

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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SECT. 3. The two first named persons in this act may call the first meeting of this corporation, by personal notice, either written or printed, delivered or mailed to each corporator, at least ten days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1889.

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First meeting,
how called.

Chapter 511.

An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

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

SECT. 1. Josiah A. Bucknam, E. Adron Gammon, J. Judson Bucknam, William H. Whitcomb, Henry M. Beane and F. O. Purington, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate, by the name of Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Company, and as such shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Corporators.

Corporate
name.

SECT. 2. The place of business of said corporation shall be at Minot, in the county of Androscoggin and state of Maine, and its business shall be confined to the towns of Minot and Poland, in said county.

Location.

SECT. 3. The business to be carried on by said corporation shall be to furnish water for the extinguishment of fires and for public and private uses to said village of Mechanic Falls and vicinity, and the inhabitants thereof, and to furnish electric lights for lighting streets of said village, and to dispose of electric light and power to individuals and corporations.

Authorized to
furnish water,
light, and
power.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to take, detain and use the water of the Little Androscoggin river or of any other suitable source of water supply in said Minot or Poland, or the town of Oxford, in Oxford county, and to erect and maintain reservoirs and dams, and lay down and maintain pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulating, conducting, discharging, distributing and disposing of water, and forming proper reservoirs thereof; and said corporation may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate

Authorized to
take water.

—erect dams.

—take land.

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necessary therefor, and may excavate through any lands, when necessary for the purposes of this incorporation.

Liability for all damages.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs, setting posts and extending wires, and also damages for any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person sustaining damages as aforesaid and said corporation cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person may cause his damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by laying out of railroads.

—how ascer-
tained.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be seventy-five thousand dollars, which may be increased to one hundred thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Authorized to lay down pipes, set poles, and extend wires.

SECT. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down pipes, and to set poles and extend wires, in and through the streets and ways in said towns of Minot and Poland, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes, aqueducts, poles and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the selectmen of said towns. And said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall further be liable to pay to said towns all sums recovered against said towns for damages from obstruction caused by said corporation, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred in defending such suits, with interest on the same.

—responsibility for damages.

Authorized to make contracts to supply water and light.

SECT. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with said towns of Minot and Poland, with any village corporations that now or hereafter may exist in said towns, and with other corporations and individuals for the purpose of supplying water or electric light, as contemplated by this act; and said towns by their selectmen, and said village corporations by their assessors, are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the supply of water

—towns and village may contract out for water and light.

and electric lights, and for such exemption from public burden as said towns and such corporations and said company agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

SECT. 9. Said corporation shall have power to cross any water course or public or private sewer, or to change the direction thereof, when necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any injury caused thereby; whenever the company shall lay down any pipes in any street, or make any alterations or repairs upon its works in any street, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in a proper condition.

May cross any private or public sewer.

—liability for injury.

SECT. 10. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain its pipes under, in and over the Little Androscoggin river, and to build and maintain all necessary structures therefor.

May lay pipes under Little Androscoggin.

SECT. 11. Any person who shall wilfully injure any of the property of said corporation, or who shall knowingly corrupt the waters from which said corporation shall take its supply, in any manner whatever, or render them impure, whether the same be frozen or not, or who shall throw the carcasses of dead animals or other offensive matter into said waters, or who shall wilfully destroy or injure any dam, reservoir, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant, poles, wires, dynamos or other property held or owned by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than one year, and shall be liable to said corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered in any proper action.

Penalty for injuring property, or corrupting water.

SECT. 12. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and property of said company.

May issue bonds, and mortgage property.

SECT. 13. In case the works of this corporation shall not have been put into operation within four years from the date of the approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall be null and void.

When act becomes void.

CHAP. 512

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 14. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any three corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode seven days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1889.

Chapter 512.

An Act to incorporate the Moosehead Lake Navigation Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Omar Clark, John Ross, Josiah Longley, Heman Whipple, Edward P. Page and the Moose River Log Driving Company are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Moosehead Lake Navigation Company, for the purpose of navigating Moosehead lake with steam, to carry passengers and freight, tow logs, scows and other substances, and to that end said company is authorized to build, purchase and own steamboats, booms, scows and other necessary apparel; and may own and hold real estate, build and maintain piers and wharves that may be necessary in the business aforesaid.

Corporate
name.

—authorized to
navigate Moose
head lake.

Capital stock.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

M. R. Log
Driving Co.,
authorized to
take stock in.

SECT. 3. The Moose River Log Driving Company is hereby authorized to take and hold stock in said corporation.

Approved March 5, 1889.