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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Village Cor-  
poration in Poland.

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

SECTION 1. The territory embraced within the limits  
2 of what was formerly known as school district number  
3 twenty in the town of Poland as last constituted, together  
4 with so much of the territory embraced within the limits  
5 of what was formerly known as Union School District  
6 number one, at Mechanic Falls, as lies in said town of  
7 Poland, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the  
8 same is, hereby created a body politic and corporate by  
9 the name of the Mechanic Falls Village Corporation in  
10 Poland.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and  
2 vested with the power at any legal meeting called for the  
3 purpose to raise money for the following purposes: To  
4 create and maintain a fire department with all necessary  
5 equipments, appliances and apparatus for the prevention  
6 and extinguishment of fires; to light its streets and to  
7 procure water for fire, domestic and other purposes. And  
8 said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to  
9 contract with any individual, firm or corporation, to fur-  
10 nish lights and water either or both for the purposes  
11 aforesaid; to build, repair and maintain side-walks; to  
12 increase the length and efficiency of the schools within its  
13 limits; to maintain police and a night-watch; to set out,  
14 maintain and care for shade trees and for other necessary  
15 corporation charges.

SECT. 3. All moneys which shall be raised for the pur-  
2 poses aforesaid or for any other purposes, for which the  
3 corporation may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed  
4 upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the  
5 limits of the corporation by the assessors thereof, in the  
6 same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of  
7 town and county taxes. And said assessors may copy and  
8 adopt the last valuation of the property within said cor-  
9 poration as made by the assessors of said town of Poland  
10 and assess the tax thereon, or they may correct said val-  
11 uation, or make a new one thereof and assess the tax on  
12 that valuation, and may make abatement of taxes in the  
13 same manner as assessors of towns may do, but the tax  
14 on polls shall not exceed one dollar, at any one assess-  
15 ment, to any one person, in any one year. The whole  
16 tax assessed on property for all purposes, in any one year,

17 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent on the last val-  
18 nation, as made or adopted by the assessors of said cor-  
19 poration, and the aggregate indebtedness, which may be  
20 incurred by said corporation under and by authority of  
21 this charter, shall not exceed one per cent of the valuation  
22 aforesaid.

SECT. 4. The officers of said corporation shall be a  
2 clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector and fire  
3 wardens, who shall be chosen by ballot, and such other  
4 officers as the by-laws of said corporation may require.  
5 Said corporation is empowered to adopt, at any legal  
6 meeting, called for that purpose, a code of by laws for  
7 the government of the same, and for the management of  
8 its fire department aforesaid, and for the proper manage-  
9 ment of its prudential affairs and other purposes connected  
10 therewith, provided said by-laws are not repugnant to the  
11 laws of the State. The officers, aforesaid, shall be sworn  
12 before the clerk or a justice of the peace and the collector  
13 and treasurer shall each give bond to the inhabitants of  
14 said corporation, in such sum as the assessors may direct,  
15 which bonds shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

SECT. 5. Said assessors shall be the general municipal  
2 officers of said corporation and shall have general charge  
3 of its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein  
4 except so far as the same may be committed to other offi-  
5 cers or persons.

SECT. 6. Upon a certificate being filed with the asses-  
2 sors of said corporation, by the clerk thereof of the  
3 amount of money voted to be raised, at any meeting, for  
4 any of the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said  
5 assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon

6 the polls and estates of persons residing within said cor-  
7 poration, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors  
8 thereof, and to certify and deliver, the lists of the assess-  
9 ments so made, to the collector whose duty it shall be to  
10 collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes  
11 are by law collected by collectors for towns. And said  
12 collector shall pay over all moneys collected by him to  
13 the treasurer of said corporation, whenever the assessors  
14 shall so direct. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of  
15 said corporation to receive all money belonging to the  
16 corporation, and to pay it out only upon the written order  
17 or direction of the assessors, and to keep a regular  
18 account of all moneys received and paid out, and to  
19 exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested.  
20 And said corporation shall have the same power to direct  
21 the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the  
22 collection of town taxes. And said collector shall have  
23 the same rights and powers to recover any taxes com-  
24 mitted to him, by suit that town collectors have by law  
25 to recover any taxes committed to them, and the corpora-  
26 tion shall have the same rights that towns have by  
27 law to recover taxes by suit.

SECT. 7. All persons, residing within the limits of said  
2 corporation, who would be legal voters in said town of  
3 Poland, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said cor-  
4 poration.

SECT. 8. Addison E. True, W. W. Waterman, Charles  
2 N. Burns, S. J. Jewett, or either of them are hereby  
3 authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation to  
4 vote upon the acceptance of this charter and to notify the  
5 legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and

6 place, within the limits of said corporation, by posting  
7 up a notice thereof in some public and conspicuous place,  
8 within its limits, stating the objects of the meeting, seven  
9 days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.  
10 The first election of the officers provided for in this char-  
11 ter shall be at a meeting of the legal voters of said cor-  
12 poration, called to accept this charter.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved by  
2 the Governor so far as to empower the first meeting of  
3 said corporation to be called, and if this charter shall be  
4 accepted at said first meeting of said corporation by a  
5 majority of the legal voters of said corporation, then the  
6 same shall take a full and complete effect in all its parts.  
7 If this charter is not accepted at said first meeting, then  
8 either of the persons named in the foregoing section, is  
9 hereby authorized to call one other meeting for that pur-  
10 pose at any time after six months from the holding of the  
11 first meeting by giving a like notice therefor. After the  
12 adoption of this charter the assessors shall call the meet-  
13 ings of the corporation by posting up notices thereof at  
14 some public and conspicuous place, within the limits of  
15 said corporation, stating the object, time and place of  
16 each meeting, seven days, at least, before the time  
17 appointed for the meeting. The annual meetings for the  
18 election of officers of said corporation, after the first,  
19 shall be held in the month of March of each year. In  
20 case the assessors of said corporation unreasonably refuse  
21 to call a meeting, any justice of the peace may call a  
22 meeting of the corporation, on petition of ten legal voters,  
23 by posting a notice in the manner hereinbefore provided.  
24 Either of the persons named in section eight may call to

25 order the meeting or meetings for the acceptance of this  
26 charter, and preside at the same until a moderator is  
27 chosen by ballot.

SECT. 10. The fire wardens shall have exclusively,  
2 all the power and authority within the limits of said cor-  
3 poration that fire wardens have, or may have, chosen by  
4 towns in town meeting. The compensation of all the  
5 officers herein provided for shall be fixed by the corporation.

SECT. 11. The acceptance of this charter as herein pro-  
2 vided and the organization of said corporation under and  
3 by virtue of the same within one year after its approval  
4 by the Governor, shall relieve the inhabitants of the terri-  
5 tory embraced within its limits or any portion thereof  
6 from all liability of being incorporated by and under  
7 authority of any charter heretofore granted, which includes  
8 within its limits any portion of the territory embraced  
9 within the limits covered by this charter unless such  
10 former charter shall have been accepted, and an organiza-  
11 tion made under the same as provided in such former  
12 charter prior to the acceptance of any organization under  
13 this charter as herein provided.



## STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Legal Affairs to which was referred the petition of A. E. True and others praying that a charter be granted to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Village Corporation in Poland have had the same under consideration, and the majority of said Committee ask leave to report a bill which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Village Corporation in Poland," and that the same ought to pass.

W. S. HAINES,  
H. W. MAYO,  
J. M. LIBBY,  
GEORGE R. FULLER,  
M. N. DREW,  
E. F. GENTLEMAN,  
J. H. DRUMMOND, JR.,  
F. L. NOBLE.

## STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Legal Affairs to which was referred the petition of A. E. True and others praying for an act granting a charter to Mechanics Falls Village Corporation have had the same under consideration, and the minority of said committee ask leave to report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

C. A. HARRINGTON,  
HERSEY.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 5, 1891.

Pending acceptance report laid on table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*