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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stone of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Codify and Amend Chapter Two Hundred and One of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-four, and Subsequent Amendments Thereto, Creating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory which lies westerly of Long pond
2 in the town of Bridgton, county of Cumberland, and em-
3 braced within the following described lines, the occupancy
4 of certain lots named herein being as existing and com-
5 monly known on the eighth day of March, eighteen hun-
6 dred and ninety-nine, namely: Beginning on the westerly
7 shore of said Long pond, at a point thereon where the
8 southerly range line of the fourteenth range of lots of said

9 town intersects said shore; thence westerly on said range
10 line, being northerly line of land of Mary G. Perley, about
11 forty-four rods to the southwesterly corner of the Eli Plum-
12 mer estate; thence north one degree west, eighty-nine rods
13 by the westerly line of said Plummer estate, to the north-
14 westerly corner thereof; thence south seventy degrees west,
15 one hundred twelve rods, running across the Delano road,
16 to a point on the east line of lot numbered eight in said
17 fourteenth range, being the northwesterly corner of land
18 of Hanson Fields and the southwesterly corner of the home-
19 stead lot of Martha M. Steadman; thence north twenty
20 degrees west, on the east end line of said lot numbered
21 eight in said fourteenth range, twenty-four and one-fifth
22 rods, to the northeasterly corner of said lot; thence north
23 thirty-two and one-half degrees west, on the east end line
24 of lot numbered eight in the thirteenth range of said town's
25 lots to the division corner thereon of land of Chester E.
26 Douglass and Lucinda C. Gray; thence south sixty-seven
27 and one-fourth degrees west, running at a distance of about
28 one hundred rods by the north line of said Chester E.
29 Douglass' land, to the center of the North Bridgton road
30 leading over Hoyt's hill; thence south about seventy de-
31 grees west, by the northerly line of land of Joshua F. Ben-
32 nett, eighty-seven rods to the southwest corner of land of
33 Augustus E. Douglass; thence north nine and one-half de-
34 grees west, by the westerly line of said Douglass' land,
35 twenty-seven rods to the southwest corner of lot numbered

36 seven in the twelfth range of said town's lots; thence north-
37 erly, to wit, north twenty-three and one-half degrees west,
38 and by the east end line of said lot seven in said twelfth
39 range, one hundred twenty-eight rods to the northeasterly
40 corner of said lot; thence south seventy-two degrees west,
41 and on the north range line of said lot seven in the twelfth
42 range, and running on the northerly side of George W.
43 Emery's homestead lot and across the Ridge road nearly
44 in front of said Emery's residence, a distance of fifty-two
45 rods, to the easterly shore of Highland lake; thence cross-
46 ing said Highland lake on said range line, to a point where
47 said line intersects the westerly shore line of said lake,
48 south of Little island; thence northerly by said Highland
49 lake's westerly shore, to the division corner thereon of land
50 of William H. Larrabee and A. Kimball Carsley; thence
51 south thirty-four and one-half degrees west by the north-
52 erly line of land of said Larrabee, thirty-six rods to the
53 center of North High street; thence south sixty-nine de-
54 grees west, on the northerly line of said Larrabee's land,
55 about one hundred sixty rods to a point on the west end
56 line of lot numbered six in the eleventh range of said town's
57 lots; thence southerly on the west end line of said lot six,
58 to the southwesterly corner of said lot; thence southerly
59 by the west end lines of lot numbered six in the twelfth
60 range, and lot numbered six in the thirteenth range, to the
61 southwesterly corner of said lot numbered six in said thir-
62 teenth range; thence easterly on the southerly range line

63 of said lot numbered six in the said thirteenth range, sev-
64 enty-eight rods to land of Walter S. Hazen; thence south
65 eighteen degrees east, eighteen rods, by said Hazen's west-
66 erly line, to the southwesterly corner of said Hazen's land;
67 thence north seventy-two degrees east, by the southerly line
68 of said Hazen's land, eighty-three rods to the center of
69 High street; thence due south, down the center of said
70 High street, eighteen and four-fifths rods to a point there-
71 in; thence north eighty-five degrees east, to the easterly
72 line of said High street, continuing on same course on the
73 northerly side line of land of Eben A. Cross, twenty-nine
74 rods to a jog in the line wall of a pasture lane; thence
75 due north, by said jog, one rod; thence north seventy-eight
76 degrees east, forty rods, thence north seventy degrees east,
77 fifty-eight rods, to a white pine tree standing on a point
78 on the westerly bank of Willett brook; thence on same
79 course, about eighteen rods, across said Willett brook, to
80 a post on the easterly bank thereof, and near the road bed
81 of the Bridgton and Saco River railroad; thence south
82 sixteen degrees east, and along the road bed of said rail-
83 road, eighty-nine and one-fifth rods, to a point midway be-
84 tween the rails of said railroad; thence north seventy-two
85 and one-fourth degrees east, nineteen and one-fifths rods to
86 a point on the easterly side line of Portland street, and at its
87 intersection with the center line of the Martin road; thence
88 on the same course up said Martin road, forty-seven and
89 two-fifths rods, to a point in the center thereof; thence

90 north seventy-nine and one-fourth degrees east, up the cen-
91 ter of said road, eighteen rods and twenty-two links to a
92 point; thence north seventy-one and one-half degrees east,
93 up the center of said road, twenty and three-fifths rods
94 to a point; thence north seventy-nine and three-fourths de-
95 grees east, thirty rods to the end of the wall on the north
96 side of the gate way leading out of the easterly side of
97 the door yard at the Martin homestead, into the pasture
98 of William H. Larrabee; thence north seventy-three and
99 one-fourth degrees east, thirty-six and one-half rods to
100 corner of land of said William H. Larrabee and the For-
101 est Mills Company; thence north seventy-eight degrees
102 east, on the division line of lands of said Larrabee and
103 said Forest Mills Company, twenty-four rods to their com-
104 mon corner in the mill pond of said company, just west-
105 erly of the Kansas road; thence north fifty-six degrees
106 east, crossing said road and running a distance of nine
107 and three-fifths rods, to the center of the southwesterly
108 outlet or waste way of said mill pond; thence down said
109 outlet, south about sixty-six degrees east, about eighteen
110 rods to the center of Stevens brook below the lower mill
111 of said Forest Mills Company; thence easterly, and down
112 the thread of said Stevens brook, to a point therein op-
113 posite an old spotted maple tree standing in a bend on
114 said brook's southerly bank, said maple being the west-
115 erly corner of the Levi Butters homestead; thence south-
116 erly to said spotted maple tree and from thence south sev-

117 enty-six degrees east, on the southerly line of said But-
118 ters homestead, thirty-two rods, crossing the Harte Tan-
119 nery road, to the southeasterly corner of said Butters'
120 homestead; the same being a stake and stones on the east-
121 erly side and near to said Harte Tannery road; thence
122 north twenty-four and one-half degrees east, seven and
123 one-fifth rods, to a stone corner on the easterly side of
124 said road, between land of said William H. Larrabee and
125 the Bridgton and Harrison Electric Company; thence east-
126 erly, south about eighty-one and one-half degrees east, by
127 the northerly line of said Larrabee's land, eighty-one rods
128 to said Long pond, together with the inhabitants thereon,
129 be and the same hereby is created a body politic and cor-
130 porate, by the name of the Bridgton Centre Village Cor-
131 poration.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with the
2 power, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, to raise
3 such sums of money as may be sufficient for the construc-
4 tion, purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire
5 engines, combination motor fire trucks, engine houses, hose,
6 buckets, ladders, ladder houses, and other apparatus for
7 the extinguishment of fire; for the construction of reser-
8 voirs and aqueducts; for the procuring of water for fire
9 purposes and for organizing within the limits of said ter-
10 ritory an efficient fire department; for the construction
11 and repair of sewers and a general sewerage system; for
12 lighting the streets and for furnishing and equipping one

13 or more police officers, night watchmen, or other officers,
14 within the limits of said corporation and for the purchase
15 and repair of any other object or thing deemed necessary
16 for enforcing or putting into effect any by-law which has
17 been or which may hereafter be adopted by said corporation.

Sect. 3. All money appropriated by said corporation for
2 the purposes herein enumerated shall be assessed upon the
3 property and polls, within said territory, by the assessors
4 of said corporation, hereinafter provided for, in the same
5 manner as it is provided by law for the assessment of town
6 taxes; provided, however, that the poll tax shall be assessed
7 at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents annually for each
8 taxable poll. Taxes shall be committed for collection and
9 shall be collected in the same manner as is now or here-
10 after may be provided by general law for the commitment
11 and collection of town taxes.

Sect. 4. The officers of said corporation shall consist of
2 a clerk, a treasurer, three or more assessors of taxes, tax
3 collector, auditor of accounts, engineers of the fire depart-
4 ment, seven or more fire police and such other officers as
5 may be now or hereafter provided for in the by-laws. They
6 shall be chosen and their duties defined in accordance with
7 the by-laws of the corporation. All persons holding office
8 in the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation, when this act
9 takes effect, shall continue in office until the expiration of
10 his term and until his successor is elected or appointed, un-

11 less a vacancy occurs by reason of death, resignation, re-
12 moval from the corporate limits or for any other cause.

Sect. 5. Said corporation may adopt by-laws or ordi-
2 nances, not inconsistent with law, and may enforce them
3 by suitable penalties, not exceeding five dollars, for each
4 violation, subject to the approval of a justice of the su-
5 preme judicial court, for the following purposes:

(a) For the regulation and government of the corpo-
2 ration, for the formation and management of an efficient
3 fire department and for defining and setting forth the duties
4 and the manner of election or appointment of all officers
5 of said corporation.

(b) For the appointment of police officers and for the
2 establishment of police regulations; for the prevention of
3 crime, protection of property and preservation of good
4 order.

(c) For the regulation, supervision and control of all
2 kinds of vehicles, on any street, park, parkway, or walk
3 within the limits of said corporation; and said corporation,
4 subject to the general laws of the state, shall have exclusive
5 jurisdiction in the control and supervision of all such
6 vehicular traffic. It shall be the sole authority to locate
7 traffic beacons, traffic lines, traffic signs of all descriptions,
8 and all other objects placed in or upon the streets or walks
9 of said corporation, for the purpose of assisting in direct-
10 ing traffic, or for carrying out any of the objects or pur-
11 poses of this act, and no such objects, placed as aforesaid,

12 if located in accordance with such by-laws and ordinances
13 shall be deemed defects or obstructions in or upon such
14 street or walk.

(d) Respecting the erection and repair of buildings in
2 said corporate limits, defining their proportions, dimensions
3 and the materials used in the construction and repair there-
4 of, and any building erected or repaired contrary to a by-
5 law or ordinance adopted under this provision, shall be
6 deemed a nuisance.

(e) For the protection of persons against injury from
2 the sliding of snow and ice from roofs of buildings; for
3 keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and other obstructions,
4 regulating the use thereof and for the proper protection
5 and care of public parks and squares and of all monuments,
6 statutes and erections therein.

(f) For the protection against fire by prohibiting the
2 accumulation of any debris, waste or inflammable material
3 in any place where such accumulation would tend to create
4 a situation from which fire might result.

(g) To prevent the accumulation of any material what-
2 soever within the limits of the highway, which would tend
3 to mar the general beauty of the landscape, or which would
4 be a menace to the public health or safety of the corpo-
5 ration or of any section thereof.

(h) For regulating the sale of all kinds of merchandise
2 by peddlers and hawkers, so called, by providing that no
3 person not having a regular bona fide place of business in

4 the corporation in which he carries a stock of merchandise
5 upon which he pays a tax, shall be allowed to sell or take
6 orders for any kind of goods by means of a house to house
7 canvass or from any vehicle, temporary structure, or other-
8 wise, unless said person shall first have obtained a license
9 or permit so to do; in accordance with any ordinance which
10 may be adopted by the corporation and authority is hereby
11 conferred upon said Bridgton Centre Village Corporation,
12 to require such license, provided, however, that no such
13 license shall be required of travelling salesmen, soliciting
14 orders from bona fide merchants; nor for the sale of farm
15 produce of any kind, either by the producer or by some
16 person in his actual and immediate employ.

(i) Also for any other purpose of whatsoever kind, for
2 which towns and cities, chartered under the general law,
3 now have authority or may hereafter be granted authority
4 by the legislature to adopt ordinances or by-laws.

The adoption and promulgation of all such by-laws or
2 ordinances shall be in accordance with the procedure now
3 provided by general law for towns and cities, and no such
4 by-law shall be adopted unless first approved by a major
5 vote at any meeting of the corporation, the warrant for the
6 calling of which shall contain an article or articles clearly
7 defining and fully setting forth the same; provided, how-
8 ever, that all by-laws or ordinances in force when this act
9 takes effect shall remain in full force and effect until re-
10 pealed or amended, by the corporation, at any meeting called

11 for that purpose. The by-laws and ordinances adopted by
12 the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation on April 14, 1924,
13 and approved by Guy H. Sturgis, justice of the supreme
14 judicial court, on June 13, 1924, are hereby ratified, con-
15 firmed and made valid and are continued in force until re-
16 pealed or amended.

Sect. 6. All legal acts, contracts and doings of the Bridg-
2 ton Centre Village Corporation or its officers acting in be-
3 half of said corporation, heretofore existing, shall remain
4 in full force and effect until terminated, repealed or amended.

Sect. 7. This act shall not take effect until ratified by a
2 vote of the majority of the legal voters of the Bridgton
3 Centre Village Corporation, now existing, present and vot-
4 ing at any meeting legally called for that purpose. If the
5 majority of such voters are in favor of the acceptance of
6 this act, it shall thereupon immediately take effect and the
7 clerk shall certify the fact to the secretary of state of the
8 state of Maine.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the
2 provisions herein contained are hereby repealed. If any
3 provision of this act should at any time be declared un-
4 constitutional such fact shall not affect the act as a whole
5 but only such part as may be so declared.

Sect. 9. All the assets, property and records of the Bridg-
2 ton Centre Village Corporation, as it existed prior to the
3 passage of this act shall become the property of said Bridg-
4 ton Centre Village Corporation, now created, and said cor-

5 poration shall assume all the liabilities now outstanding
6 against the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation as it ex-
7 isted prior to the taking effect of this act.

This is to certify that the attached bill was submitted to the voters of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation at a special meeting called for that purpose on January 31, A. D. 1927, and was unanimously approved.

H. ELMER SEAVEY,
Clerk of said Corporation.

February 1, A. D. 1927.