

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 417

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Bethel Sewer Company.

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

Section 1. Chas. D. Hill, Addison E. Herrick, Eben S.
2 Kilborn, John M. Philbrook, Wm. W. Hastings, Josiah U.
3 Purington, Cyrus M. Wormwell, Seth Walker, Ira C. Jor-
4 dan, Edwin C. Rowe, Thos. F. Hastings and Calvin Bisbee,
5 all of Bethel in the county of Oxford and state of Maine, with
6 their associates and successors are hereby made a corporation,
7 by the name of the Bethel Sewer Company, for the purpose
8 of laying and maintaining sewers within the limits of the
9 Bethel Village Corporation in said town.

Sect. 2. Said corporation for said purposes, may hold real
2 and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, not
3 exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to lay down and maintain pipes, with all other convenient appliances, for collecting, conducting and discharging sewage and for disposing of the same, and may discharge said sewage into the Androscoggin river or any of its tributaries; and said corporation may take and hold by purchase or otherwise, any land or real estate necessary therefor, and may excavate through any land when necessary for this incorporation.

Sect. 4. 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 excavating through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes or fixtures.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be two thousand dollars, which may be increased to any sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and said stock shall be divided into shares of ten dollars each.

Sect. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down, in and through the streets and ways in said town of Bethel, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes 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 town.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with said town of Bethel, Bethel Village Corporation and with other corporations and individuals for the purposes of collecting and conducting and disposing of sewage as contemplated by said act; and said town of Bethel, by its selectmen, and said Bethel Village Corporation, by its assessors, are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the collecting, conducting and disposing of sewage; also for the conveyance to said company by said town or vil-

10 lage corporation of any sewers or interests therein which
11 they may now own, and for such exemption from public
12 burden as said town and Bethel Village Corporation and said
13 company may agree upon, which, when made shall be legal
14 and binding upon all parties thereto.

Sect. 8. Said corporation shall have power to cross any
2 water course, private or public sewer or to change the direc-
3 tion thereof when necessary for the purposes of their incor-
4 poration, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair
5 the use thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any
6 injury caused thereby.

Sect. 9. Said corporation shall have the right to determine
2 in what manner and upon what terms abutters upon the lines
3 of its pipes may enter and connect with it, and may establish
4 rules and regulations and a schedule of rates which may be
5 collected at regular periods.

Sect. 10. If any person shall connect any drain or sewer
2 with the pipes of said corporation without permission he for-
3 feits to the corporation the same amount, and to be recovered
4 in the same manner as provided in section 7, chapter 16, R.
5 S.; if any person wilfully or negligently violates any of said
6 rules or regulations or shall fail to pay his rate as required
7 said corporation may forthwith sever his connection with the
8 main sewer and declare his permit forfeited.

Sect. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be
2 called by a written notice thereof, signed by any five corpo-
3 rators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving
4 him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last usual
5 place of abode seven days before the time of meeting.

Sect. 12. All statutes now in force relative to the taking and
2 condemning land for the use of water companies shall apply
3 to this corporation.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 14, 1901.

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W. S. COTTON. *Clerk.*