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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
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**Chapter 442.**

An Act to incorporate the Dixfield Water Company.

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

SECT. 1. John S. Harlow, Henry O. Stanley, George D. Bisbee, William G. Harlow, with their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Dixfield Water Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the village of Dixfield and vicinity, including that portion of Peru, bounded on the east by Spear's stream, on the south by James Demerritt's farm, on the west by Albert Frost's farm and on the north by Androscoggin river, in the county of Oxford, with pure water.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—purpose.

SECT. 2. Said corporation for said purposes, may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient therefor not exceeding sixty thousand dollars.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid to take, detain and use the water of any river, the Sam White brook, so called, in the town of Dixfield aforesaid, or the water of the Trask brook, so called, in the town of Mexico, being the same that empties into Webb's river just above the boom at Dixfield village, or the water of Webb's river, all in the county of Oxford, and is also authorized to erect and maintain reservoirs and dams, and lay down and maintain pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulation, conducting, discharging, distributing and disposing of water, and forming proper reservoirs therefor, and said corporation may take and hold by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor, and may excavate through any lands, when necessary for the purposes of this incorporation.

Authorized to take water.

—to erect reservoirs and dams, and lay down pipes, etc.

—take land.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs, and also damages for any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person may cause his damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions

Damages, and how ascertained, in case of disagreement.

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and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages, by the laying out of railroads.

Capital stock.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be forty thousand dollars, which may be increased to sixty thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and said stock shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

May lay down pipes in streets and ways, under restrictions imposed by municipal officers.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down, in and through the streets and ways in said towns of Dixfield, Mexico and Peru, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorporation under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the selectmen of said towns, and said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall further be liable to pay to said towns or either of them all sums recovered against either of said towns for damages from obstruction caused by said corporation and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred in defending such suits, with interest on same.

—responsibility for damages.

May contract to supply water.

SECT. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with said town of Dixfield and with other corporations and individuals for the purposes of supplying water as contemplated by said act; and said town of Dixfield, by its selectmen, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the supply of water, and for such exemption from public burden as said town of Dixfield and said company may agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

—town, may contract for water and exempt from taxation.

May cross any private or public sewer.

SECT. 8. Said corporation shall have power to cross any water course, private or public sewer or to change the direction thereof when necessary for the purpose of their incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any injury caused thereby. Whenever the said company shall lay down any pipes in any street, or make alterations or repairs upon its works in any street, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and pavements removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

—shall not obstruct travel.

May lay pipes over, in or under

SECT. 9. Said corporation is authorized to lay and maintain its pipes under, in or over the Androscoggin and Webb's

rivers, and to build and maintain all necessary structures therefor.

SECT. 10. Any person who shall willfully injure any of the property of said corporation, or who shall knowingly corrupt the source of its water supply or of any of its tributaries in any manner whatever, or render them impure whether the same be frozen or not, or who shall throw the carcasses of dead animals or other offensive matter into said waters, or who shall willfully destroy or injure any dam, reservoir, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant or other property held or owned by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than one year, and shall be liable to said corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered in any proper action.

SECT. 11. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and times as it may deem expedient, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and property of said company.

SECT. 12. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any three corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode seven days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 13. In case this corporation shall not have been organized, and the construction of the works commenced, within two years from date of the approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall be null and void.

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rivers.

Penalty, for  
corrupting  
water or injuring  
property.

May issue bonds  
and mortgage  
property.

First meeting,  
how called.

When act shall  
become void.