

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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**Chapter 379.**

An Act creating the Bethel 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 what was known as school districts number fifteen and number thirty, as last constituted in the town of Bethel, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Bethel Village Corporation.

Limits.

—corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment or by loan, as hereinafter provided, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary and sufficient for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said corporation, an efficient fire department; for building, purchasing, renting, repairing and maintaining engine houses, hook and ladder carriage houses, and lockups or police stations; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fire; for the location, construction and repair of reservoirs and aqueducts: for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the same; for building, repairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and caring for shade trees; for maintaining and improving Bethel common and Kimball park; for the purchasing and renting of real estate for any of the above purposes; to pay for the services of one or more police officers, night watchmen or any other officers to whom the said corporation may vote a salary or other compensation; to erect and maintain lamp posts and lamps, and provide for lighting the streets within the limits of said corporation; for school purposes, and may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes.

Authorized to raise money.

—purposes.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the 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 may copy

Assessments, how made.

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the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Bethel, 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 one year.

Taxes, how assessed and collected.

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, 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 said 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.

Officers.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation.

By-laws.

SECT. 6. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the same, and for the efficient management of the fire department aforesaid, provided, the said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of the state.

Officers shall be chosen by ballot.

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 said corporation, called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of March.

First and annual meetings shall be held in March.

Collector and treasurer shall give bond.

SECT. 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in double the amount of the tax so raised, to the inhabitants of the said corporation, which bonds shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 9. William E. Skillings, Addison E. Herrick, Samuel D. Philbrook, Gideon A. Hastings and Enoch W.

Woodbury, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place, within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the said corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

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.

Eligibility of voters.

SECT. 11. 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 of said corporation, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts. But there shall be but one such meeting called in each year for such purpose.

When act shall take effect.

Approved February 16, 1889.

### Chapter 380.

An Act to make valid the doings of the town of Smithfield in the annual March meeting for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

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

The oath administered to the selectmen, assessors and other officers by the moderator in the town of Smithfield at the annual March meeting in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, is hereby made legal and valid and the acts of said officers are hereby made as legal and valid as the same would have been, if said oath had been administered in accordance with the provisions of law.

Doings of town of Smithfield, legalized

Approved February 16, 1889.