

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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CHAP. 39.

tained in this act shall be construed to effect or diminish the liabilities of said company for any injury to private property by depreciating the value thereof or otherwise, but said company shall be liable therefor in an action on the case.

Right to lay
gaspipes, &c.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to lay gas-pipes in any of the public streets or highways in said town of Rockland, the consent of the selectmen of said town having first therefor been obtained, and relay and repair the same, subject to such regulations as the health and safety of the citizens and the security of the public travel may require, and as may be prescribed by the authorities aforesaid.

Lighting
streets, &c.

SECT. 4. The selectmen of said town of Rockland are hereby authorized to contract with said company for lighting the streets and public buildings of said town, and the moneys necessarily expended therefor shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as taxes for other purposes.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 5. The four persons first named in this act, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by notice published in any newspaper printed in the town of Rockland, fourteen days at least before the day of meeting, and at said meeting by-laws may be adopted, and all necessary officers chosen for managing the affairs of said corporation.

Selectmen of
Rockland,
power to
regulate the
doings of said
corporation in
certain cases.

SECT. 6. The selectmen of said town of Rockland shall at all times have the power to regulate, restrict and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect the health, safety or convenience of the inhabitants of said town.

SECT. 7. This act shall be taken and deemed to be a public act, and shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 5, 1853.]

Chapter 39.

An act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northport to sell their meetinghouse and land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sale author-
ized.

SECT. 1. That the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northport, acting by a majority of the persons named in the deed of Nathaniel Knight and James Lancaster, dated November ninth, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-one, who may be

living at the time of said sale, be and hereby are authorized to sell and convey, by deed duly signed, sealed and delivered, the meetinghouse and land to them conveyed in trust by said deed; said trustees giving notice and taking the oath required by law for administrators in making sale of real estate. And said trustees, after defraying the expense of said sale and paying any other legal liability which may exist against said property, be and hereby are authorized to pay over the proceeds of said sale to the pew holders in said meetinghouse, according to their original valuation, if the same can be ascertained, if not, in equal sums to each pew.

Notice to be given.

Proceeds of sale, how disposed of.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 5, 1853.]

Chapter 40.

An act in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Bath.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The third section of an act to incorporate the city of Bath is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words "not exceed two hundred dollars per year," and inserting instead thereof the words "be determined by the city council of the year preceding the year for which he was elected"; and when not so established, his salary as mayor shall be the same as was allowed the mayor of the next preceding year for his services as such.

Amendment, salary of mayor, &c.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 5, 1853.]

Chapter 41.

An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The directors of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company are hereby authorized to contract for the

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