

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1856.

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CHAP. 630. by-laws and regulations for the management of the business of said corporation, as a majority of the stockholders may direct, not repugnant to the laws of this state or of the United States.

Shares.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may divide their original stock into shares of fifty dollars each, and provide for the sale and transfer thereof, in such manner and form as said corporation shall from time to time deem expedient, not repugnant to the laws of this state.

Office.

Records, where kept.

Secretary, residence of.

SECT. 4. The office of said company shall be at New Sharon, in the county of Franklin, and all books of record and transfer shall be kept there, at all times open for the inspection of the stockholders. The secretary of said company shall reside at New Sharon, and a majority of the directors shall reside in this state.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 25, 1856.]

### Chapter 630.

An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.

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

Territory incorporated.

Persons and estates.

Corporate name.

Power to raise money for certain purposes.

SECT. 1. The territory now embraced within the limits of school districts number nine and fifteen, of Bowdoinham, in the county of Sagadahoc, and the following persons and their estates situated within school district number seven, in said town, to wit: Charles Wilson and his estate, Benjamin Allen and his estate, Randall Sampson and his estate, Gardner Williams and his estate, and the following persons and their estates, situated within school district number eight: Fredie Curtis and his estate, Levi Curtis and his estate, and Susan Purington and her estate, together with the inhabitants thereon, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with the power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise such sums of money as may be sufficient for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders and other apparatus, for the extinguishment of fire, for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts,

for the procuring of water, and for organizing and maintaining, within the limits of said territory, an efficient fire department.

SECT. 3. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, fire wardens, and such other officers as may be provided for, in the by-laws of said corporation, 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.

How chosen.

Tenure 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 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. The tax on polls shall not exceed at any one assessment the sum of fifty cents to any one person.

Duty of assessors.

Poll tax, sum limited.

SECT. 6. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within said territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided for the assessment of town taxes; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of said town of Bowdoinham, and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall at the annual meeting preceding such assessment, so direct; or they may make a new valuation thereof in the manner provided by law for taking the inventory of polls and estates in towns, and assess the said taxes on such valuation.

Taxes, how assessed.

SECT. 7. The assessors of said corporation shall commit with a warrant, all taxes by them assessed, to the collector of said corporation; and the said assessors, collector and the 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.

Taxes, manner of collecting, &amp;c.

SECT. 8. 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.

Collector and treasurer, duty of.

SECT. 9. The assessors of said corporation shall have full power to organize efficient fire companies, and to appoint

Fire companies.

CHAP. 630. engine-men, engineers and fire-wards, who 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.

Office, term of.

By-laws.

SECT. 10. The said corporation at any meeting legally called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of their 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.

Voters.

SECT. 11. 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.

Meeting, how notified.

SECT. 12. Charles P. Quint and William H. Lunt, 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.

Presiding officer.

Charter, how accepted.

SECT. 13. At the meeting prescribed in the tenth 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.

Meetings after the first, how notified and called.

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.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor and acceptance by the corporation.