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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 72.**

An Act to set off certain territory from Pittsfield Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The following territory, together with all the inhabitants thereon, is hereby set off from Pittsfield Village Corporation: Beginning at a point on the Sebasticook river in the town of Pittsfield at the southwest corner of land of J. W. Burse, thence running easterly on the south line of said Burse's land to the range line between range number fourteen and range number fifteen; thence southerly on said range line to the southwest corner owned by the late Edgar J. Garcelon; thence easterly on the south line of said Garcelon land to the east line of the town of Pittsfield; thence northerly on the east line of said town to the northeast corner of said town; thence westerly on the north line of said town to the Sebasticook river; thence southerly on said Sebasticook river to the place of beginning. Also the land owned and occupied by Harrison W. Gardiner, John H. Coffin, the farm known as the Noah Marsh farm and the land owned and occupied by Orin Libby, all situated in the town of Pittsfield on the east side of the Sebasticook river. Also the land owned and occupied by W. P. Martin and Perry Furbush, both parcels situated in the town of Pittsfield, on the west side of the Sebasticook river.

Territory  
set off  
from Pitts-  
field village  
corporation.

—limits.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 2, 1899.

**Chapter 73.**

An Act to incorporate the Guilford Electric Light and Power Company.

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

Section 1. Henry Douglas, Marcellus L. Hussey, Zadoc L. Turner, David R. Straw, John R. Pollock and Frank S. Stevens, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of Guilford Electric Light and Power Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Corporators.

—corporate  
name.

Section 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to carry on the business of lighting by electricity such public

Powers and  
privileges.

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—may lay wires under direction of municipal officers.

—shall not endanger use of streets.

Shall obtain consent of officers to erect wires.

—responsible for damage to streets.

Shall not unnecessarily obstruct streets.

—nor use of any sewer, etc.

Damages, how estimated.

streets of the town of Guilford, and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners of those having control of such places to be lighted; and may furnish motive power by electricity within the limits of said town of Guilford; and may build and operate manufactories and works for the providing and supplying of electricity and light and power, and may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the proper objects of the corporation, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, and to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity, submarine, under ground, upon, under and along and over any and all streets and ways under the direction of the municipal officers of said Guilford; and in public places in such a manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, and to establish and maintain, under direction of said municipal officers all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances, and terminating at such points as may be expedient.

Section 3. For the erecting said wires above ground and for laying the same, or pipes thereof, submarine or under ground, and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said company shall first obtain the consent of the municipal officers of said town, and perform all said acts as directed by said municipal officers; and said company shall repay to said Guilford any sum which said town may have been compelled to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by a defect or want of repair in the streets or ways thereof, due to the neglect of said company, or on any judgment for damages caused by the negligence of said company in the erecting and maintaining of any posts, wires or appurtenances connected with said business.

Section 4. Said company, at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any street or way, made in erecting or laying the lines for such purposes, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain, or gas pipe, or sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Section 5. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken for railroads.

Section 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect or diminish the liability of said corporation for any injury to private property, by depreciating the value thereof or otherwise, but any legal remedies existing shall continue. The selectmen of said Guilford, for the time being, shall at all times, have the power to regulate and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect the health or safety, or become a nuisance to the inhabitants of said town.

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Responsible for depreciation of property.

—shall be under control of selectmen.

Section 8. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

Capital stock.

Section 9. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the construction of its works upon such rates and time, and to such amount as it may deem necessary, not to exceed thirty thousand dollars in all, and not to exceed the amount of capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the same by mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchise and property.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

Section 10. Manufactories and other business corporations doing business in said Guilford are hereby authorized to subscribe for and hold stock in said company.

Business corporations authorized to take stock.

Section 11. Any two of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a written notice, signed by both, postage paid, to each of the corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purpose of said meeting; a president, secretary and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

First meeting, how called.

Section 12. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting of said association by a majority of the members present.

Act may be accepted by association at any regular meeting.

Section 13. This act shall take effect when approved.