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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 361.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The land in the towns of Rumford and
2 Peru embraced within the following limits, viz:

Commencing in the town of Rumford at the north-
4 east corner of the old Joshua Hall farm now owned by
5 F. A. Porter (on the westerly bank of Swift river),
6 thence westerly by the said Porter's north line to the
7 easterly line of Second Division of lot number ten (10)
8 in Rumford; thence southerly by the east line of said lot
9 number ten (10) to the southeast corner thereof; thence
10 westerly by the north line of the old Seth P. Abbott
11 farm now owned by Waldo Pettengill to the northwest

12 corner thereof; thence southerly and easterly by the
13 boundaries of said Abbott farm to the northwesterly cor-
14 ner of the old Nathan Knapp farm; thence southerly by
15 west line of said farm to the land of Albert and Abbott
16 Virgin; thence easterly and southerly by said Virgin's
17 land to the Androscoggin river (above the falls); thence
18 across said river to the easterly bank thereof and thence
19 southerly by the said easterly bank to the north line of
20 Elisha D. Fuller's farm; thence easterly by said Fuller's
21 north line to the easterly line of the town of Rumford;
22 thence northerly by the town line between Rumford and
23 Peru to the northwest corner of C. F. Smith's farm in
24 the town of Peru; thence easterly by said Smith's north
25 line to the Androscoggin river; thence northerly and
26 westerly by the Androscoggin river to the mouth of
27 Swift river; thence northerly by Swift river to the bound
28 begun at, together with the inhabitants thereof, be and
29 the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate
30 by the name of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

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 engines, equipments, appliances and apparatus for the pre-
6 vention and extinguishment of fires; to light its streets,
7 and to procure water for fire and municipal 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 maintain a suitable and sufficient police
12 force and night watch and to increase the efficiency of the
13 town board of health within the limits of said village
14 corporation.

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 as hereinafter defined,
5 embraced within the limits of the corporation by the
6 assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided by
7 law for the assessment of town and county taxes, and
8 said assessors may copy and adopt the last valuation of
9 the property within said corporation as made by the
10 assessors of said towns of Peru and Rumford respect-
11 ively and assess the tax thereon, or they may correct
12 said valuation, or may make a new one thereof and assess
13 the tax on that valuation, and may make abatements of
14 taxes in the same manner as assessors of towns may do,
15 but the tax on polls shall not exceed one dollar, at any
16 one assessment, to any one person, in any one year. The
17 whole amount of money to be raised by said corporation
18 for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed the sum
19 of four thousand dollars.

SECT. 4. The officers of said corporation shall be
2 clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector and fire
3 wardens, who shall be chosen by ballot, and such othe
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 con-
10 nected therewith, provided said by-laws are not repug-
11 nant to the laws of the State. The officers aforesaid shall
12 be sworn before the clerk or a justice of the peace and
13 the collector and treasurer shall each give bond to the
14 inhabitants of said corporation, in such sum as the asses-
15 sors may direct, which bonds shall be approved by the
16 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 expenditures of all money therein,
4 except so far as the same may be committed to other offi-
5 cers or persons.

SECT. 6. The fire wardens shall have exclusively all
2 the power and authority within the limits of said corpora-
3 tion that fire wardens have, or may have, chosen by towns
4 in town meeting. The compensation of all the officers
5 herein provided for shall be fixed by the corporation.

SECT. 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the asses-
2 sors of said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount
3 of money voted to be raised at any meeting, for any of the
4 purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as
5 soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and
6 estates of persons residing within said corporation not

7 exempt therefrom by the provisions of section eight (8),
8 and upon the estates of the value of two hundred dollars
9 or more, of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to cer-
10 tify and deliver the lists of the assessments so made to
11 the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same
12 in like manner as county and town taxes are by law col-
13 lected by collectors for towns. And said collector shall
14 pay over all moneys collected by him to the treasurer of
15 said corporation, whenever the assessors shall so direct.
16 It shall be the duty of the treasurer of said corporation to
17 receive all money belonging to the corporation, and to pay
18 it out only upon the written order or direction of the as-
19 sessors, and to keep a regular account of all moneys re-
20 ceived and paid out, and to exhibit the same to
21 the assessors whenever requested. And said corpora-
22 tion shall have the same power to direct the mode of col-
23 lecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town
24 taxes. And said collector shall have the same rights and
25 powers to recover any taxes committed to him, by suit
26 that town collectors have by law to recover any taxes
27 committed to them, and the corporation shall have the
28 same rights that towns have by law to recover taxes by
29 suit.

SECT. 8. All persons residing within the limits of said
2 corporation who would be legal voters in either the towns
3 of Rumford or Peru and who at any time when a meeting
4 of said corporation is called, own property, real or per-
5 sonal, within the limits of said corporation subject to

6 taxation of the value of two hundred dollars or more,
7 shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.
8 And no such person not owning property as aforesaid
9 shall be entitled to vote in corporation affairs, nor shall
10 he or any other person residing within the limits of said
11 corporation and not owing property as aforesaid, be sub-
12 ject, in person or estate, to any tax to be assessed under
13 this charter.

SECT. 9. John H. Wardwell, Garret Schenck, A. E.
2 Morrison, Henry Nelson, or any two 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
5 the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time
6 and place, within the limits of said corporation, by post-
7 ing up a notice thereof in two or more public and
8 conspicuous places, within its limits, stating the objects
9 of the meeting, seven days at least before the time
10 appointed for said meeting. The first election of the
11 officers provided for in this charter, shall be at a meeting
12 of the legal voters of said corporation, called to accept
13 this charter. But if for any reason such officers shall
14 fail to be elected at such meeting they may be elected at
15 a subsequent meeting called for that purpose.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved by
2 the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said
3 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 present

6 and voting at said meeting, then the same shall take full
7 and complete effect in all its parts. If this charter is
8 not accepted at said first meeting, then the persons
9 named in the foregoing section, or any two of them, are
10 hereby authorized to call two other meetings for that
11 purpose at any time within six months from the holding
12 of the first meeting by giving a like notice therefor.
13 After the adoption of this charter the assessors shall call
14 the meetings of the corporation by posting up notices
15 thereof at two public and conspicuous places, within the
16 limits of said corporation, stating the object, time and
17 place of each meeting, seven days at least before the time
18 appointed for the meeting.

The annual meetings for the election of officers of said
20 corporation, after the first, shall be held in the month of
21 March in each year. In case the assessors of said cor-
22 poration unreasonably refuse to call a meeting, any
23 justice of the peace may call a meeting of the corpora-
24 ation, on petition of ten legal voters by posting notices
25 in the manner hereinbefore provided. Either of the
26 persons named in section nine may call to order the
27 the meeting or meetings for the acceptance of this
28 charter, and preside at the same until a moderator is
29 chosen by ballot.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 20, 1893.

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*