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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

Chapter 397.

An act to incorporate the Richmond Village Corporation.

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

SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the limits of school district number one, with its inhabitants, in the town of Richmond, in the county of Sagadahoc, is hereby created a body politic and corporate, with all the rights and privileges provided by the general laws of the state relating to similar corporations, by the name of Richmond Village Corporation.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with the power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night watch, of a police and all other necessary regulations, for the better security of life and property, and for the promotion of good order and the observance of the laws within its limits; for purchasing and keeping in repair engines and all other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires; for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts to supply water; for the erection and keeping in repair suitable engine houses; for organizing and maintaining an efficient fire department; for keeping in repair the public clock and for ringing one of the bells.

Authorized to maintain a night watch, police, &c.

Authorized to maintain a fire department, &c.

—to keep in repair public clock, &c.

SECT. 3. The officers of said corporation shall be a clerk, a treasurer, a collector, and three assessors, who shall be chosen by ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties; and they shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

Officers of corporation, qualification and term of office.

SECT. 4. The first election of officers of said corporation, shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be on the second Monday of January thereafter.

First election.

Annual election.

SECT. 5. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of the said corporation.

Records, how kept.

SECT. 6. The treasurer and collector shall each give bonds to the said corporation in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be approved by the assessors in writing.

Bond of treasurer and collector.

SECT. 7. The assessors shall assess upon the polls and estates of the resident citizens within the limits of said corporation, and upon the estates of non-residents within said limits, whatever sums said corporation may vote to raise for the purposes aforesaid; said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property made by the assessors of the town of Richmond, making such alterations therein as they shall deem just and

Tax, assessment and collection of.

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Tax on polls limited.

proper, or they may make a new valuation of said property. The tax on polls shall not exceed at any one assessment the sum of fifty cents to any one person.

Board of officers, duty to approve of appropriations.

SECT. 8. The clerk, treasurer and assessors of said corporation are hereby constituted a board, a majority of whom shall in writing under their hands approve of any sum of money voted by said corporation to be raised, before the same shall be assessed and collected.

Taxes, how assessed and collected.

SECT. 9. The assessors of said corporation shall assess and commit with a warrant, all taxes by them authorized to be assessed and collected to the collector of said corporation; and the said assessors, collector and treasurer shall have the same power and authority in assessing and enforcing the collection of taxes which assessors, collectors and treasurers of towns may have.

Money raised by taxes, how applied.

SECT. 10. The collector shall pay all moneys by him collected over to the treasurer on demand, and the treasurer shall receive the same and pay it out to the order or direction of the assessors, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested.

Wood and bark, sale of, how regulated.

SECT. 11. Said corporation is hereby authorized, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to make any by-laws and regulations, in regard to the exposing for sale, or selling within its limits, wood or bark, which they shall judge necessary; *provided*, the same are not inconsistent with the general laws of the state.

Truant children, provision for.

SECT. 12. Said corporation, at any meeting called for the purpose, is hereby authorized and empowered to make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning truants and children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, not attending school, without any regular or lawful occupation and growing up in ignorance; and also may make all by-laws respecting such children, as shall be most conducive to their welfare and the good order of said corporation; and there shall be annexed to such by-laws suitable fines, penalties, not exceeding for any one breach a fine of twenty dollars; *provided*, that said by-laws shall not be repugnant to the laws of the state, and the fines and penalties hereby authorized shall be enforced by complaint and warrant, which complaint shall be made by the assessors before named before any justice of the peace residing within the limits of this corporation, which assessors shall alone have authority to carry into execution the

Fines, penalties, &c.

—how enforced.

Complaint, how made.

judgments of the said justices; and the said justices of the peace in all cases at their discretion in place of a fine aforesaid, shall be authorized to order children proved before them to be growing up in truancy and without the benefit of education provided for them by law, to be placed for such periods of time as they may judge expedient in such house of reformation or other suitable situation as may be provided for such purposes by the assessors of this corporation.

Truant children may be placed in house of reformation.

SECT. 13. The assessors of said corporation shall have full power to organize efficient companies for the fire department, by the appointment of engine-men, engineers and fire-wards, which engine-men, engineers and fire-wards when organized, shall be entitled to all exemptions and subject to all duties and responsibilities, and invested with similar powers as if they had been appointed by the selectmen of towns, or in pursuance of the special and general provisions of the statute laws of this state. Said engine-men, engineers and fire-wards shall hold their office during the pleasure of the assessors of said corporation.

Fire department, organization of.

—members, privileges and duties of.

—tenure of office.

SECT. 14. All meetings of said corporation after the first, shall be notified by a warrant of the assessors, notices of which shall be posted up in two public places within its limits, seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be called on the written application of seven voters to said assessors, stating the time and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Meetings, how called.

SECT. 15. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

Legal voters.

SECT. 16. The said corporation at any legal meeting may choose a board of police officers and night watch, to consist of such numbers as the corporation may decide, who shall be duly sworn, which officers when sworn, shall have power to execute all warrants, and shall have the same power to prevent public disturbances and preserve public peace within said corporation, as is given by the statute laws of this state to justices of the peace; also to restrain all infractions of, and carry into effect such by-laws as said corporation shall adopt, in pursuance of this act.

Police officers and night watch, election and qualification of.

—duties and powers of.

SECT. 17. The said corporation at any meeting legally called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions not inconsistent with the constitution and public laws of this state, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better govern-

By-laws.

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ment and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corporation; in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted shall extend to said corporation as fully to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only to alteration or addition by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 18. Ezra Abbott and James M. Hagar, esquires, or either of them, are hereby authorized to issue a warrant directed to any member of the corporation, requiring him to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid, the notice to be posted up in two public places in said limits seven days prior to such meeting; and either of the first named persons is authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until the officers shall be chosen and sworn.

Acceptance of
charter.

SECT. 19. At the meeting prescribed in the eighteenth section of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then this act shall take effect, and the corporation shall then proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 20. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor and acceptance by the corporation.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

Chapter 398.

An act to incorporate the Hallowell Savings Institution.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Andrew Masters, William R. Prescott, Simon Page, M. C. Richardson, Justin E. Smith, A. H. Howard and H. K. Baker, their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated

Corporate name
General powers,
&c.

into a body politic and corporate by the name of the Hallowell Savings Institution, with power by that name to prosecute suits at law and in equity, to have and use a common seal, and to make by-laws for the management of their concerns not repugnant to the laws of this state; and said corporation shall be

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established in the city of Hallowell, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges incident to similar corporations.