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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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1876.

Chapter 296.

CHAP. 296.

An act to incorporate the Winthrop 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 four, in the town of Winthrop, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same hereby is created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Winthrop Village Corporation.

Territory.

Corporate name.

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 within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department.

Vested power and purposes.

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 county and town taxes; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Winthrop, and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct; and may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one year.

Money, how to be raised.

—by whom assessed.

May abate tax.

Poll tax.

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 the assessment to be certified and delivered to the 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 said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Duty of assessors.

Duty of collector.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, three or five assessors, collector, fire wardens, board of police officers, night watch, and such other officers as

Officers.

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Power and authority of fire wardens.

—of police officers.

By-laws, how adopted.

—how amended.

Meetings, how called.

First meeting, how called.

Officers, how chosen.

—to be sworn.

may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; the said fire wardens to have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens have or may have chosen by towns in town meetings. The said board of police officers and night watch to consist of such number as the corporation may decide, who shall be duly sworn, and have power to execute all warrants, and have the same power to prevent all disturbances and preserve public peace within said corporation, as is given by the laws of this state to constables; and to restrain all infractions of and carry into effect such by-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 constitution and laws 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 the purpose.

SECT. 7. All meetings of said corporation, after the first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notice 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 shall at any time be called on the written application of seven legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

SECT. 8. J. M. Benjamin, L. T. Carleton, L. P. Moody, E. W. Kelley, A. P. Snow, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and for that purpose 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 within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons is authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until its officers shall be chosen and sworn, and afterward, at all regular meetings of the corporation, a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

SECT. 9. The assessors, treasurer, clerk, collector and fire wardens of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot, and the remaining officers of said corporation shall be appointed by the assessors, and all shall be 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 shall be in the month of March.

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Annual election.

SECT. 10. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of said corporation.

Duties of clerk.

SECT. 11. At the first meeting of said corporation called agreeably to the eighth 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.

Acceptance of charter.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor, so far as to empower the said first meeting to be called, and if the charter shall be accepted as provided in section eleven of this act; then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.

When to take effect.

Approved February 18, 1876.

Chapter 297.

An act to amend the charter of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

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

SECT. 1. The third section of "an act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England," passed February seventeenth, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, is hereby amended by striking out the proviso, which is in the following words: "Provided, that real and personal estate held by said corporation, shall not be exempt from taxation," and said proviso is hereby repealed.

Act of 1875, sec. 3, amended.

Proviso repealed.

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

Approved February 18, 1876.

Chapter 298.

An act in relation to the Ellsworth Police Court.

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

SECT. 1. The police court of the city of Ellsworth, in the county of Hancock, shall be hereafter styled the Ellsworth municipal court. The present judge of said court shall continue in office until the end of the term for which he was elected. The

Corporate name of court, changed.

Judge, term of.