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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 189

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the Northport Wesleyan
Grove Campmeeting Association.

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

Section 1. Chapter 319 of the Private and Special Laws of
2 the State of Maine for the year 1873, being an act to incor-
3 porate the Northport Wesleyan Campmeeting Association,
4 is hereby amended so that all the words of section one of
5 said act beginning with "George Pratt" and ending with
6 "successors" and all words intervening be stricken out and
7 the following words inserted: 'Isaac H. W. Wharff, Henry
8 B. Dunbar, Frank H. Nickerson, Norris E. Bragg, Gardner L.
9 Farrand, Nathan A. Nickerson and Thomas F. Jones, trustees,
10 their associates and successors, the preachers of the East Me.
11 Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, their asso-

12 ciates and successors, with one representative from each Meth-
13 odist Episcopal Church or society having a society cottage or
14 lot on the campground, also representatives from the owners
15 of private cottages to the number of one-fourth of the number
16 of the Methodist Episcopal church or society cottages or lots
17 on campground, said representatives to be selected as set forth
18 in section 2 of this act, "are hereby constituted a body" etc.'

And after the words "fifty thousand dollars" insert, 'to build
20 and maintain streets, paths, walks, by-ways, parks, and sewers
21 for the draining of cottages and lands situated within the
22 bounds of the land of said association, and full power to con-
23 trol the same, with full control over the laying of all pipes
24 for furnishing water or gas, and setting poles for supplying
25 electricity for any purpose whatsoever, and also full control
26 of establishing all electric railroads within the bounds of the
27 property of said association.'

The following shall be inserted as section 2 of the amended
29 charter to read as follows :

'Sect. 2. The Methodist Episcopal churches or societies
31 having cottages or lots on the campground of said associa-
32 tion shall elect their representatives at the quarterly con-
33 ference or official board meeting held in their respective
34 churches at least seven days before the annual meeting of
35 said association. The private cottage owners shall meet for
36 the election of their representatives at least seven days before
37 the annual meeting of said association ; and at said meeting
38 of said private owners the whole number of votes cast for
39 the election of representatives to the annual meeting of said
40 campmeeting association shall not exceed the number of
41 private cottages within the association bounds, but no pri-
42 vate owner of a cottage or cottages shall have more than
43 one vote. The number of representatives chosen by said

44 private cottage owners shall not exceed one-fourth the num-
45 ber of Methodist Episcopal church or society cottages or
46 lots on the said association campground.'

Sect. 2 of said act of 1873 shall be numbered 4, and amend-
48 ed by inserting after the words "pro rata among" the word,
49 'churches;' change "holders" to 'holding;' and change words
50 "of tent lots," in both places where used in this section to
51 'society lots;' so amended part of said section shall read,
52 'pro rata among churches holding society lots according to
53 their value as appraised by a committee chosen by said hold-
54 ers of society lots.'

The following shall be inserted as section 3, of the amended
56 charter to read as follows:

'Sect. 3. The words, "subject to such rules and regulations
58 as the association has adopted or may adopt from time to
59 time," used in all leases given by said association shall be
60 understood to mean: *First*—Said association shall have the
61 right to collect an admission fee to its said grounds when-
62 ever its trustees shall so elect, and the occupants of all lots
63 at such times are to be subject to the same charge as the
64 general public. *Second*—The premises conveyed by said
65 association are not to be used for any purposes of business
66 or as a public place of amusement, except by special vote of
67 the trustees and on such conditions as they may indicate.
68 No stable, pen for pigs, or other buildings, shed or pen,
69 from which unpleasant or disagreeable odors may come
70 shall be erected on the premises. *Third*—The occupants of
71 all lots shall at all times be subject to the rules of the asso-
72 ciation so far as they relate to the sale of merchandise on
73 the grounds of said association, sanitary and police regula-
74 tions.'

Sections 3 and 4 of the said act of 1873 shall be numbered
76 5 and 6, so the amended act shall read as follows:

Section 1. Isaac H. W. Wharff, Henry B. Dunbar, Frank
78 H. Nickerson, Norris E. Bragg, Gardner L. Farrand,
79 Nathan A. Nickerson and Thomas F. Jones, trustees, their
80 associates and successors; the preachers of the East Maine
81 Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, their asso-
82 ciates and successors; with one representative from each
83 Methodist Episcopal church or society having a society cot-
84 tage or lot on the campground, also representatives from the
85 owners of private cottages to the number of one-fourth of
86 the number of Methodist Episcopal church or society cot-
87 tages or lots on the campground, said representatives to be
88 elected or selected as set forth in section 2 of this act, are
89 hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the
90 name of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Campmeeting As-
91 sociation, with full power by that name to sue and be sued,
92 to plead and be impleaded, to take and hold by gift or pur-
93 chase, property, real and personal, to the amount not ex-
94 ceeding fifty thousand dollars, to build and maintain streets,
95 paths, walks, by-ways, parks, and sewers for the drainage of
96 cottages and lands situated within the bounds of the lands
97 of said association and full power to control the same, with
98 full control over the laying of all pipes for furnishing water
99 or gas, and setting poles for supplying electricity for any
100 purpose whatsoever, and also full control of establishing of
101 all electric railroads within the bounds of the property of
102 said association, to sell and convey the same and to establish
103 such by-laws and regulations as are necessary for the
104 further and proper management of their affairs, consistent
105 with the laws of this state.

Sect. 2. Methodist Episcopal churches or societies having
107 cottages or lots on the campground of said association shall
108 elect their representatives at the quarterly conference or

109 official board meeting held in their respective churches at
110 least seven days before the annual meeting of said asso-
111 ciation.

The private cottage owners shall meet for the election of
113 their representatives at least seven days before the annual
114 meeting of said association; and at said meeting of said
115 private cottage owners the whole number of votes cast for
116 the election of representatives to the annual meeting of the
117 said campmeeting association shall not exceed the number
118 of private cottages within the association bounds, but no
119 private owner of a cottage or cottages shall have more than
120 one vote. The number of representatives chosen by said
121 private cottage owners shall not exceed one-fourth the num-
122 ber of Methodist Episcopal church or society cottages or
123 lots on the said association campground.

Sect. 3. The words, "Subject to such rules and regulations
125 as the association have adopted or may adopt from time to
126 time," used in all leases given by said association shall be
127 understood to mean: *First*—Said association shall have
128 the right to collect an admission fee to its said grounds
129 whenever its trustees shall so elect, and the occupants of
130 all lots at such times are to be subject to the same charge
131 as the general public. *Second*—The premises conveyed by
132 said association are not to be used for any purpose of bus-
133 iness or as a public place of amusement, except by special
134 vote of the trustees and on such conditions as they may
135 indicate. No stable, pen for pigs, or other buildings, shed
136 or pen, from which unpleasant or disagreeable odors may
137 come shall be erected on the premises. *Third*—The occu-
138 pants of all lots shall at all times be subject to the rules of
139 the association so far as they relate to the sale of merchan-
140 dise on the grounds, of said association, sanitary and police
141 regulations.

Sect. 4. When the lands of said association shall cease to
143 be used, by it, as a place of religious worship, they shall be
144 sold and the proceeds of such sale divided pro rata among
145 churches holding society lots according to their value as
146 appraised by a committee chosen by said holders of society
147 lots by lease; notice of time and place of such meeting to be
148 given in one or more papers in Bangor and Belfast at least
149 three weeks before the time of such meeting.

Sect. 5. This association shall have the right to build and
151 extend into the tide waters on their lands, such wharves as
152 may be necessary to make the landing convenient.

Sect. 6. Any person named in this act may call the first
154 meeting of said association, by giving due notice.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*