

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 117

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Stockholm Water Company.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Allen Quimby, N. A. Wessell, M. P. Milliken,
2 Lewis Anderson, John Anderson and Olaf Lind, and such
3 persons as they may associate with themselves in the enter-
4 prise, and their successors, are hereby incorporated into a
5 corporation by the name of the Stockholm Water Company,
6 for the purpose of supplying the town of Stockholm, in the
7 county of Aroostook, and the inhabitants of said town, with
8 pure water for industrial, manufacturing, domestic, sani-
9 tary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishment
10 of fires.

Sect. 2. Said company, for said purposes, may detain,
2 collect, take, store, use and distribute water from the Little
3 Madawaska river, or any other water source or sources, in
4 said town of Stockholm.

Sect. 3. Said company is hereby authorized to lay, con-
2 struct, and maintain in, through, along and across the high-
3 ways, ways, streets, bridges in said town, and to take up,
4 replace and repair all such sluices, aqueducts, pipes, hydrants
5 and structures as may be necessary for the purposes of their
6 incorporation, under such reasonable restrictions and con-
7 ditions as the selectmen may impose, and said company shall
8 be responsible for all damages to all corporations, persons
9 and property occasioned by the use of such highways and
10 streets, and shall pay to said town all sums recovered against
11 said town for damages from obstruction caused by said cor-
12 poration, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel
13 fees incurred in defending such suits with interest on the
14 same.

Sect. 4. Said company shall have power to cross any water
2 course, public or private sewer, or to change the direction
3 thereof when necessary for the purpose of their corporation,
4 but in such manner as not to obstruct and impair the use
5 thereof, and said company shall be liable for any injury
6 caused thereby. Whenever said company shall lay down any
7 fixture in any highway, way or street, or make any altera-
8 tion or repairs upon its works in any highway, way or street,
9 it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction

10 to public travel as may be practicable, and shall, at its own
11 expense, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and
12 pavements thus removed by it, to be replaced in proper con-
13 dition.

Sect. 5. Said company is hereby authorized to lay, con-
2 struct and maintain its pipes under the highways, ways and
3 streets in said Stockholm, and build and maintain all neces-
4 sary structures thereof, to build dams and reservoirs for
5 storage of water across any river, brook or stream in said
6 Stockholm.

Sect. 6. Said company may take and hold any lands neces-
2 sary for reservoirs, dams, hydrants and other necessary
3 structures, and may locate, lay and maintain pipes, hydrants
4 and other necessary structures and fixtures in, over and
5 through any land for its purposes, also excavate in and
6 through such lands for such locations, construction and main-
7 tenance. It may enter upon such lands to make surveys and
8 locations and shall file in the office of the county commis-
9 sioners of Aroostook County and record in the registry of
10 deeds in said county of Aroostook, plans of the location of
11 all lands or interests therein or water rights to be taken with
12 an appropriate description and names of the owners thereof.
13 No entry shall be made on any private lands, except to make
14 surveys, until the expiration of ten days from such filing,
15 whereon possession may be had of all said lands or in-
16 terests therein or water rights so taken but title thereto shall
17 not vest in said company until payment therefor.

Sect. 7. Should the said company and the owner of such
2 land, be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for such
3 location, taking, holding and construction, either party upon
4 petition to the county commissioners of said county of Aroos-
5 took may have said damages assessed by them; the proce-
6 dure and all subsequent proceedings and right of appeal
7 thereon shall be had under the same conditions, restrictions
8 and limitations, as are by law prescribed in the case of dam-
9 ages by the laying out of highways.

Sect. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make
2 contracts with the United States, and with corporations and
3 inhabitants of said town of Stockholm or any village cor-
4 poration or association in said town, for the purpose of sup-
5 plying water as contemplated by this act, and said town of
6 Stockholm, or part thereof, is hereby authorized by its se-
7 lectmen to enter into contract with said company for a supply
8 of water for any and all purposes mentioned in this act, and
9 any village corporation in said town through its assessors is
10 also authorized to contract with said company for water for
11 all public purposes.

Sect. 9. Whoever shall wilfully or maliciously corrupt the
2 water of said company, whether frozen or not, or in any
3 way render such water impure, or whoever shall wilfully or
4 maliciously injure any of the works of said company, shall
5 be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or
6 by imprisonment not exceeding two years, and shall be liable

7 to said company for three times the actual damage, to be
8 recovered in any proper action.

Sect. 10. The capital stock of said corporation shall be ten
2 thousand dollars, which may be increased to fifty thousand
3 dollars by a vote of said company, and said stock shall be
4 divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Sect. 11. Said company for all its said purposes may hold
2 real and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor.

Sect. 12. Said company may issue its bonds for the con-
2 struction of its works of any and all kinds, upon such rates
3 and time as it may deem expedient, not exceeding the sum
4 of fifty thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage
5 of the franchise and property of said company.

Sect. 13. The first meeting of said company may be called
2 by a written notice thereof, signed by any one corporator
3 herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him
4 the same in hand or by leaving the same at his last and usual
5 place of abode, seven days before the time of said meeting.