

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 334

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Wilton Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Wilton embraced
2 within the following limits: Beginning at a point on the
3 town line between Jay and Wilton, said point being the
4 southwesterly corner of lot numbered one hundred and fifty-
5 one according to the plan of lots of said town of Wilton,
6 thence northerly on the western line of lots numbered one
7 hundred fifty-one and one hundred thirty-five to a point
8 where said lot line intersects the highway leading over
9. Walker Hill so called; thence easterly on said highway to a

10 point where said highway intersects the highway leading
11 from Wilton Village to East Dixfield, thence northwesterly
12 on said highway leading from Wilton Village to East Dix-
13 field to land of Mrs. Philander Noyes, thence easterly on
14 said Noyes southerly line to shore of Wilson Lake, thence
15 northeasterly across said Wilson Lake to land of Horace
16 North; thence easterly on said North's southerly line to Weld
17 street, so called, thence northerly on said Weld street to
18 northwesterly corner of land of B. F. Russell, thence easterly
19 on said Russell's line to said Russell's northeasterly corner,
20 thence southerly on said Russell's line of land to land for-
21 merly owned or occupied by Horace D. Marble, thence east-
22 erly to said Marble's northeasterly corner; thence southerly
23 on line of land of said Marble to land of W. F. Adams;
24 thence easterly on said Adams' line to said Adams' northeast-
25 erly corner, thence southerly to said Adams' southeasterly
26 corner, thence in a straight line to the center of a stone cul-
27 vert over the Meadow Brook, so called, said culvert being in
28 the road leading from Dryden to East Wilton, and situated
29 easterly of the Maine Central Railroad, thence up said
30 Meadow Brook to the town line between Jay and Wilton,
31 thence westerly on said town line to place of beginning,
32 together with the inhabitants thereon is hereby created a
33 body politic and corporate by the name of the Wilton Village
34 Corporation with all the rights and privileges granted by the
35 laws of the state to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal
2 meeting called for the purpose to raise by assessment such
3 sums of money as may be deemed necessary and sufficient
4 for reorganizing and maintaining within the limits of said
5 corporation an efficient fire department; for building, pur-
6 chasing, renting, repairing and maintaining engine houses,
7 hook and ladder carriage houses and lock-ups or police sta-
8 tions; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire engine,
9 hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus for the
10 extinguishment and prevention of fire; for building, main-
11 taining and repairing sidewalks; for building, maintaining
12 and repairing sewers; for setting out and caring for shade
13 trees; for lighting streets; to pay for the services of one or
14 more police officers to whom the corporation may vote a
15 salary or other compensation and may receive, hold and
16 manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the above pur-
17 poses.

Sect. 3. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a
2 clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, each of said asses-
3 sors shall be an owner of real estate within the corporation
4 limits and shall serve one year without compensation, and
5 such other officers or agents of the corporation provided for
6 by its by-laws, shall be appointed by the assessors; and said
7 officers shall hold office for one year from the date of their
8 election or until their successors are chosen and qualified, and
9 shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority

10 within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers,
11 chosen by towns, now have or may have.

Sect. 4. Said assessors shall be the general municipal offi-
2 cers of said corporation, and shall have charge of its affairs
3 and of the expenditure of money therein.

Sect. 5. Said police officers and night watchman shall have,
2 within the limits of said corporation, the power of constable
3 in matters criminal or relating to the by-laws and ordinances
4 of said corporation.

Sect. 6. All moneys which may be raised by taxation by
2 said corporation for the purposes aforesaid shall be assessed
3 upon the property and polls within the territory, by the
4 assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is pro-
5 vided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes,
6 provided that it shall not be legal for this corporation to
7 assess polls exceeding two dollars; and said assessors may
8 impose the last valuation of said property by the assessors of
9 the town of Wilton and assess the tax thereon or may cor-
10 rect said valuation or make a new one thereof, and assess
11 the tax on that valuation, and may abate any tax by them so
12 assessed.

Sect. 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of
3 money raised at any legal meeting of the inhabitants thereof
4 for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said asses-
5 sors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the tax-
6 able polls and estates embraced within the limits of said cor-

7 poration, and the assessment so made to certify and deliver
8 to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty
9 it shall be to collect the same in like manner as town and
10 county taxes are collected in towns, and the said corporation's
11 collector or treasurer shall have the same power and author-
12 ity in collecting the tax so assessed, as a constable or town
13 collector has by law for collecting town and county taxes,
14 and shall enforce payment of the same in the same manner
15 as a town constable or town collector is required to do by
16 law, and the said corporation shall have the same power to
17 direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the
18 collection of taxes.

Sect. 8. All moneys payable to said corporation for any
2 purpose as well as all moneys derived from taxation, or any
3 source, shall be paid to the treasurer of the corporation and
4 received and held by him for the use of the corporation. The
5 treasurer shall pay therefrom upon written order of the asses-
6 sors, and no such order shall be drawn by them except upon
7 a properly avouched bill of items. The collector, and when
8 required, the treasurer, shall give bonds in such sums as the
9 corporation may direct, to be approved by the assessors.

Sect. 9. Said corporation, at any legal meeting called for
2 that purpose, may adopt by-laws and make all needful rules
3 and ordinances for the organization and government of said
4 corporation, not repugnant to the laws of the state.

Sect. 10. F. J. Goodspeed, G. H. Bass and J. E. Hiscock or
2 either of them are hereby authorized to call the first meeting

3 of the said corporation and to notify the legal voters thereof
4 to meet at some suitable time and place, within the limits
5 aforesaid, by posting notices in two public and conspicuous
6 places within said limits, seven days at least before the time
7 of said meeting, and either of said persons are authorized
8 to preside at said meeting until after its organization and
9 after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn,
10 and at all meetings of said corporation, a moderator shall be
11 chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town
12 meetings.

Sect. 11. The first election of officers of this corporation
2 shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation
3 called to accept this charter and the annual election of offi-
4 cers shall be the month of January.

Sect. 12. 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. 13. 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.

Sect. 14. In the meeting prescribed in section ten of this
2 act for the first meeting of said corporation the legal voters
3 shall vote by ballot on the question of the acceptance of the
4 charter and if the majority shall vote in favor of its accept-
5 ance then it shall take effect in all its parts and the corpora-

tion shall proceed to organize and choose its officers. There
shall be but one meeting called each year for the purpose of
the acceptance of this charter.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 28, 1907.

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ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*