

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Incorporate the Paris Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. *Territorial boundaries and corporate name.* So
2 much of the territory of the town of Paris, in the county
3 of Oxford, as is bounded and is described as follows, viz:
4 Part of lot numbered twelve and thirteen in the fifth range
5 of lots in said Paris, bounded northerly by the northerly
6 line of land of the Carter Estate extended westerly to the
7 range line between ranges four and five; westerly by the
8 range line between ranges four and five; southerly by a
9 line beginning at the southwest corner of lot numbered
10 twelve in the fifth range; thence easterly by the lot line

11 between lots numbered eleven and twelve until it strikes
12 the easterly side line of land of the Paris Hill Country Club
13 produced in a southerly direction; thence northerly by said
14 easterly side line produced and easterly line of said Country
15 Club to land formerly of W. G. Hammond; thence east-
16 erly by the southerly side line of said Hammond's land and
17 said line produced easterly to the range line between ranges
18 five and six, and easterly by the range line between ranges
19 five and six, together with the inhabitants residing thereon,
20 be and the same is hereby created a body politic and corpo-
21 rate by the name of Paris Hill Village Corporation.

Sect. 2. *May raise money for fire department, street lights,
2 village betterments and for salaries and other expenses.* Said
3 corporation is hereby invested with power at any legal meet-
4 ing called for the purpose, to raise such sums of money
5 as may be sufficient for the purchase, repair and preserva-
6 tion of hose, buckets, ladders or other apparatus for the
7 extinguishment of fire, and for organizing and maintaining
8 within the limits of said territory an efficient fire depart-
9 ment, for lighting its streets, for the care and betterment
10 of the village streets and common, and for officers' salaries
11 and expenses and such other current expenses as this act
12 calls for.

Sect. 3. *May assess taxes; poll tax not to exceed one dol-
2 lar.* Any money raised by said corporation for the pur-
3 poses aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and
4 polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said

5 corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for
6 the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors
7 may abate any tax by them so assessed. The tax on polls
8 shall not exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of one
9 dollar to any one person in any one year.

Sect. 4. *Assessment and collection of taxes.* Upon a cer-
2 tificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by
3 the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any
4 meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of
5 said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount
6 upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the ter-
7 ritory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident pro-
8 prietors thereof, and the assessors shall certify and deliver
9 to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty
10 it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and
11 town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and said cor-
12 poration shall have the same power to direct the mode of
13 collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town
14 taxes.

Sect. 5. *Officers.* The officers of said corporation shall
2 consist of a clerk, three assessors, a treasurer, a collector
3 of taxes, who may or may not be a resident of said terri-
4 tory, a chief of the fire department and such other officers
5 as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation,
6 all of whom shall be duly sworn in by the clerk or by a
7 notary public.

Sect. 6. *By-laws, how adopted.* The said corporation, at

2 any legal meeting thereof, called for the purpose, may adopt
3 such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws
4 and constitution of this state and the United States, as they
5 may deem expedient and necessary for the better govern-
6 ment and regulation of the municipal affairs within said
7 corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so
8 adopted, shall extend to said corporation as fully, to all in-
9 tents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, sub-
10 ject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote,
11 at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

Sect. 7. *Notice of meetings.* All the meetings of said
2 corporation after the first shall be notified by warrant of
3 the assessors, notices of which shall be posted in two con-
4 spicuous public places within its limits, seven days prior to
5 the meeting and published in a county newspaper in the
6 two successive issues next preceding the date of said meet-
7 ing, which notices shall state the time, place and objects of
8 said meeting.

Sect. 8. *Charter accepted by whom and how meetings for*
2 *acceptance shall be called.* This charter may be accepted
3 at any time within five years from the date of its approval
4 by the governor, and its rejection in any calendar year dur-
5 ing the time aforesaid shall not prevent its acceptance in
6 any later calendar year during the time aforesaid; but only
7 one meeting to vote thereon shall be held in any one calendar
8 year. Seward P. Stearns, E. Berton Curtis and Perciva'
9 J. Parris, or any one of them, may call all meetings of the

10 inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of
11 this charter, by such notification as is required under the
12 provisions of section seven hereof; and all meetings sub-
13 sequent to the acceptance of this charter shall be called and
14 notified by the assessors of said corporation as provided
15 under section seven hereof.

Sect. 9. Every person residing within the limits of said
2 corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and
3 representatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said
4 corporation, provided that at any meeting for the adoption
5 of this charter, any person twenty-one years of age and the
6 husband or wife of such person, not an alien, owning real
7 estate or personal property subject to assessment of taxes
8 within the limits of this corporation, and residing therein
9 shall have the right to vote.

Sect. 10. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of
2 this act the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk,
3 both of whom shall be sworn by a notary public or justice
4 of the peace for the faithful discharge of their duties and
5 thereupon said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on
6 the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of
7 all the legal voters present and voting at said meeting shall
8 vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect and
9 said corporation may immediately after said vote is declared,
10 proceed to the adoption of by-laws and election of officers
11 as provided in sections five and six of this act.