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STATE OF MAINE.

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An Act to amend Section eleven of Chapter three hundred and ninety-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Warren Water Company."

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

Section 11,
chapter 311,
special laws
1893,
amended.

Company
may issue
bonds and
mortgage
property.

Section 1. Section eleven of chapter three hundred and ninety-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

'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, and secure the same by mortgage or mortgages of the franchise and property of said company.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1899.

Chapter 150.

An Act to abolish the Common Council of the City of Waterville.

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

Charter
amended.

The act of the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, approved March four, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend an act incorporating the city of Waterville," is hereby amended as follows:

Sections 2, 3,
4, 5 and
6, amended.

Administra-
tion of af-
fairs, vested
in mayor
and board
of aldermen.

—city coun-
cil shall
be sworn.

—keep
record.

Mayor, chief
executive
magistrate.

Section 1. Sections two, three, four, five and six of said act are hereby amended, so as to read respectively as follows:

'Section 2. The administration of all fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in one principal magistrate to be styled the mayor, and a board of seven aldermen, designated as the board of aldermen, all of whom shall be inhabitants of said city and legal voters therein. Said mayor and board of aldermen shall constitute the city council. All shall be sworn to a faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices. The city council shall keep a record of its proceedings, judge of the election of its members, and in case of vacancies, new elections shall be ordered by the city council.

'Section 3. The mayor of said city shall be the chief executive magistrate thereof. It shall be his duty to be vigilant and

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active in causing the laws and regulations of the city to be executed and enforced, to exercise a general supervision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and to cause their violations or neglect of duty to be punished. He may call special meetings of the city council, when, in his opinion, the interests of the city require it, by notice in one or more of the papers printed in the city, or by causing a summons or notification to be given in hand, or left at the usual dwelling place of each member thereof. He shall from time to time, communicate to the city council, such information and recommend such measures as the business and interests of the city may, in his opinion, require. He shall preside at the meetings of the city council, but shall have only a casting vote. The salary and compensation of the mayor shall be five hundred dollars per year, which shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office, unless by the vote of the qualified electors in ward meetings called for that purpose; nor shall he receive from the city any other compensation for any services by him rendered in any other capacity or agency; provided, however, that the city council may elect the mayor to any city office and allow him a reasonable compensation for services rendered in such office.

—powers
and duties.

—salary.

‘Section 4. Every law, act, ordinance, resolve or order, passed by the city council, excepting rules and orders of a parliamentary character, shall be presented to the mayor for his approval. If not approved by him, he shall return it with his objection, at the next session of the city council, which shall enter the objection at large on its journal and proceed to reconsider the same. If upon such reconsideration, it shall be passed by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council, it shall have the same effect as if signed by the mayor. In case of vacancy in the office of mayor when said act, law, ordinance, resolve or order be finally passed, the same shall be voted without approval.

Every law,
etc., passed
by council,
shall be
presented
to mayor
for approval.

—if not
approved,
shall be
returned
with objec-
tions.

—may be
passed over
veto.

‘Section 5. The officers of police shall be one chief, to be styled city marshal, so many deputy marshals as the city council may by ordinance prescribe, and so many watchmen and police as the city council may from time to time appoint.

Police
officers.

‘Section 6. The compensation of all subordinate city officers whatsoever shall be fixed by the city council. All officers of the police and health departments shall be appointed by nomination by the mayor and confirmation by the aldermen, and may be removed by them for good cause. All other subordinate officers shall be elected by the city council, and such officers may be removed for good cause by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof. Except as otherwise specially provided in this act,

Compensa-
tion of
city officers.

—appoint-
ment of
police and
health offi-
cers.

—election of
subordinate
officers.

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—when
elected.

—vacancies,
how filled.

Section 9,
amended.

Section 12,
amended.

Section 13,
amended.

Section 14,
amended.

Section 15,
amended.

Section 17,
amended.

Act shall
be operative
when ap-
proved by
voters.

—manner of
election.

all subordinate officers shall be elected annually on the second Monday in March, or as soon thereafter as may be, and their term of office shall be for one year and until others are elected and qualified in their place. All vacancies may be filled by the city council.'

Section 2. Section nine of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking out from the sixth line thereof, the two words "two boards" and inserting in the place thereof the words 'city council.'

Section 3. Section twelve of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking out from the third line thereof, the three words "two common councilmen."

Section 4. Section thirteen of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking out from the third line thereof, the three words "two common councilmen," and by striking out from the thirty-third line thereof, the three words "and common councilmen," also by changing the last word "the" in the thirty-sixth line to 'them,' striking from the thirty-seventh line the words "members of the two boards present," from the thirty-eighth line the words "after which the board of common council," and by striking out the whole of the thirty-ninth line, and by striking out from the last line of said section the words "of the board or boards to be convened" and adding in their place the word 'thereof.'

Section 5. Section fourteen of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking out of the sixth line thereof, the words "or at any conventions of the two boards."

Section 6. Section fifteen of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking out from the first and second lines the three words "board of aldermen" and inserting in their place the words 'city council,' and by striking out in the third line the four words "the mayor and aldermen."

Section 7. Section seventeen of the aforesaid act is hereby amended by striking from the first line thereof, the three words "and common councilmen."

Section 8. This act shall take effect and become operative after it shall have been approved by the legal voters of Waterville in the following manner, namely: at any legal election called for that purpose within five years from the approval of this act by the governor, the following questions may be submitted to the voters of said city on the Australian ballot prepared by the city clerk, namely: 'Shall the common council be abolished?'

Those voters in favor of the adoption of this act will make a cross in the square over the word 'yes,' and those opposed to its adoption will make a cross in the square over the word 'no.'

'Shall the mayor's salary be five hundred dollars?'

Those voters in favor of the adoption of this act will make a cross in the square over the word 'yes,' and those opposed to its adoption will make a cross in the square over the word 'no.'

If a majority of the ballots cast at any such election shall thus be for the adoption of either of said amendments as stated in either of the aforesaid propositions to be voted on, then this act shall be regarded as adopted and become operative as before stated as to the proposition which is or may be adopted by the vote as aforesaid, and the said charter amended accordingly.

Charter shall be amended, if majority of votes are in favor.

Approved March 15, 1899.

Chapter 151.

An Act to incorporate the Freeport Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Freeport embraced within the following limits, namely: Beginning at the easterly corner of land of Freeport Water Company, it being the corner of Main street and road leading to South Durham; thence westerly to the easterly corner of land of Freeport Park Association on Pleasant street; thence southwesterly in a direct line to the westerly corner of William H. Soule's land; thence southeasterly on line of said Soule's land to the Maine Central Railroad; thence easterly by said railroad to Main street; thence southwesterly by said street to the westerly corner of William O. Hodsdon's land; thence southeasterly on the line of a proposed new street to the southerly corner of said Hodsdon's land; thence easterly in a direct line to the corner of South and West streets; thence by said South street to the southwesterly corner of land of Mrs. Amanda J. Curtis; thence easterly to the easterly line of land of L. M. Bailey; thence northeasterly to easterly line of land of J. F. Thomas; thence northeasterly to northeasterly corner of land of Mrs. M. J. Townsend; thence northerly to southerly corner of land of George A. Fogg on northerly side of Bow street; thence northerly to the point of beginning, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Freeport Village Corporation.

Limits.

—corporate name.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment, as hereinafter provided, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary and sufficient, not exceeding the amount provided for in

Authorized to raise money.