

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 103

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT Creating the West Paris Village Corporation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. So much of the territory of the town of Paris,
2 in the county of Oxford, as is bounded and is described
3 as follows, viz.: all of double lots numbered twenty-seven
4 (27) and twenty-eight (28) in the third range in said town
5 of Paris; also all of double lots numbered twenty-seven
6 (27) and twenty-eight (28) in the second range of lots in
7 said town of Paris which is bounded northwest by land
8 of Fred R. Penley and his easterly line produced to land
9 of the Grand Trunk Railway; northerly by land of said
10 railway; easterly by the range line between lots numbered

11 twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28) in the second and
12 third ranges in said town; southerly by the lot line between
13 lots numbered twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27); and
14 southwesterly by the old and partially discontinued road
15 leading from High street to Greenwood, and comprising
16 the territory upon which is situated West Paris village,
17 so-called, together with the inhabitants residing thereon.
18 be and the same are hereby created a body politic and cor-
19 porate by the name of the West Paris Village Corporation

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power
2 at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise such
3 sums of money as may be sufficient for the purchase, re-
4 pair, and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine
5 houses, hose, buckets, ladders, or other apparatus for the
6 extinguishment of fire, for the extension of the present
7 hydrant system, and for organizing and maintaining within
8 the limits of said territory an efficient fire department; also
9 lighting their streets, maintaining a police force, and for
10 the support of a library within said corporation; and for
11 officers' salaries and expenses and such other current ex-
12 penses as this act calls for.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property
3 and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors
4 of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by
5 law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and may
6 abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not

7 to exceed at any one assessment, the sum of one dollar
8 to any one person in any one year.

Sect. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of
3 money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid,
4 it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be,
5 to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of per-
6 sons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the es-
7 tates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors
8 to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said
9 corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in
10 like manner as county and town taxes are, by law, collected
11 by towns, and said corporation shall have power to direct
12 the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the col-
13 lection of town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of
2 a clerk, three assessors, a treasurer, a collector of taxes,
3 a chief of the fire department and such other officers as
4 may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation,
5 all of whom shall be duly sworn in by the clerk or a justice
6 of the peace.

Sect. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting there-
2 of, called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and pro-
3 visions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of
4 this state and the United States, as they may deem expedi-
5 ent and necessary for the better government and regulation
6 of the municipal affairs within said corporation, in which

7 case such by-laws and provisions so adopted, shall extend
8 to said corporation as fully, to all intents and purposes as
9 the other provisions of this act, subject only to alterations
10 or additions by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the
11 corporation called for the purpose.

Sect. 7. All the meetings of said corporation after the
2 first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices
3 of which shall be posted in two public places within its
4 limits, seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time,
5 place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at
6 any time be called on the written application of ten legal
7 voters to said assessors stating the time, place and purposes
8 for which said meeting is requested.

Sect. 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within
2 five years from the date of its approval by the governor,
3 and its rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent
4 its acceptance in any later calendar year during the time
5 aforesaid; but only one meeting to vote thereon, shall be
6 held in any one calendar year. Fred R. Penley, E. W.
7 Mann, Alfred C. Perham, D. Henry Fifield, Ellsworth D.
8 Curtis or any one of them may call all meetings of the
9 inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of
10 this charter, by posting a notice, stating the time, place
11 and objects of said meeting, in at least two public and con-
12 spicuous places in said territory, at least seven days before
13 the time of holding said meeting, and all subsequent meet-
14 ings shall be called and notified by the assessors of said
15 corporation as town meetings are called and notified, un-

16 less said corporation shall otherwise define the manner of
17 calling and notifying its meetings in its by-laws.

Sect. 9. Every person residing within the limits of said
2 corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and
3 representatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of
4 said corporation, or at any meeting for the adoption of
5 this charter.

Sect. 10. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of
2 this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk,
3 both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the peace,
4 for the faithful discharge of their duties, and thereupon
5 said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question
6 of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all the legal
7 voters present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in
8 favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said
9 corporation may immediately after said vote is declared,
10 proceed to the adoption of by-laws and the election of offi-
11 cers as provided in sections five and six of this act.