

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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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

for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, hose, buckets, ladders or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires; for the construction, purchase or renting of suitable engine houses, or rooms; for the construction of reservoirs, and for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department.

Purpose of.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes, and said assessors shall copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Waterville and assess the tax thereon, and may abate any tax by them so assessed. The tax on polls not to exceed at any one assessment the sum of one dollar to any one person in one year.

Money, how raised.

Tax on polls not to exceed \$1.

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 polls and estates of the persons residing on the territory aforesaid; and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, a list of the assessments 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 on 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 as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Tax, how assessed, collected and appropriated.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, 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.

Officers.

Power and authority vested in 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 affairs of said corporation.

By laws.

SECT. 7. All the 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, which shall be in the month of May, and the annual election shall be in the same month thereafter.

Officers, how chosen.

Charter, acceptance of.

CHAP. 132.

Records, how kept.
Collector and treasurer shall give bond.

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

SECT. 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bond in double the amount of the taxes so raised to the inhabitants of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 10. John U. Hubbard, Warren A. Farr; Sewall A. Allen, Henry A. Bachelder and Hiram C Winslow, or the majority of them, are authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation by posting two notices in public and conspicuous places in said village, stating the time, place and objects of said meeting, at least seven days before the time of holding the same.

Special meetings, how called.

SECT. 11. All meetings of said corporation after the first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, certified copies of which warrant shall be posted up in two public places within its limits, seven days at least prior to the meeting by the clerk, collector or treasurer, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting, and a meeting at any time shall be called on the written application of five legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Legal voters.

SECT. 12. All persons qualified to vote in town affairs, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

Presiding officers at first meeting.

SECT. 13. Either of the persons named in section ten, is authorized to preside at the first meeting of the corporation until after a moderator shall be chosen and sworn; and at all meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

Moderator.

Law, when to take effect.

SECT. 14. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corporation to be called, and if this charter shall be accepted at said first meeting of said corporation by a majority of the legal voters, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts, otherwise the same shall be null and void.

Approved February 20, 1872.

Chapter 132.

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Universalist Meeting-House in Kittery into a parish.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. M. V. B. Stimson, William M. Otis, Jotham H. Gerry, Sylvanus McIntire, David S. Stimson and other proprietors of the