

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 129. allowed to take the name of Charles Herbert Eastman; that Walter Edwin Calor of Kittery be allowed to take the name of Walter Edwin Eastman; that Otis Pugsley of Shapleigh be allowed to take the name of Otis Perley; that Mary J. McDougald of Lewiston be allowed to take the name of Mary J. Weston; that Ruth Ann Swanback of Chelsea be allowed to take the name of Ruth Ann Kennedy; that Wilhelmina Ruiamah Swanback of Chelsea be allowed to take the name of Ruiamah Kennedy; that Emmie Swanback of Chelsea be allowed to take the name of Emmie Kennedy; that Rosilla Swanback of Chelsea be allowed to take the name of Rosilla Kennedy; that Lydia Dow of Greenwood be allowed to take the name of Lydia Whittle; that Martin Gannon of Brunswick be allowed to take the name of Frank Martin Hacker; that George E. Burke of Gardiner be allowed to take the name of George E. Reed; that Charles F. Burke of Gardiner be allowed to take the name of Charles F. Reed; that Priscilla A. Keisor of Levant be allowed to take the name of Priscilla K. Haines.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 20, 1872.

Chapter 129.

An act to incorporate the Bethel Hill Village Corporation.

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

- Corporators.** SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the limits of school districts number fifteen and thirty, in the town of Bethel, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same hereby is created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Bethel Hill Village Corporation.
- Corporate name.**
- Power to raise money.** SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with 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 or 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.
- May purchase fire engines, &c.**
- May construct reservoirs, &c.**
- Money raised, how assessed, &c.** SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory aforesaid, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town taxes. And said assessors may copy the last valuation

of said property by the assessors of the town of Bethel, and assess the tax thereon; or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said valuation or make a new valuation thereof, according to the principles established by the last state tax, and assess the tax on that valuation.

May make a new valuation.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and lists of the assessment so made, to certify and deliver to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Tax, duty of assessors to assess.

Assessments, how collected and disbursed.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, fire wardens, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation and said fire wardens shall have, exclusively, all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that fire wardens now have or may have, chosen by towns in town meeting.

Officers of corporation.

By-laws.

Fire wardens.

SECT. 6. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this state, for the efficient management of the municipal affairs of said corporation.

By-laws.

SECT. 7. All officers of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot, and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of January.

Officers, how chosen.

First election.

Annual election.

SECT. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of said corporation.

Clerk to keep records.

SECT. 9. Robert A. Chapman and Alvin B. Godwin, or either of them, are authorized to call the first meeting by issuing a warrant directed to some member of said corporation, requiring him to notify the members thereof to assemble at some suitable time and place in said Bethel Hill Village, by posting up notices of the time, place and objects of said meeting in two public places within said village, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting; and all subsequent meetings of said corporation

First meeting, how called.

Place of meeting.

Special meetings.

CHAP. 130. shall be called and notified in like manner by order of the assessors.

Legal voters. SECT. 10. 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.

Acceptance of charter. SECT. 11. At the meeting prescribed in section nine of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of those present and voting shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not be binding on said corporation unless accepted by them as hereinbefore provided.

Approved February 20, 1872.

Chapter 130.

An act to amend chapter six hundred forty-nine of the private laws of one thousand eight hundred seventy-one, relating to light-houses.

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

Chap. 649, laws of 1871, applicable to rights of way ceded to U. S.

SECT. 1. The provisions of chapter six hundred forty-nine of the private acts of one thousand eight hundred seventy-one, are hereby made applicable to tracts of land and rights of way which the United States are desirous of purchasing for the erection of forts, batteries and other public buildings.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 20, 1872.

Chapter 131.

An act to incorporate a Fire Department in West Waterville village.

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

Corporate name.

SECT. 1. The territory in the town of Waterville comprising all of school district number five, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of West Waterville Fire Department, with all the rights and privileges provided by the general laws of the state relating to corporations.

Authorized to raise money.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money