

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 348.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Harpswell Village Corporation.

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

Section. 1. The territory in the town of Harpswell known  
2 as "Harpswell Neck," including all that part of Harpswell  
3 south of the Brunswick line and west of Merriconeag sound,  
4 and including the islands belonging to said town west of Mark  
5 island, and in the Middle bay, so called, with the inhabitants  
6 thereon, is hereby created a body politic by the name of the  
7 "Harpswell Village Corporation," with all the rights and  
8 privileges granted by the laws of the State to corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation within its territorial limits, is  
2 hereby authorized and vested with power at any legal meet-  
3 ing called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the  
4 expense of a police and all other necessary regulations for

5 the better security of property and the promotion of good  
6 order within its limits; for the purchase of apparatus for the  
7 extinguishment of fires; for the construction of reservoirs  
8 to supply water; and the maintenance of a fire department.  
9 Said corporation may receive, hold, and manage gifts and  
10 devises for the purpose of public improvements within said  
11 territory.

Sect. 3. Said corporation at a legal meeting duly notified  
2 and called for that purpose, may by a vote of two-thirds of  
3 the legal voters present and voting, raise by tax or loan such  
4 sum of money as said corporation shall deem expedient, not  
5 exceeding ten thousand dollars, and may appropriate the  
6 same in such manner and on such terms as said corporation  
7 may determine, to aid in the construction of a steam or  
8 electric railroad from Brunswick village to Potts' Point in  
9 said Harpswell, provided that the sum so raised shall not  
10 exceed the limitation contained in article twenty-two of the  
11 constitution of this State.

Sect. 4. Money raised by said corporation for any lawful  
2 purpose, including that to pay any loan obtained by section  
3 three, shall be assessed upon the property and polls, within  
4 the territory aforesaid, by its assessors, in the same manner  
5 in which the town taxes are assessed. The assessors may  
6 copy the last valuations of said property made by the  
7 assessors of the town of Harpswell, and assess the tax  
8 thereon; or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct  
9 said valuations, or make a new valuation thereof according  
10 to the principles established by the last State tax, and assess  
11 the tax on that valuation, and may make abatements on  
12 taxes assessed in the same manner as assessors of towns  
13 may do.

Sect. 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors  
2 of the corporation by the clerk thereof, showing the amount

3 of money lawfully raised at any meeting, they shall proceed  
4 as soon as may be to assess the same upon the polls and  
5 estates of the persons residing, or embraced within the  
6 limits of the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates located  
7 therein of non-resident proprietors, and the assessment so  
8 made, as well as the assessment of money to repay any loan  
9 of said corporation, with interest thereon, shall be certified  
10 and delivered to the collector of said corporation, who shall  
11 collect the same as town taxes are collected, and pay the  
12 same within such time as his warrant shall prescribe, to the  
13 corporation treasurer; and said collector shall have the  
14 same power and authority in collecting the taxes so assessed  
15 as a constable, or town collector, has by law for collecting  
16 town and county taxes, and shall enforce payment of the  
17 same in the same manner as a town constable, or town col-  
18 lector, is required to do by law, and the said corporation  
19 shall have the same powers to direct the mode of collecting  
20 taxes as towns have in the collection thereof.

Sect. 6. All moneys received by said corporation from  
2 taxation, or loan, or from any other source, shall be paid to  
3 the treasurer, and he shall receive the same and pay it out on  
4 the orders of the assessors, for legitimate expenses of the  
5 corporation, and other purposes for which it may be  
6 obtained, and shall keep regular accounts of all his official  
7 transactions, and exhibit the same to the assessors when  
8 requested, and make report to each meeting of the corpora-  
9 tion at which officers are chosen.

Sect. 7. Said corporation may issue its bonds for money  
2 obtained under the provisions of the third section of this  
3 act, or may issue its notes therefor; such bonds or notes  
4 shall be signed by the assessors and treasurer, and shall be  
5 upon such time, and bear such rate of interest as said corpo-  
6 ration may find expedient.

Sect. 8. Said corporation at any legal meeting may adopt  
2 a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this State,  
3 nor to its charter, for the efficient management of its affairs.

Sect. 9. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a  
2 clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other  
3 officers as its by-laws may provide for, and said officers shall  
4 hold office for one year from the date of their election, and  
5 afterwards until their successors are chosen and qualified,  
6 and shall severally have all the powers and authority within  
7 the limits of said corporation that similar officers chosen by  
8 towns now have or may have; said officers shall be chosen  
9 by ballot at an annual meeting to be held in the month of  
10 April, at a place and time to be designated by the by-laws of  
11 said corporation.

Sect. 10. The clerk shall record all the doings and pro-  
2 ceedings at the meetings of the corporation.

Sect. 11. The collector and treasurer shall each give bond  
2 with such sureties as the assessors of the corporation may  
3 approve of, in a sum not less than double the amount of the  
4 taxes raised as aforesaid, to the inhabitants of the corpora-  
5 tion, for the faithful performance of their duties, and said  
6 bonds shall be approved in writing by the assessors, and  
7 thereafter deposited and retained by the clerk.

Sect. 12. This charter may be accepted at any time within  
2 three years from its approval by the governor, and its rejec-  
3 tion in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in  
4 any later calendar year during the time aforesaid. Thomas  
5 E. Skolfield or Jacob B. Pinkham, or either of them, may  
6 call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous  
7 to the acceptance of this charter, by publishing the time,  
8 place, and objects of said meeting in a newspaper printed in  
9 Brunswick fourteen days at least before the time of holding

10 the meeting, and by posting a similar notice in at least three  
11 public and conspicuous places in said territory, at least  
12 seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and all  
13 subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the  
14 assessors as town meetings are called and notified, unless  
15 said corporation shall otherwise define the manner  
16 of calling and notifying its meetings.

Sect. 13. 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 said  
4 corporation.

Sect. 14. At any meeting prescribed in section twelve 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 said  
5 meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question of  
6 accepting this charter, and if two-thirds of all the legal  
7 voters present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor  
8 of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said corpora-  
9 tion may immediately after said vote is declared, proceed  
10 to the election of officers and the adoption of by-laws as  
11 provided by sections eight and nine of this act.

Sect. 15. This act shall not destroy or abridge any right,  
2 power, or duty of the town of Harpswell.

Sect. 16. This act shall take effect when approved by the  
2 governor, but shall not bind the inhabitants of the territory  
3 aforesaid until its acceptance by them as hereinbefore pro-  
4 vided.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*