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OF THE

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Chapter 77.

An Act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

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

Section 1. J. W. Black, F. I. Mortland, Fred Atwood, C. E. Adams, C. F. Gordon, J. H. Kneeland, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Searsport Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the town of Searsport, in the county of Waldo, and the inhabitants of said town, with pure water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, including extinguishment of fires.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—purpose.

Section 2. Said company, for said purposes, may retain, collect, take, store, use and distribute water from any springs, except such springs as are in actual use for domestic purposes, ponds, streams, or other water sources in said Searsport, or from Boyd's pond in Stockton Springs, and may locate, construct and maintain cribs, reservoirs, aqueducts, gates, pipes, hydrants and all other necessary structures therefor.

Authorized to take water.

Section 3. Said company is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain in, under, through, along and across the highways, ways, streets, railroads and bridges in said towns, and to take up, replace and repair all such sluices, aqueducts, pipes, hydrants and structures as may be necessary for the purposes of its incorporation, so as not to unreasonably obstruct the same, under such reasonable restrictions and conditions as the selectmen of said towns may impose. It shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such highways, ways and streets, and shall further be liable to pay to said town all sums recovered against said towns for damages for obstruction caused by said company, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees incurred in defending such suits, with interest on the same, provided said company shall have notice of such suits and opportunity to defend the same.

May lay lines along highways.

—responsible for all damages.

Section 4. Said company shall have power to cross any water course, private and public sewer, or to change the direction thereof when necessary for the purposes of its incorporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, and it shall be liable for any injury caused thereby. Whenever said company shall lay down any fixture in any highway, way or street, or make any alterations or repairs upon its works in any highway, way or 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

May cross any water course or sewer.

—shall not obstruct public travel.

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May take waters and lands.

Section 5. Said company may take and hold any waters as limited in section two and also any lands necessary for reservoirs, and other necessary structures, and may locate, lay and maintain aqueducts, pipes, hydrants and other necessary structures or fixtures in, over and through any lands for its said purposes, and excavate in and through such lands for such location, construction and maintenance. It may enter upon such lands to make surveys and location, and shall file in the registry of deeds for said county of Waldo, plans of such location and lands, showing the property taken, and within thirty days thereafter, publish notice of such filing in some newspaper in said county, such publication to be continued three weeks successively. Not more than one rod in width of land shall be occupied by any one line of pipe or aqueduct.

—shall file plan of location in registry of deeds.

Damages, how estimated in case of disagreement.

Section 6. Should the said company and the owner of such land so taken be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for such location, taking, holding and construction, the land owner may, within twelve months after said filing of plans of location, apply to the commissioners of said county of Waldo, and cause such damages to be assessed in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways, so far as such law is consistent with the provisions of this act. If said company shall fail to pay such land owner, or deposit for his use with the clerk of the county commissioners aforesaid, such sum as may be finally awarded as damages, with costs when recovered by him, within ninety days after notice of final judgment shall have been received by the clerk of courts of said county, the said location shall be thereby invalid, and said company forfeit all rights under the same as against such land owner. Said company may make a tender to any land owner damaged under the provisions of this act, and if such land owner recovers more damages than were tendered him by said company, he shall recover costs, otherwise said company shall recover costs. In case said company shall begin to occupy such lands before the rendition of final judgment, the land owner may require said company to file its bond to him with said county commissioners, in such sum and with such sureties as they approve, conditioned for said payment or deposit. No action shall be brought against said company for such taking, holding and occupation, until after such failure to pay or deposit as aforesaid. Failure to apply for damages within three years by the land owner, shall be held to be a waiver of the same.

—if damages are not paid within ninety days, location is invalid.

—shall file bond if land is occupied before rendition of final judgment.

—failure for three years to apply for damages, held to be a waiver.

Section 7. Any person suffering damage by the taking of water by said company as provided by this act, may have his damages assessed in the manner provided in the preceding section, and payment therefor shall be made in the same manner and with the same effect. No action shall be brought for the same until after the expiration of the time of payment. And a tender by said company may be made with the same effect as in the preceding section.

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Damages for taking water, how ascertained.

Section 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the United States, and with corporations, and inhabitants of said town of Searsport or any village corporation therein for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by this act; and said town of Searsport by its selectmen, or such village corporation by its assessors, is hereby authorized to enter into contract with said company for a supply of water for public uses, on such terms and for such time as the parties may agree, which when made, shall be legal and binding on all parties thereto, and said town of Searsport for this purpose may raise money in the same manner as for other town charges.

May make contracts to furnish water.

—town may contract for water.

Section 9. The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars, and said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

Section 10. Said company for all of its said purposes, may hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, not exceeding in amount two hundred thousand dollars.

May hold estate to amount of \$200,000.

Section 11. Said company may issue its bonds for the construction of its works of any and all kinds upon such rates and time as it may deem expedient, to an amount not exceeding in all the capital stock of said corporation subscribed for, and secure the same by mortgage or mortgages of the franchise and property of said company.

May issue bonds and mortgage properly.

Section 12. The first meeting of said company may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any corporator 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.

First meeting, how called.

Section 13. This act shall become null and void in two years from the day when the same shall take effect, unless said company shall have organized and commenced actual business under this charter.

When act shall become null.

Section 14. This act shall take effect when approved.