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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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SECT. 3. The said company are hereby authorized to lay down, in and through the streets and highways of said town, and take up, replace and repair all such pipes and fixtures, as may be necessary for the objects of their incorporation, first having obtained the consent of the selectmen of said town and under such restrictions and regulations as they may prescribe.

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Authorized to lay gas pipes, &c.

SECT. 4. The management of the affairs of this company, and all expenditures, made for the purposes authorized by this act, shall be directed by a board of directors, to be chosen annually, of such number as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of the company. The accounts of the company shall be kept by a treasurer, who shall be chosen by the directors. The directors shall severally be sworn before the clerk of the corporation to make true and faithful exhibits in their records, of all expenditures, directed or allowed by them for the purposes authorized by this act. The treasurer shall in like manner be sworn to make and keep true and distinct accounts of all expenditures authorized by the directors and paid by him, from the funds of the company.

Management of affairs to be vested in a board of directors.

Accounts, how kept. Qualification and duties of directors.

—of treasurer.

[Approved April 17, 1854.]

Chapter 365.

An act to incorporate the Oldtown Gas Light Company.

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

SECT. 1. John W. Veazie, Jeremiah Fenno, Charles Hale, William H. Smith, Samuel Pratt, Moses Woodman and Hiram Smith, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Oldtown Gas Light Company, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the necessary powers and privileges to effect the objects of their association, and shall be subject to such duties, liabilities and exemptions as are or may be prescribed by the general laws of this state in cases of manufacturing corporations.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, &c.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company shall not be more than twenty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each. The capital stock shall be applied exclusively to the manufacture and distribution of gas, for the purpose of lighting mills, dwellings and other places in the town of Oldtown: *provided* that said company shall not have

Capital stock.

Shares. Capital, how applied.

Proviso.

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power to erect, establish or continue any works for the manufacture of gas at any place within the limits of said Oldtown, without the previous assent of the selectmen of the town.

Authorized to lay gas pipes, &c.

SECT. 3. The said company are hereby authorized to lay down in and through the streets and highways of said town, and take up, replace and repair, all such pipes and fixtures as may be necessary for the objects of their incorporation, first having obtained assent of the selectmen of said town, and under such restrictions and regulations as they may prescribe.

Management of affairs to be vested in a board of directors.

SECT. 4. The management of the affairs of this company, and all expenditures made for the purposes authorized by this act, shall be directed by a board of directors, to be chosen annually, of such number as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of the company. The accounts of the company shall be kept by a treasurer, who shall be chosen by the directors. The directors shall severally be sworn before the clerk of the corporation to make true and faithful exhibits in their records of all expenses directed or allowed by them for the purposes authorized by this act. The treasurer shall in like manner be sworn to make and keep true and distinct accounts of all expenditures authorized by the directors and paid by him from the funds of the company.

Accounts, how kept.

Qualification and duties of directors.

—of treasurer.

Oldtown authorized to take and hold stock.

Amount of stock so taken, limited, &c.

Payment for, &c.

Amount received, how appropriated.

Shares to be issued to the town.

Town, how represented in said company.

Annual account to be filed with the clerk of the town.

SECT. 5. At any time after the organization of the company, the town of Oldtown shall be authorized, upon a major vote of the town to that effect, to take and hold in the capital stock of the company any amount not exceeding one-half of the whole amount of said stock, upon paying to the company a proportional part of the cost, up to such time, of all the buildings, works, fixtures, pipes and other property and ten per cent. of such proportional part in addition thereto. The amount so received by the company for the proportional part so taken by the town shall be distributed and paid over to the other stockholders in proportion to their several interests, and the par value of the several shares held by them shall be reduced accordingly. The company shall, at the same time, create and issue to the town such a number of shares of the same par value, together with a fractional share, if necessary, as shall represent the whole amount paid by the town for the proportional part of the capital stock so taken. The town may be represented in the company by an agent chosen by the town, who shall have one vote for every share in any meeting of the stockholders. And said company shall annually, in the month of January, file an account, duly sworn to, of all their expendi-

tures, disbursements and receipts, with the clerk of the town of Oldtown. And if said company shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section for the space of one month after a request of the town to that effect, all rights and privileges of said company shall cease, and be of no effect.

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Penalty for neglect.

SECT. 6. The selectmen of said town of Oldtown 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.

Acts and doings of corporation, subject to the control of selectmen of Oldtown, in certain cases.

[Approved April 17, 1864.]

Chapter 366.

An act to amend chapter thirty of the special laws for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

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

The second section of the thirtieth chapter of the special laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, namely: "*and provided further, that if said corporation shall confine its operations to the business of fire insurance only, the minimum of its capital stock may be fifty thousand dollars.*"

Capital stock regulated.

[Approved April 17, 1864.]

Chapter 367.

An act to make valid the acts of William K. Lancey as a justice of the peace and quorum.

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

SECT. 1. The acts of William K. Lancey of Pittsfield, as a justice of the peace, and justice of the peace and quorum, within and for the county of Somerset, from the ninth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, to the fifteenth day of November last past, are hereby made valid and as effectual as if said Lancey had been legally commissioned and qualified to act in said capacities.

Certain acts made valid.