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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dumais, Jr. of Lewiston.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Incorporate the Sabattus Shore Municipal Association.**

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

**Sec. 1. Territorial limits.** That part of the territory of the towns of Webster, Wales and Greene, in the county of Androscoggin, embraced within the limits described as follows: Being the territory between the high water mark of Sabattus pond and a line 600 feet distant therefrom and parallel thereto, except where a public highway or any part thereof should exist within said 600 feet, in which latter case the territorial limits shall be at the edge of said public highway so as to exclude the same therefrom, said line starting at Martin's Point, so called, and proceeding therefrom in clockwise fashion around Sabattus pond to the edge of the dam located in Webster, together with the owners of real estate therein as hereinafter specified; is hereby created a body corporate by the name of Sabattus Shore Municipal Association.

**Sec. 2. Powers.** Said association is hereby authorized and vested with the power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for the following purposes: to lay out, build, repair and maintain roads within said territorial limits for the benefit of the owners of land therein; to es-

tablish and maintain police and night watch; to procure, by contract or otherwise, water for fire, domestic and other purposes, and to procure light for the use of the owners of said lands; to build, repair and maintain sewers and other sanitary works; together with such incidental powers as would be necessary to carry out the above purposes. Said association may extend its roads from its territorial limits to a main highway, and improve the same, notwithstanding said extension be outside its territorial limits, provided proper rights-of-way are obtained for that purpose and provided the abutting owners on said extension, together with the abutting owners on the road to be extended, shall have paid in advance to the association the necessary costs of said extension or improvement of same, and said funds shall always be kept separate and apart from the general funds of the association and be used exclusively for said purpose.

**Sec. 3. Relief to towns of Webster, Wales and Greene.** The towns of Webster, Wales and Greene are hereby relieved from any and all municipal duties within the territorial limits hereinabove defined, and as to any road extended by the association as hereinabove provided.

**Sec. 4. Ways.** Said association, by its board of directors as hereinafter constituted, shall have the same powers and duties in laying out, discontinuing and altering ways within the territory aforesaid, which municipal officers of towns have generally under the statutes of the state of Maine.

**Sec. 5. Municipal officers.** The officers of said association shall be as follows: a president, a treasurer, a manager and 3 directors, to be selected as hereinafter provided. The president, treasurer and 3 directors shall constitute the board of directors and municipal officers of said association, and have general charge of its affairs and of the expenditures of all money therein.

**Sec. 6. Voters.** Any person, 21 years of age or over, who owns or leases one or more lots of land within the limits of said association, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said association at which he is present. The board of directors shall determine who are the legal voters at any meeting and shall prepare, or cause to be prepared by the manager, a list of said voters at least 24 hours before every meeting, which said list they may cause to be amended or corrected at any time before said meeting or during its progress. Where any lot of land is owned or leased by more than 1 person, only one of them shall have the right to vote, who shall be designated by said co-owners or co-lessees. If a majority of the co-owners or

co-lessees cannot agree on any one of them to represent them in the voting, then one of them shall be selected to act as said representative by the board of directors.

**Sec. 7. Elections; term of office.** The president, treasurer and the 3 directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual meeting of the association to be held on the 1st Monday of August in each year, and shall hold their respective office until the next annual meeting of the association, or until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

**Sec. 8. Calling of meetings.** The first organization meeting of the association shall be called within a reasonable time after the passage of this act by any justice of the peace, by posting at least 7 days before said meeting, a notice to that effect in a public place in each of the towns of Webster, Wales and Greene; notice of each annual meeting thereafter shall be given by the president of the board of directors, or by the manager, or, if they should fail to so do, then by a justice of the peace, by posting, at least 7 days before said meeting 3 notices at such places within the territorial limits of the association as may be designated by the board of directors. Special meetings may be called at other times in the same manner as annual meetings are called.

**Sec. 9. Duties of president.** The president of the association shall be the president of the board of directors. He shall preside at all board meetings, and at the annual meeting of the association until his successor is elected and qualified. In the absence of the president, the other members of the board of directors present shall designate one of their members to serve as president pro tem. All disbursements for the association shall be made by check signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the board.

**Sec. 10. Duties of treasurer; tax collector; bond.** The treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the association and pay it out only upon direction of the board of directors, and shall keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and shall exhibit the same to the board of directors whenever requested. The treasurer shall be the official tax collector for the association and shall be sworn as such. He shall have the same rights and powers to recover any taxes committed to him for collection, by suit or otherwise, as provided generally by the statutes of the state of Maine in the case of collection of taxes in towns. All other remedies for the enforcement of tax collections as provided in the statutes of the state of Maine shall be available to the association. The treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as may be designated by the board of directors.

The treasurer may cause all tax bills, and notices respecting taxes, to be sent by the manager in the treasurer's name.

**Sec. 11. Eligibility for office; quorum, compensation.** The president, treasurer and the 3 other members of the board of directors must be owners or lessees of land within the territorial limits of the association. They shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. The quorum of the board of directors shall consist of 3 members present. They shall serve without compensation. Their office shall become vacant if they shall cease to be owners or lessees of land within the territorial limits of the association.

**Sec. 12. Manager; secretary.** The board of directors shall hire, by contract for not more than 3 years, a manager, whose duty it shall be to carry out the policies of the board of directors and perform all ministerial work necessary to that effect. He shall be a resident of the state of Maine, and be sworn as manager, and as the clerk of the association and as assessor of taxes. He shall act as secretary of the board of directors. He shall prepare the budget for approval by the board of directors, which said budget may be changed or revised by the board of directors. He shall have all the duties and powers of assessors of taxes in towns as provided in the statutes of the state of Maine. He shall have the right to hire a clerical assistant at a salary to be set by the board of directors.

**Sec. 13. Estates taxable.** All moneys raised for purposes for which the association may lawfully raise money shall be assessed upon the taxable estates embraced within the limits of the association by the assessor in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town and county taxes. For the purpose of taxation under this act, the person or persons entitled to the use or occupation of any lot of land within the limits of the association shall be deemed the owner thereof and be taxed for said lot and the improvements, if any, thereon.

**Sec. 14. Ordinances.** Said association is empowered to adopt at any legal meeting called for that purpose, ordinances for the government of the same and for the proper management of its prudential affairs and other purposes connected therewith, provided said ordinances are not repugnant to the laws of the state. Such ordinances may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the association in the call for which notice of the proposed change has been given.