

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

‘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.

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—purposes.

section six of this act, for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said corporation, an efficient fire department; for building, purchasing, renting, repairing, and maintaining engine houses, hook and ladder carriage houses, and lockups or police stations; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fire; for building and maintaining and repairing sidewalks; for lighting streets; for setting out, maintaining and caring for shade trees; to pay for the services of one or more police officers, to whom the corporation may vote a salary or other compensation; and may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes.

Officers.

Section 3. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, each of said assessors shall be an owner of real estate within the corporation limits and shall serve one year without compensation, and such other officers or agents of the corporation provided for by its by-laws shall be appointed by the assessors; and said officers shall hold office for one year from the date of their election, until their successors are chosen and qualified, and shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers, chosen by towns, now have or may have.

Powers and duties of assessors.

Section 4. Said assessors shall be the general municipal officers of said corporation, and shall have charge of its affairs and of the expenditure of money therein.

Power of police officers.

Section 5. Said police officers and night watchman shall have, within the limits of said corporation, the power of constables in matters criminal or relating to the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation.

How money shall be assessed.

Section 6. All moneys which may be raised for the purposes aforesaid and for any other purpose for which the corporation may raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of said corporation by the assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town taxes, provided that it shall not be legal for this corporation to assess polls exceeding two dollars and not to exceed two one-thousandths on estates and that the total appropriations together with any indebtedness shall not exceed the maximum amount of one assessment based upon the town valuation of the property within corporation limits in any one year, as herein provided, and the said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Freeport, and assess the tax thereon, or may correct said valuation

—valuation.

or make a new one thereof; according to the principles established by the last act establishing a state law, and assess the tax on that valuation.

Section 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any legal meeting of the inhabitants thereof for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of said corporation, and the assessment so made to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as town and county taxes are collected in towns, and the said corporation's collector or treasurer shall have the same power and authority in collecting the tax so assessed, as a constable or town collector has by law for collecting town and county taxes, and shall enforce payment of the same in the same manner as a town constable or town collector is required to do by law, and the said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of taxes.

How taxes are to be assessed.

—how collected.

Section 8. All money payable to said corporation for any purpose, as well as all moneys derived from taxation, or any source, shall be paid to the treasurer of the corporation and received and held by him for the use of the corporation. The treasurer shall pay therefrom upon written order of the assessors, and no such order shall be drawn by them except upon a properly avouched bill of items. The collector, and when required, the treasurer, shall give bonds in such sums as the corporation may direct, to be approved by the assessors.

All moneys shall be held for the use of the corporation.

—collector and treasurer shall give bonds.

Section 9. Said corporation, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, may adopt by-laws and make all needful rules and ordinances for the organization and government of said corporation, not repugnant to the laws of the state.

By-laws.

Section 10. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from its approval by the governor, by a majority vote of the voters present at a meeting of said corporation, called for the purpose of accepting this charter. Henry C. Brewer, J. W. Amick and Winthrop C. Fogg, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place, within the limits aforesaid, by posting notices in two public places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization and after a moderator shall be chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all

When charter may be accepted.

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meetings of the corporation, a moderator shall in like manner be chosen and have the same power as in town meetings.

First elec-
tion of
officers.

Section 11. The first election of the officers of this corporation shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation, called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of March.

Eligibility
of voters.

Section 12. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

When act
shall take
effect.

Section 13. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not bind the inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, until its acceptance by them as hereinbefore provided.

Approved March 15, 1899.

Chapter 152.

An Act to legalize the call issued for holding the meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Meeting House Corporation of Whitefield.

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

Call for
meeting by
corporation,
made valid.

Section 1. The call issued for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Meeting House Corporation, of Whitefield, on January twenty-one, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, which referred to said corporation as the Methodist and Baptist Church Corporation, is hereby made valid.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1899.

Chapter 153.

An Act to authorize the City of Lewiston to take water for Municipal and Domestic Purposes.

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

City au-
thority to
take water.

Section 1. The city of Lewiston is hereby authorized and empowered to take water from Lake Auburn, or any pond in Androscoggin county, except Sabattus pond, sufficient for all municipal, public and domestic purposes in said city, including a sufficient quantity for extinguishing fires, supplying hotels, livery stables and laundries, for sprinkling streets, for running elevators and for motors, providing that such motors shall not

—purposes.