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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 434

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W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Wells Beach Lighting District.

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

Section 1. That part of the territory of the Town of
2 Wells in the County of York embraced within the following
3 limits:

Beginning at a point where the Lower Post Road crosses
5 Maryland river, so called; thence following line of western
6 division of the B. & M. R. R. to railroad crossing near the
7 former residence of Herbert Bragdon; thence running a
8 southwesterly course to Ogunquit river, at a point on said
9 river one thousand feet above the old dam near the resi-
10 dence of John Tebbitts; thence southeasterly by said river
11 and line of Ogunquit Village Corporation to the ocean;

12 thence by the ocean, northeasterly, to Maryland river;
13 thence by said river to the place of beginning, together with
14 the inhabitants within said territory is hereby created a body
15 politic and corporate by the name of Wells Beach Lighting
16 District.

Sect. 2. Said district is hereby authorized and vested with
2 the power to provide for the lighting of all roads, streets
3 or ways within its limits, and may establish, maintain or
4 discontinue any lights as may be necessary for the purpose
5 of lighting said district, and shall have authority to con-
6 tract with any individual, firm or corporation to furnish
7 light for purposes above mentioned.

Sect. 3. The officers of said corporation shall be a clerk,
2 three assessors and treasurer and collector, and the treas-
3 urer and collector may be one person, and may have such
4 other officers as the by-laws of the corporation may re-
5 quire. Said corporation is empowered to adopt, at any
6 legal meeting called for that purpose, a code of by-laws for
7 the government of the same, and for the proper management
8 of its prudential affairs and other purposes connected there-
9 with, provided said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws
10 of the State. Such code of by-laws may be altered or
11 amended at any legal meeting of the corporation in the call
12 for which notices of the proposed change have been given.
13 The officers aforesaid shall be sworn and the treasurer shall
14 give bond to said corporation in such sum as the assessors
15 may direct, which said bond shall be approved by the as-

16 sors. All persons residing within the limits of said dis-
17 trict who would be legal voters in the Town of Wells shall
18 be legal voters at any meeting of the corporation, and the
19 assessors of said corporation shall determine who are legal
20 voters. Any person who is a legal voter within the limits
21 of said district may be elected or appointed to any office
22 therein, but shall cease to hold said office whenever he
23 ceases to be a resident of said district.

Sect. 4. Said assessors shall be the general municipal of-
2 ficers of said corporation and shall have general charge of
3 the expenditure of all money raised under this Act. Said
4 assessors shall have the same authority, for the purposes of
5 the Act, to assess taxes on all property within said district,
6 as the assessors of the town now have, the same to be com-
7 puted on the valuation on the property within said district
8 as made annually by the assessors of the said town of Wells,
9 to be a charge against all property assessed, and payment
10 of such taxes to be enforced by the treasurer of said cor-
11 poration in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Ten
12 of the Revised Statutes of one thousand nine hundred and
13 three and amendments thereto.

Sect. 5. The first election of officers shall be at the meet-
2 ing at which this charter is accepted. Said officers shall
3 hold their respective offices until the next annual meeting
4 of the corporation, at which said meeting officers shall be
5 elected, and thereafter at each annual meeting. But in
6 any event all officers duly elected shall hold office until their

7 successors are duly elected and qualified. The annual meet-
8 ing of said corporation shall be held on the first Monday of
9 April of each year, and all assessments of taxes made under
10 this Act after the year nineteen fifteen shall be made as of
11 the same date, and for the year nineteen fifteen shall be
12 assessed as of date of acceptance of this charter.

Sect. 6. Whenever this charter shall be accepted by a ma-
2 jority of the voters of said district, present and voting at a
3 meeting called for that purpose, then the same shall take
4 and have effect in all its parts. This charter may be ac-
5 cepted as soon as a meeting may be legally called after this
6 Act shall become a law.

Sect. 7. Any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public in the
2 County of York may call a meeting of the corporation pre-
3 vious to the acceptance of this charter and the election of
4 officers, and notify the persons entitled to vote therein to
5 meet at some suitable time and place within the limits of
6 said district by posting notices in two places within said
7 district at least seven days before the time of holding said
8 meeting. All subsequent meetings shall be called and notified
9 by the assessors of said district as town meetings are called
10 and notified. Any legal voter in said district is authorized
11 to preside at any meeting previous to the acceptance of this
12 charter, until the meeting is organized and until a moder-
13 ator shall have been chosen and sworn. At all meetings of

14 the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the same
15 manner and with the same powers as moderators at town
16 meetings.