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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 471.

An Act to incorporate the Columbia Falls Water and Electric Light Company.

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

Section 1. A. H. Chandler, J. P. Crandon and C. D. Bishop, with their associates and successors are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Columbia Falls Water and Electric Light Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the town of Columbia Falls with pure water and electric lights.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—purposes.

Section 2. Said corporation, for said purpose, may hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

May hold property not exceeding \$100,000.

Section 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the purposes aforesaid, to take water from any spring, pond or streams in said town, or adjoining towns, provided, that no water be taken from springs now used for private or domestic purposes without consent of the owner, to erect and maintain pumping stations, with all necessary appliances required thereto, to erect and maintain reservoirs and stand pipes, and lay down and maintain pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulating, conducting, discharging, distributing and disbursing water, and forming proper reservoirs therefor, and said corporation may take and hold by purchase or otherwise any lands or real estate necessary therefor, and may excavate through any lands when necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

Authorized to take water out of private springs.

—shall not be taken without consent of owner.

—may take land.

Section 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the purposes aforesaid to carry on the business of lighting by electricity or otherwise, such public streets in the town of Columbia Falls, and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners or those having control of such places to be lighted, and may furnish motive power by electricity or otherwise, within said town, and may build and operate manufactories and works for providing and supplying electricity, light and power, and may take, lease, purchase and hold real estate, and personal estate therefor, and to construct, lay, maintain, and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity or power, upon, under, along and over any and all streets and ways under the direction of the municipal officers of said town.

May carry on the business of lighting streets and furnish power.

Section 5. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purposes of laying down pipes and

Liable for all damages.

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- damages, how ascertained in case of disagreement.
 - appeal may be taken.

aqueducts, building dams, 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, either party on petition to the county commissioners of Washington county may have the damages assessed by them; and subsequent proceedings and rights of appeal thereon shall be had in the same manner and under the same conditions and restrictions and limitations as are by law provided in case of damages by laying out highways.

Capital stock.

Section 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one hundred thousand dollars, said stock to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

Authorized to lay pipes, etc., under restrictions imposed by selectmen.

Section 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down, in and through the streets and ways of said town of Columbia Falls, and to take up, replace and repair all such 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, and said corporation shall be responsible for all damage to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall further be liable to pay to said town all sums recovered against 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 same.

Liablie for damages to highways.

May contract to supply water.

Town may contract for water and exempt from taxation.

Section 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contract with said town of Columbia Falls, and with other corporations and individuals, for the purpose of supplying water, electric lights and power as contemplated by said act; and said town of Columbia Falls by its selectmen, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the supply of water, electric lights and power and such exemption from public burden as said town and said company may agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

May cross any sewer but shall not impair use of same.

- shall not obstruct travel.

Section 9. Said corporation shall have power to cross any private or public sewer, or to change the direction thereof, when necessary for the purposes of this incorporation, but in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof; and said corporation shall be liable for any injury caused thereby. Whenever the company shall lay down any pipes in any street, or make any alterations or repairs upon its works in any 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 earth and pavements removed to be replaced in proper condition.

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Section 10. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and terms as it may deem expedient, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and property of said company.

May issue
bonds and
mortgage
property.

Section 11. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by public notice, published in the *Narraguagus Times*, three weeks, said call to be signed by at least three of the corporators.

First meeting
how called.

Section 12. This act shall become null and void in four years from the time when the same takes effect, unless the corporation shall have organized and commenced the construction of its works under this charter.

Act void
unless work
is commenced
within 4
years.

Section 13. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 472.

An Act to amend Chapter sixty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, which is an act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Company.

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

Strike out all of section two of said act, commencing with the word, "said," in the first line, to and including the word "stream," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the following:

Charter
amended.

'Said corporation may build and maintain dams with sluices and side booms at the outlet of the Upper and Lower Wilson ponds in the town of Greenville and Township number eight, range ten, north of Waldo Patent, known as West College township, in Piscataquis county, and at the outlet of Rum pond in said Greenville and said township, and may remove rocks, excavate ledges, build dams and side dams, and make improvements in the stream between said Upper and Lower Wilson ponds, and may erect and maintain a dam or dams with side booms and sluices on Wilson stream, flowing from Lower Wilson pond into Sebec lake in said county, to facilitate the driving of logs and lumber down said stream between said ponds, and down said Wilson stream.'

Insert between the words "excavate" and "at," in the seventh line, the words 'but shall smooth up the ledges;'; strike out the word "but," in the seventh line, and insert the words 'and it,' so that said section shall read as follows: