

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

Chapter 95.

An Act to incorporate the Dixfield Fire Engine Company.

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

Section 1. The organization known as the Dixfield Fire Engine Company, located in the town of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford, is hereby made a body politic and corporate. It shall have all the rights and privileges of corporations organized under chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes, as well as authority to take and hold real and personal estate to be used by said company in providing itself with buildings, halls, fire apparatus and other means of protection of property against damage or loss by fire and for the purposes of mutual relief and benevolence among its members.

Dixfield fire engine company, incorporated.

—rights and privileges.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 7, 1899.

Chapter 96.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Water Company.

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

Section 1. James Crawford, Thomas J. Cochran, Peter C. Keegan, Simeon Cyr, Michael A. Barrett, Allan E. Hammond, Joseph F. Theriault, Abraham J. Dubay, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Van Buren Water Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the village of Van Buren and vicinity with pure water.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

Section 2. Said corporation for said purpose is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient therefor, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

Authorized to hold real estate to amount of \$50,000.

Section 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, the several springs or streams on the height of land overlooking said village, or so much of the Violette Brook stream, or any of its tributaries, as may be necessary for the purposes to be attained by this act, and to erect and maintain reservoirs and dams, and lay down and maintain all pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulation, conduct, discharge, distribution and disposition of water and forming proper reservoirs thereof; and said corporation may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate

May take water.

—erect dams, etc.

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—take
lands.

necessary therefor, and may make excavations through any lands whatever when necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

Liable for
all damages.

Section 4. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that may be occasioned to any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by the flowage, or by excavation 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 limitations, conditions and restrictions as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of railroads.

—how as-
sessed in
case of dis-
agreement.

Capital
stock.

Section 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be ten thousand dollars, which may be increased to twenty-five thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and said corporation may issue bonds to raise money for the construction of said works and their extension and repair, to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, to be secured by mortgage upon its real estate, works and franchise.

Authorized
to lay
pipes.

Section 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down, in and through the streets and ways, in said town of Van Buren, and take up, replace and repair all 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 town. Said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall also be liable to said town for damages from obstructions caused by said corporation, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees incurred in defending such suits with interest on the same.

—responsible
for all dam-
ages caused
by use of
streets.

May con-
tract to sup-
ply water.

Section 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the town of Van Buren, Van Buren Village Corporation, whenever such a corporation shall be formed, and with any or all other corporations or individuals for the purposes of supplying said corporations with water for fire and other municipal purposes, or any other corporations or individuals with water for any other purposes whatsoever; and said municipal corporations, by its selectmen or assessors, shall have the legal right to contract with said water company; and in consideration of supply of water for public buildings, school houses and

—town may
contract for
water and
exempt from
taxation.

other public places, said town may contract with said corporation to remit its taxes and other public burdens.

Section 8. Said corporation in making any changes, additions or improvements on its works in any streets of said Van Buren village, 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 public travel.

Section 9. Any person who shall willfully injure any of the property of said corporation, or who shall knowingly corrupt the springs or streams or its tributaries out of which said water company's water is obtained, 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, pipes, 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 less than one year, and shall be liable to said corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered in any proper action.

Penalty for injuring works or corrupting water.

Section 10. In case the works of said corporation shall not be put in actual operation within six years from the date of the approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall cease.

When act becomes void.

Section 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by three corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days before the time of meeting.

First meeting, how called.

Section 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 7, 1899.