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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

Chapter 192.

An Act to incorporate the Wilton 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 Wilton embraced within the following limits, namely: what was formerly school district Number Nine in said Wilton, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Wilton Village Corporation.

Village corporation established.
—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 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 lock ups 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.

Authorized to raise money for certain purposes.

—may receive bequests, etc.

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.

Officers.

—tenure.

—powers.

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.

Assessors shall have general charge of affairs.

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.

Powers of police officers.

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Money may be raised and assessed on polls and estates.

—poll tax.

—rate of taxation.

—valuation.

Assessors shall assess tax.

—treasurer or collector shall collect, as towns collect taxes.

—power to enforce payment.

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

—collector and treasurer shall give bonds.

May adopt by-laws.

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, nor estates at a rate exceeding three-fourth of one mill on the dollar, 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 Wilton, and assess the tax thereon, or may correct said 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.

Section 8. All moneys 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.

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.

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. F. J. Goodspeed, H. R. Dascomb and J. W. Perkins, 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 meetings of the corporation, a moderator shall in like manner be chosen and have the same power as in town meetings.

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.

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.

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 17, 1899.

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When charter may be accepted.

—meeting for acceptance, how called.

First election, when held.

Eligibility of voters.

When act shall take effect, but shall not bind inhabitants.

Chapter 193.

An Act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway.

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

The time within which the Kennebec and Franklin Railway, a corporation created by chapter seventy of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, may file its locations and commence operations for building its lines, is hereby extended to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and one.

Charter of Kennebec and Franklin Railway, extended.

Approved March 17, 1899.