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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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CHAP. 317.**Chapter 317.**

An act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company.

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

- Corporators.** SECT. 1. Seward B. Hume, John W. Hinkley, Henry Whelpley, Stephen Sherlock, Charles B. Paine, Alden Bradford, Joseph M. Livermore and Asa Bucknam, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by
- Corporate name.** the name of Eastport Gas Light Company, with all the privileges, powers and liabilities of similar corporations.
- May hold real and personal estate.** SECT. 2. Said corporation is authorized to hold all such real and personal estate as may be necessary to enable them to carry on the manufacture, distribution and sale of gas, and to erect all buildings needed for said manufacture and sale in the town of Eastport.
- Purpose.**
- May lay gas pipe.** SECT. 3. Said corporation is empowered to lay gas pipe in any of the streets or limits of the town of Eastport, obtaining first the consent of the selectmen thereto, and to dig in said streets at any time for purpose of repair, not interfering with public travel.
- First meeting, how called.** SECT. 4. The first three persons named in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation, by notice published in the Eastport Sentinel, or by posting in two public places in Eastport, a notice of said meeting seven days before said meeting, and at said meeting by-laws may be adopted and all necessary officers chosen for managing the affairs of said corporation.
- Capital stock.** SECT. 5. The capital stock of this company shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.
- SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 19, 1873.

Chapter 318.

An act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation.

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

- Corporation.** SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the limits described in this section, in the town of Waldoborough, in the county of Lincoln, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same hereby is created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Waldoborough Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges provided by the general laws of this state relating to corporations, to wit: beginning at the west side of the Medomak river, at the south line of land of William F. Storer, and now occupied
- Corporate name.**
- Rights and privileges.**
- Boundaries.**

by him, then westerly on said Storer's south line and the south line formerly of Solomon M. Prock's farm, to the Breman road, so called, then crossing said road and extending westerly on said Prock's present southerly line forty rods from said road, then northerly parallel with said Bremen road and the road leading from Kaler's corner towards Jefferson, to the south line of the lot formerly occupied by the late Horace Marble, then easterly on said Marble line forty rods to the last named road, then northerly and easterly on the town road to said Medomak river, at the Bulfinch bridge, then on the east side of said river, bounded on the southerly line of land of William G. Reed to the road leading to the depot of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad, then southerly on said road to the north line of the homestead of William White, then easterly, southerly and westerly, so as to include the homesteads of said William White and Newell W. Benner, to the road aforesaid, then southerly by said road to the south line of the farm of Nicholas Orff, then easterly on said Orff's south line to the Washington road, so called, and across said road to a point ten rods east of said road at the north line of the homestead of the late Jacob W. Kaler, deceased; then southerly to the northeast corner of the homestead lot of Moses M. Richards; then southerly by and on said Richard's easterly line to the Thomaston road, then on said Thomaston road to the eastern line of the homestead of John C. Weston, and then southerly on said Weston's eastern line and in that direction to the north line of land formerly of the late William Sproul, then southerly in a direct line to the south line of the homestead farm of Asa Keizer, at a point forty rods from the road leading towards Friendship, then westerly on said Keizer's south line forty rods to said last named road, and then continuing the same course of said Keizer's south line over land of S. S. Marble to said Medomak river, and then across said river to the bound begun at.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night-watch, a police force, and all other necessary measures for the better security of life and property and for the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits; for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders, or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires; for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts to supply water, and for organizing and maintaining an efficient fire department.

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,

Authorized to raise money for certain purposes.

Money, how assessed.

CHAP. 318. in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; *provided however*, that in the assessment of taxes aforesaid, reference shall be had to the value of the estate taxed, to its locality, and its hazard of loss by plunder or fire, and the tax on polls shall not exceed one dollar on any one poll for any one year; and the assessors may abate any tax assessed by them for sufficient cause.

Proviso.

Poll tax.

Assessment, when made.

—overlay.

—how collected.

Officers of corporation, how chosen and term of office.

Powers of fire wardens.

—police officers and night watch.

By-laws.

SECT. 4. Upon the certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money voted to be 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, with an overlaying not exceeding five per cent. of the amount voted, upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, as they shall exist on the first day of April of the year for which such assessment shall be made, and certify and deliver such assessment to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and the said corporation and its proper officers shall have the same power and authority to direct the mode of collecting and of assessing and collecting said taxes as towns and town officers have in town taxes.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three, five or seven assessors, all of whom shall be chosen by written ballot, and duly sworn, and hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead; and also fire-wards, a board of police officers, night-watch, and such other officers as may be provided for by the by-laws of said corporation. The said fire-wards to have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire-wards have, or may have, chosen by towns; the said board of police officers and night-watch to consist of such numbers as the corporation may decide, who shall be duly sworn and have power to prevent disturbances and preserve the public peace within said corporation, as is given by the laws of the state to constables; and to restrain all infractions of and carry into effect such laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this act.

SECT. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government 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 alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote at a legal meeting of the corporation called for that purpose. CHAP. 318.
By-laws, how changed.

SECT. 7. The meetings of said corporation after its organization shall be called by warrant from the assessors whenever they deem the same necessary, notices of which shall be posted up in two public places within its limits seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting may at any time be called, on the written application of seven or more legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested, and if for any cause not called by the assessors it may be called by any justice of the peace, or trial justice, within the county, on similar application. Meetings, how called.

SECT. 8. The annual meetings of the corporation shall be held in the month of January in each year, or at such other time as shall be provided for in the by-laws, for the choice of officers and transaction of other business. Vacancies in any of the offices may be filled at a meeting duly called at any time. Persons residing within the limits of said corporation who are legal voters in said town of Waldoborough, shall be legal voters at the meetings of said corporation. Annual meeting, when held.

Vacancies, how filled.

Voters.

SECT. 9. John Richards and Henry Farrington, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the meeting for organization of this corporation and choice of officers and the transaction of other business deemed necessary, and for that purpose to notify the legal voters to meet at such time and place as they shall designate, by giving notice as provided for other meetings in the seventh section of this act. And either of said persons is authorized to preside at said meeting until its organization and until its officers are chosen and sworn; and at future meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same powers as in town meetings. First meeting, how called.

—organization of.

SECT. 10. At the meeting of said corporation, called agreeably to the ninth section of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of the voters present and voting at said meeting shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then this act shall take effect and the corporation shall then proceed to organize by choice of its officers. Acceptance of charter, how determined.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor so far as to empower the meeting for organization to be called and held, and if this charter shall be accepted as provided in section tenth of this act then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts. Act, when to take effect.