aforesaid,
7 and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof,
8 and they shall certify and deliver lists of the assessments
9 so made to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect
10 the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by
11 law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the
12 Treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same

13 and pay it out to order or by direction of said corporatioa,
14 and keep a regular account of all moneys received and
15 paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever
16 requested; and said corporation shall have the same
17 power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes, and
18 enforcing the payment thereof as towns have in the
19 collection of town taxes.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist
2 of a clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector, fire war-
3 dens, and such other officers as may be provided for in the
4 by-laws thereof; and said fire wardens shall have exclu-
5 sively all the power and authority, within the limits of said
6 corporation, that fire wardens now have, chosen by towns
7 in town meeting.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may adopt for the govern-
2 ment thereof a code of by-laws not repugnant to the consti-
3 tution and laws of this state, and may alter, amend and
4 repeal such by-laws by a two-thirds vote at a legal meet-
5 ing of the corporation called for that purpose.

SECT. 7. All the officers shall be chosen by ballot, and
2 sworn; the first election to be at the meeting called to
3 accept this act; and the annual election of officers there-
4 after shall be on the fourth Monday of April in each year.

SECT. 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds
2 in double the tax so raised, to be approved by the clerk
3 and assessors.

SECT. 9. All meetings of the corporation after the
2 acceptance of this charter shall be notified by warrant of
3 the assessors, notice of which shall be posted in two public
4 places within the limits of said corporation, stating the
5 time, place and purposes of the meeting.

SECT. 10. All persons liable to be taxed for polls residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting.

SECT. 11. Stephen Hinkley, Edward W. Guptill, and Lewis McLellan, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place, within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public places within said limits, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons may preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall be chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

SECT. 12. If this charter is not accepted at the meeting called as provided in section 11, then either of the persons named in said section may call a second meeting, agreeably to the provisions of this act, for the purpose of further voting on the acceptance of this act, as herein provided.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corporation to be called; and this act shall take and have complete effect in all its parts when accepted at any meeting of said corporation by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 12, 1895.

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*