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Reported by Mr. Sargent from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hills of Northport.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Association.

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

Chapter 319 of the private and special laws of 1873, as amended by chapter 458 of the private and special laws of 1901, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Organization of Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Association. Chester F. Butterfield, Paul A. Morris, Louis S. Staples, Mrs. Emma L. Torrey, Felix Powell, Mrs. Amy C. Wall, Oscar G. Barnard, trustees, their associates and successors; the preachers of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, their associates and successors; 1 representative from the owner or owners of each cottage or lot on the so called circle, (provided that no owner or group of owners shall have more than 1 representative and that each representative shall be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church); also 3 representatives of the cottage owners outside the circle but within the limits of the association grounds who may or may not be church members, the said representatives of cottage owners outside the circle to be elected as set forth in section 2 of this act, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Association, with full power by that name to sue and be sued, to plea and be impleaded, to take and hold by

gift or purchase, property real and personal, to the amount not exceeding \$50,000, to build and maintain streets, paths, walks, by-ways, parks, and sewers for the drainage of cottages and lands situated within the bounds of the lands of the said association and full power to control the same, with full control of the laying of all pipes for furnishing water or gas, and setting poles for supplying electricity for any purpose whatsoever, and also full control of establishing all electric railroads within the bounds of the property of the said association, to sell and convey the same and to establish such by-laws and regulations as are necessary for the further and proper management of their affairs, consistent with the laws of the state.

Sec. 2. Rights of "cottage owners". The cottage owners outside of the circle within the limits of said association shall meet for the election of their 3 representatives before the annual meeting of said association; and they are empowered to organize for the purpose of electing their representatives to the meetings of the association; and said cottage owners may elect a chairman and clerk, who shall serve until their successors are elected. At said meeting of said cottage owners no owner or owners of a cottage or cottages shall have more than 1 vote. It shall be the duty of the president of said association to call the first meeting of such cottage owners, and notify them as to the number of delegates to which they are entitled under the terms of this charter.

Sec. 3. Conditions of leases. The words "subject to such rules and regulations as the association has adopted or may adopt from time to time," used in all leases given by the association shall be understood to mean: First, the premises conveyed by said association are not to be used for any purpose or business or as a public place of amusement except by the special vote of the trustees, and on such conditions as they may indicate. No stable, pens for pigs, or other buildings, shed or pen, from which unpleasant or disagreeable odors may come shall be erected on the premises. Second, The occupants of all lots shall at all times be subject to the rules of the association so far as they relate to the sale of merchandise on the grounds of said Association, sanitary and police regulations.

Sec. 4. Disposition of lands provided for. When the lands of said association shall have ceased to be used by it, as a place of religious worship, they shall be sold and the proceeds shall be given to the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the income only to be used for the benefit of the conference claimants of said church and the fund so created is to be designated as the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Fund.

Sec. 5. Regulation of wharves. The association shall have the right to build and extend into the tide waters on their land, such wharves as may

be necessary to make the landing convenient. The said wharves may be closed to the landing of all boats, vessels or steamers on Sunday, as said association or its trustees may direct.

Sec. 6. First meeting. Any person named in this act may call the first meeting of the said association by giving due notice.