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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 706

House of Representatives, March 13, 1915. Reported by Mr. Greeley from Committee on Towns, and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the North Bridgton Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Bridgton embraced

- 2 within the following limits: Commencing on the northerly
- 3 shore of Long lake at the mouth of Moose Pond brook;
- 4 run northerly by said brook to the northerly line of home-
- 5 stead premises of Freeman H. Brown at the time of his
- 6 decease; thence westerly on said line of said Brown prem-
- 7 ises and northerly line of homestead premises of Joseph N.
- 8 Adams to the North Bridgton and Waterford road (so
- 9 called), thence westerly by northerly line of pasture land
- 10 of Elton B. York and northerly line of land of Luther Monk
- 11 to the North Bridgton and Sweden road (so called), thence

12 westerly by northerly line of land of George S. Marr to 13 easterly line of homestead farm of George E. Chadbourne; 14 thence southerly by said line of said Chadbourne farm and 15 westerly line of said Marr land to the Chadbourne Hill or 16 Ridge road (so called); thence easterly by said last named 17 road to westerly line of land of Bridgton Academy; thence 18 southerly by said line of said Bridgton Academy land and 10 westerly line of homestead premises of Elsie L. Moore at 20 time of her decease and westerly line of homestead prem-21 ises of Joseph W. Witham to southwesterly corner thereof; 22 thence southerly across homestead premises of Henry W. 23 Evans to the northwesterly corner of house lot of Augusta 24 Ward; thence southerly by westerly line of said Ward lot, 25 westerly line of land of Helen B. Randolph and westerly 26 line of land of Gertrude Adams to northerly line of home-27 stead premises of Dr. W. N. Decker; thence easterly by 28 said line of said Decker premises to the Bridgton Center 29 and North Bridgton road (so called); thence southerly by 30 said last named road to the southwesterly corner of a small 31 field on the easterly side thereof owned by James C. Mead 32 at the time of his decease; thence easterly by the stone wall 33 on the southerly side of said field and thence onward on 34 same course as said wall to Long lake aforesaid and thence 35 northeasterly by said lake to the point of commencement; 36 together with the inhabitants thereon is hereby created a 37 body politic and corporate by name of North Bridgton Vil-38 lage Corporation.

- Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power 2 at any legal meeting called for the purpose to raise by as-3 sessment such sums of money as may be sufficient to pur-4 chase a fire engine, hose, ladders and other apparatus for 5 the extinguishment of fires and to organize and maintain 6 within the limits of said corporation an efficient fire depart-7 ment and to contract with individuals or corporation for 8 the supply of water under pressure for the extinguishment 9 of fires and to contract with individuals or corporations for 10 the lighting of the streets within said corporate limits and 11 to set out, maintain and care for shade trees.
- Sect. 3. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a 2 clerk, treasurer, collector and three assessors, and they shall 3 have the same power and authority that similar officers 4 chosen by towns now have. Other officers or agents of the 5 corporation shall be appointed by the assessors. The first 6 election of officers shall be at the meeting at which this char-7 ter is accepted. Said officers shall hold their respective 8 offices until the next annual meeting of the corporation at o which said meeting officers shall be elected and thereafter-10 wards at each annual meeting, but in any event all officers 11 duly elected shall hold office until their successors are elect-12 ed and duly qualified. The annual meeting of said corpo-13 ration shall be held on the third Wednesday of March in 14 each year. Said assessors shall be the general municipal 15 officers of said corporation and shall have general charge 16 of its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein,

17 except so far as the same may be committed to other offi-18 cers or persons. All persons residing within the limits of 19 said territory who are qualified by law to vote in town af-20 fairs in said town of Bridgton shall be legal voters at any 21 meeting of said corporation at which they are present.

Sect. 4. Any money raised by said corporation for the 2 purposes aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property and 3 polls within the territory aforesaid, by the assessors of said 4 corporation in the same manner as is provided by law for 5 the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assess-6 ors may copy the last valuation of said property and the 7 enumeration of polls within said territory by the assessors 8 of the town of Bridgton and assess the tax thereon, or they 9 may assess said tax on valuation and enumeration of polls 10 made by themselves, and may abate any tax by them as-

Sect. 5. 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 meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it 4 shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may be, to 5 assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons 6 residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of 7 non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver 8 to the collector of said corporation such assessment, whose 9 duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county 10 and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns.

Sect. 6. The said corporation at any legal meeting called 2 for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions not 3 inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the state, as 4 they may deem necessary for the better government of the 5 corporation, and such by-laws shall be subject to alterations 6 or additions only by a majority vote at a legal meeting called 7 for the purpose.

Sect. 7. All meetings of the corporation after the first 2 shall be called by warrant of the assessors stating time, place 3 and purposes of the meeting, a copy of which shall be posted 4 in a conspicuous place within its limits, seven days at least 5 prior to the meeting; and any special meeting of the corformation shall be so called by the assessors upon petition of 7 seven legal voters, stating the time, place and purposes of 8 meeting requested.

Sect. 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within 2 two years after granted and its rejection in any calendar 3 year shall not prevent its acceptance in the next calendar 4 year during the time aforesaid, but only one meeting to vote 5 thereon shall be held in any one calendar year. James E. 6 Bird, William H. Foster, Guy Monk and George S. Marr, 7 or any one of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants 8 of said territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, 9 by posting a notice, stating the time, place and object of said 10 meeting in at least one public place in said territory, at least 11 seven days, before the time of holding said meeting.

Sect. 9. In the meeting prescribed in section eight 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 a majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect in all its parts and the corpo-6 ration shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.