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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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**Chapter 60.**

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter fifty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

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

Rumford Falls Village Corporation, limits extended.

Section 1. The limits of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation as described in section one of chapter fifty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five are hereby extended and enlarged by adding thereto the following described land in the town of Rumford together with all the inhabitants and property thereon, namely: All the land that is located on the northerly side of the Androscoggin river in the town of Rumford, above Rumford Falls, which was known as the Charles F. Wheeler farm, said farm being situated between the southerly and westerly line of the Rufus Virgin farm, so called, and the farm owned by William M. Blanchard and now occupied by his son George E. Blanchard.

Provisions shall apply to land, inhabitants and property.

Section 2. All the provisions of chapter fifty-four referred to in section one of this act shall apply to all the land, inhabitants and property on the same, described in section one of this act the same as if said land, inhabitants and property had been described and included in section one of said chapter fifty-four. And the same shall become a part of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation from and after the date of the approval of this act.

Approved February 19, 1903.

**Chapter 61.**

An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. Phineas Richardson, Whiting L. Butler, Walter F. Oakes, John A. Russell, Harry A. Furbish, G. Lafayette Kempton, John R. Toothaker and G. A. Proctor, with their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, under the name of the Rangeley Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Rangeley and adjoining plantations with suitable water for industrial, manufacturing, domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fire; with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of similar corporations under the laws of this state.

--corporate name.  
--purposes.

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Section 2. For any of the purposes aforesaid, the said corporation is hereby authorized to take and use water from the lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, springs, or other waters in the towns of Rangeley and Madrid, and in the plantations of Greenvale, Sandy River, Rangeley and Dallas; to conduct and distribute the same into and through any of the said towns and plantations; and to survey for, locate, construct and maintain suitable and convenient dams, reservoirs, buildings, machinery, lines of pipes, aqueducts, structures and appurtenances.

Authorized to take water from lakes, etc. in certain towns.

—may construct dams, lines of pipe, etc.

Section 3. The said corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain its lines of pipe under, in and over any river or other stream of water in any of the said towns or plantations, and to build and maintain all necessary structures therefor, at such places as may be necessary for the said purposes of the said corporation; and to cross any water course, private or public sewer, or to change the direction thereof, where necessary for the said purposes of the said corporation, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, and the said corporation shall be liable for any injury or damage caused thereby.

May lay pipes across rivers.

Section 4. The said corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain in, under, through, along, over and across the highways, ways, streets, railroads and bridges in the said towns and plantations named in section two of this act, and to take up, replace and repair, all such aqueducts, pipes, hydrants and other structures and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for the said purposes of said corporation; and said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to the said towns and plantations and to all corporations, persons and property, occasioned by such use of said highways, ways and streets. Whenever the said corporation shall lay down or construct any fixtures in any highway, way or 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 pavement then removed by it, to be replaced in proper condition.

May lay pipes in streets, etc.

—damages.

Section 5. The said corporation is hereby authorized to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands necessary for flowage, and also for its dams, reservoirs, gates, hydrants, buildings and other necessary structures, and may locate, erect, lay and maintain aqueducts, lines of pipe, hydrants and other necessary structures or fixtures in, over and through any land for the said purposes, and excavate in and through such land for such location, construction and erection. And in general to do any acts necessary, convenient or proper, for carrying out any of the said purposes of said corporation. It may enter upon such

May take lands for flowage, etc.

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—may enter lands for surveys.  
—plans of location shall be published.

lands to make surveys and locations, and shall file in the registry of deeds for the county of Franklin, plans of such locations and lands, showing the property taken, and within thirty days thereafter publish notice of such filing in some newspaper in said county, such publication to be continued three weeks successively. Not more than two rods in width of land shall be occupied by any one line of pipe or aqueduct.

Damages may be assessed by county commissioners.

Section 6. Should the said corporation and the owner of any land required for the said purposes of said corporation, be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for such location, taking, holding and construction, the land owner may within twelve months after the said filing of plans of location, apply to the commissioners of said county of Franklin, and cause such damages to be assessed in the same manner and under the same conditions, as are prescribed by law in the case of damages by the laying out of railroads. If the said corporation shall fail to pay such land owner, or deposit for his use with the clerk of the county commissioners aforesaid, such sums as may be finally awarded as damages, with costs when recovered by him, within ninety days after notice of final judgment shall have been received by the clerk of courts of the said county, the said location shall be thereby invalid and the said corporation shall forfeit all rights under the same, as against the owner of the land. The said corporation may make a tender to any land owner damaged under the provisions of this act, and if such land owner recovers more damages than was tendered him by the said corporation, he shall recover costs, otherwise the said corporation shall recover costs. In case the said corporation shall begin to occupy such land before the rendition of final judgment, the land owner may require the said corporation to file its bond to him with the said county commissioners in such sum and with such sureties as they may approve, conditioned for the payment of the damages that may be awarded. No action shall be brought against the said corporation for such taking, holding and occupation, until after such failure to pay or deposit as aforesaid. Failure to apply for damages within the said twelve months shall be held to be a waiver of the same.

—may make tender to land owner.

May make contracts with United States, the state of Maine, towns, etc.

Section 7. The said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the United States, the state of Maine, the county of Franklin, the towns and plantations named in section two of this act, and Rangeley Village Corporation in the said town of Rangeley, and with the inhabitants of said towns, plantations and village corporation, or any corporations doing business therein, for the supply of water and power for the purposes contemplated in this act; and the said towns, plantations and

village corporation, by their proper officers, are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the said water company for a supply of water for any and all purposes mentioned in this act, and for such exemptions from public burdens as the said towns and the said water company may agree upon, which when made, shall be legal and binding upon all parties thereto.

Section 8. The capital stock of the said water company shall be twenty thousand dollars, which may be increased to any sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, by a majority vote of the stockholders of the said water company; and the stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Section 9. The said water company for all its purposes, may hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

Section 10. The said water 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 not to exceed the amount of the capital stock subscribed for, and secure the same by mortgage of its franchise and property.

Section 11. The first meeting of said water company shall be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any two of the named incorporators, served upon each named incorporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode at least seven days before the time of meeting, or by publishing said notice in some newspaper published in said county of Franklin.

Section 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 20, 1903.

Capital stock

May hold real and personal estate to the value of \$50,000.

May issue bonds.

—may mortgage its property.

First meeting how called.

## Chapter 62.

An Act to amend Section five of Chapter forty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, as amended by Chapter three hundred and twenty-six of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and one, relating to fishing through the ice in Thompson pond.

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

Section 1. So much of section five of chapter forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, as amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-six of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and one, as prohibits fishing through the ice in Thompson pond, situated partly in Oxford and partly in Cumberland county, in accordance with the general law of the state, permitting fishing through the ice during February, March and April, is hereby repealed.

Ice fishing in Thompson pond, prohibition repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 20, 1903.