

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 340.

An Act reviving, with amendments, chapter one hundred and seventeen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, incorporating the Boothbay Village Corporation.

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

Ch. 117, private laws 1869, revived.

SECT. 1. Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine is hereby revived and re-enacted, with amendments, as follows :

Boundaries.

The territory in the town of Boothbay, comprising school district numbered one of said town, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Boothbay Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges provided by the laws of the state relating to corporations.

Corporate name.

Corporation authorized to raise money for certain purposes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a police, harbor master, and all other necessary regulations for the better security of property and the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits; for the purchase and repair of engines and all other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires; for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts to supply water; for the erection and repair of suitable engine houses; for organizing and maintaining an efficient fire department; for the improvement of streets, sidewalks and public grounds, and for the support of schools.

Rights and powers of school district No. 1, vested in corporation.

SECT. 3. The organization, rights, powers and duties now held and exercised by said school district numbered one, under the laws of this state, are hereby merged and vested in, and shall be held and exercised by the corporation hereby established; and there shall be no other or separate organization thereof as a school district. Said corporation shall have all the rights and powers, and be subject to all the liabilities of other school districts; and in addition thereto may establish and maintain a system of graded free schools, subject to the provisions of law applicable to the same.

Graded schools.

Assessments, how made.

SECT. 4. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory aforesaid, by the assessors of said corporation, or in the same manner as is by law provided for

the assessment of town taxes. And said assessors may copy the last valuations of said property by the assessors of the town of Boothbay, and assess the tax thereon; or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said valuation, or make a new valuation thereof, according to the principles established by the last state tax, and assess the tax on that valuation.

Valuations, how made.

SECT. 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation, by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount according to law upon the polls and estates of the persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and lists of the assessments so made to certify and deliver to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Duty of assessors.

Power of corporation to collect taxes.

SECT. 6. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, assessors, fire wardens, three school directors, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; and said officers shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers now have, or may have, chosen by towns.

Officers, powers and authority.

SECT. 7. The school directors shall, at their first meeting, designate by lot one of their number to hold office three years, and another two years. The third member shall hold office one year, and each member elected to fill the place of one whose term expires, shall hold office three years. They shall fill all vacancies in their number until the next annual meeting. Two members shall constitute a quorum, but if there is but one in office, he may fill vacancies.

School directors, and tenure of office.

Vacancies, how filled.
Quorum.

SECT. 8. Said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of

Corporation may adopt by-laws.

CHAP. 340 this state, for the efficient management of the municipal affairs of said corporation.

Officers, how elected.

SECT. 9. All the officers of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot, and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of January.

First election.

Annual election.

Duty of clerk.

SECT. 10. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of said corporation.

Collector and treasurer to give bonds.

SECT. 11. The collector and treasurer shall each give bonds in such sum as the corporation or the assessors may order, and not less than double the amount of the taxes raised as aforesaid, to the inhabitants of said corporation, for the faithful performance of their duties; and said bonds shall be approved by the assessors and clerk, and kept by the clerk.

Acceptance of charter.

SECT. 12. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from its approval by the governor, and Silas Smith, Daniel W. Sawyer, Luther Maddocks and Alonzo R. Nickerson, or either of them, are authorized to call all meetings of said corporation previous to the acceptance of this charter and the election of officers, by publishing the time, place and objects of said meeting, in a newspaper printed in Boothbay, if any, or by posting like notices in two public places within the limits of said corporation; the publication or posting of said notices to be seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified in like manner by the assessors.

First meeting, how called.

Qualifications of voters.

SECT. 13. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

Charter binding, when accepted by qualified electors.

SECT. 14. At any meeting prescribed in section twelve of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if two-thirds of all the persons present and voting at said meeting shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not be binding on said corporation unless accepted by them as hereinbefore provided.