

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 118

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT granting a new charter to the Farmington Village
Corporation.

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

Section I. The territory in the town of Farmington, com-
prising front lots Number twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-
3 six and twenty-seven, on the east side of Sandy river, together
4 with the inhabitants thereon, shall continue to be a body
5 politic and corporate by the name of the Farmington Village
6 Corporation, with all the rights and privileges provided by
7 the general laws of the State relating to corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested
2 with power at all legal meetings called for the purpose, to
3 raise money by taxation or loan, including the power to issue
4 bonds or notes therefor, for the following purposes:

To own, operate and maintain the entire water works and
6 rights acquired by purchase of the Farmington Water Com-
7 pany in accordance with chapter 434 of the Private and
8 Special Laws of Maine enacted by the Legislature of 1897,
9 and to make extensions, additions or improvements of the
10 same and to repair and rebuild the same anywhere within the
11 limits of the town of Farmington, and to adopt all rules and
12 regulations for operating said water works, including fixing
13 and establishing the water rates and shall hereafter own and
14 operate said Farmington Water Company's entire works and
15 rights, and exercise and enjoy and have all the rights and
16 franchise that was granted to said Farmington Water Com-
17 pany as fully as if granted to said Farmington Village Cor-
18 poration direct.

To organize and maintain an efficient fire department, and
20 to adopt all rules and regulations for governing the same.

To appoint by its assessors two or more persons annually
22 whose duties and power shall be the same as those of fire
23 wardens of towns.

To organize and maintain such a police department as may
25 be necessary for the security of property, the protection of
26 life, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its
27 corporation limits, and to adopt all rules and regulations
28 necessary for governing and controlling said department.

To purchase lands for village parks or commons, and to
30 expend money in the improvement of land used for this pur-
31 pose, and also to plant and care for shade trees.

To receive, hold and manage devises, bequests, or gifts for
33 any of the above purposes.

Also shall have exclusive authority to grant licenses for
35 exhibitions or shows within the limits of said corporation as
36 the municipal officers of the town now have by law, with the
37 right to collect the same fees for said licenses as are now
38 provided by law for like licenses by the municipal officers of
39 towns, and the same penalties and forfeitures may be enforced
40 by said corporation for exhibitions or shows within its limits
41 without license as are provided by law for exhibitions or
42 shows without license from the municipal officers of towns.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the pur-
2 poses aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls
3 within the territory aforesaid by the assessors of said corpo-
4 ration in the same manner as is by law provided for the
5 assessment of town taxes.

Sect. 4. After a vote of the said corporation to raise money
2 for any of the purposes enumerated in this charter, it shall
3 be the duty of the assessors as soon as may be, to assess said
4 amount upon the polls and estates of the persons residing in
5 the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident
6 proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver lists of assess-
7 ments so made, to the collector whose duty it shall be to col-
8 lect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by
9 law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treas-
10 urer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay
11 it out to order or direction of the corporation, and keep a
12 regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and
13 exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and
14 said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode
15 of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of
16 town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a
2 clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other
3 officers as the by-laws of the corporation may require the
4 assessors to appoint.

Sect. 6. Said corporation at the next annual meeting after 2 the adoption of this charter, or at any legal meeting called 3 for that purpose, shall adopt a code of by-laws not repugnant 4 to this charter or the laws of this State, for the efficient man- 5 agement of the municipal affairs of said corporation. The 6 by-laws aforesaid may be amended at any legal meeting of 7 the corporation called for that purpose.

Sect. 7. The assessors, clerk and treasurer of said corpo- 2 ration shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be 3 held in the month of January.

The clerk and treasurer shall hold office each for one year, 5 or until successors are chosen and qualified. The assessors 6 shall appoint a collector. At the first annual meeting of the 7 corporation after the adoption of this charter, one assessor 8 shall be elected by ballot for one year, one for two years, and 9 one for three years, and thereafter one assessor shall be 10 elected at each annual meeting for the term of three years.

Sect. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and 2 proceedings at the meetings of the said corporation.

Sect. 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in 2 double the amount of the taxes so raised, to the inhabitants 3 of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by the 4 assessors and clerk.

Sect. 10. The meetings of said corporation shall be called 2 by publishing the warrant of the assessors in any newspaper 3 printed within the limits of the corporation; the publication 4 of which shall be at least seven days before the time of hold- 5 ing said meeting; or by posting copies of said warrant in 6 three public places within the limits of said corporation, at 7 least seven days before said meeting.

If the assessors unreasonably refuse to call a meeting of 9 the corporation, any ten or more legal voters may apply to 10 a justice of the peace within the corporation, who may issue

11 his warrant for calling such meeting, as prescribed in the
12 statutes for calling town meetings.

Sect. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing
2 in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any
3 meeting of said corporation.

Sect. 12. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this
2 act, are hereby repealed. Provided, however, the repeal of
3 the said acts shall not affect any act done, or any act accru-
4 ing, or accrued, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced
5 in any civil case before the time when such repeal shall take
6 effect, under the acts hereby repealed, and before the time
7 when repeal shall take effect, shall be affected by the repeal.
8 And provided, also, that all persons who, at the time said
9 repeal shall take effect, shall hold any office under the said
10 acts or by-laws of the Farmington Village Corporation, shall
11 continue to hold the same until others are elected and quali-
12 fied in their stead, as provided in this act.

And provided, also, that all acts of legislature relating to
14 the Farmington Village Corporation and the by-laws, rules
15 and regulations of the Farmington Village Corporation in
16 force at time of the passage of this act if not inconsistent
17 therewith shall remain in force and are not repealed by this
18 act.

Sect. 13. This act shall be void unless at a legal meeting
2 of the corporation called for the purpose, the legal voters of
3 the corporation shall vote, by ballot on the question of accept-
4 ing this charter, and if a majority shall vote in favor of its
5 acceptance, then it shall take effect at the next annual (1904)
6 meeting of the corporation, and its officers shall be elected
7 according to its provisions.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 26, 1903.

Reported by Mr. STAPLES of Knox, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*