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CHAP. 156**Chapter 156.**

An Act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company.

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

Charter
extended.

Section 1. The rights, powers and privileges of the Bluehill Water Company, which were granted by chapter three hundred and fifty-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and amended and extended by chapter four hundred and ninety-nine of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and extended by chapter one hundred and nine of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and further extended by chapter three hundred and thirteen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and one, are hereby extended for two years additional; and the persons named in said act and amendment, their associates and successors, shall have all the rights, powers and privileges that were granted them by said act, to be exercised in the same manner and for the same purpose as specified in said act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 11, 1903.

Chapter 157.

An Act granting a new charter to the Farmington Village Corporation.

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

Corporate
limits.

Section 1. The territory in the town of Farmington, comprising front lots number twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six and twenty-seven, on the east side of Sandy river, together with the inhabitants thereon, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate by the name of the Farmington Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges provided by the general laws of the state relating to corporations.

—corporate
name.

May raise
money by
taxation on
loan.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power at all legal meetings called for the purpose, to raise money by taxation or loan, including the power to issue bonds or notes therefor, for the following purposes:

—may own
and operate
water works.

To own, operate and maintain the entire water works and rights acquired by purchase of the Farmington Water Company in accordance with chapter four hundred and thirty-four of the private and special laws of Maine enacted by the legislature of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and to make extensions,

additions or improvements of the same and to repair and rebuild the same anywhere within the limits of the town of Farmington, and to adopt all rules and regulations for operating said water works, including fixing and establishing the water rates and shall hereafter own and operate said Farmington Water Company's entire works and rights, and exercise and enjoy and have all the rights and franchise that was granted to said Farmington Water Company as fully as if granted to said Farmington Village Corporation direct.

—may adopt rules and regulations.

To organize and maintain an efficient fire department, and to adopt all rules and regulations for governing the same.

—may organize and maintain fire department.

To appoint by its assessors two or more persons annually whose duties and power shall be the same as those of fire wardens of towns.

—fire wardens.

To organize and maintain such a police department as may be necessary for the security of property, the protection of life, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its corporation limits, and to adopt all rules and regulations necessary for governing and controlling said department.

—police department.

To purchase lands for village parks or commons, and to expend money in the improvement of land used for this purpose, and also to plant and care for shade trees.

—parks and commons.

To receive, hold and manage devises, bequests, or gifts for any of the above purposes.

—hold devises, etc.

Also shall have exclusive authority to grant licenses for exhibitions or shows within the limits of said corporation as the municipal officers of the town now have by law, with the right to collect the same fees for said licenses as are now provided by law for like licenses by the municipal officers of towns, and the same penalties and forfeitures may be enforced by said corporation for exhibitions or shows within its limits without license as are provided by law for exhibitions or shows without license from the municipal officers of towns.

—may grant licenses.

Section 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory aforesaid by the assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is by law provided for the assessment of town taxes.

Assessments.

Section 4. After a vote of the said corporation to raise money for any of the purposes enumerated in this charter, it shall be the duty of the assessors as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the persons residing in the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver lists of assessments so made, to the collector whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like

Assessors, duties of.

—collector, duties of.

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—treasurer,
duties of

manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Officers.

Section 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other officers as the by-laws of the corporation may require the assessors to appoint.

By-laws,
adoption of.

Section 6. Said corporation at the next annual meeting after the adoption of this charter, or at any legal meeting called for that purpose, shall adopt a code of by-laws not repugnant to this charter or the laws of this state, for the efficient management of the municipal affairs of said corporation. The by-laws aforesaid may be amended at any legal meeting of the corporation called for that purpose.

Assessors,
clerk and
treasurer,
election of.

Section 7. The assessors, clerk and treasurer of said corporation shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be held in the month of January.

—tenure of
clerk and
treasurer.

The clerk and treasurer shall hold office each for one year, or until successors are chosen and qualified. The assessors shall appoint a collector. At the first annual meeting of the corporation after the adoption of this charter, one assessor shall be elected by ballot for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter one assessor shall be elected at each annual meeting for the term of three years.

—collector,
appointment
of.

—assessors,
election of.

Clerk, shall
keep record
of meetings.

Section 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of the said corporation.

Bonds of
collector and
of treasurer.

Section 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in double the amount of the taxes so raised, to the inhabitants of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

Meetings,
how called.

Section 10. The meetings of said corporation shall be called by publishing the warrant of the assessors in any newspaper printed within the limits of the corporation; the publication of which shall be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting; or by posting copies of said warrant in three public places within the limits of said corporation, at least seven days before said meeting.

If the assessors unreasonably refuse to call a meeting of the corporation, any ten or more legal voters may apply to a justice of the peace within the corporation, who may issue his warrant

for calling such a meeting, as prescribed in the statutes for calling town meetings.

Section 11. 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.

Legal voters.

Section 12. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed. Provided, however, the repeal of the said acts shall not affect any act done, or any act accruing, or accrued, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced in any civil case before the time when such repeal shall take effect, under the acts hereby repealed, and before the time when repeal shall take effect, shall be affected by the repeal. And provided, also, that all persons who, at the time said repeal shall take effect, shall hold any office under the said acts or by-laws of the Farmington Village Corporation, shall continue to hold the same until others are elected and qualified in their stead, as provided in this act.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

—proviso.

—proviso.

And provided, also, that all acts of legislature, relating to the Farmington Village Corporation and the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Farmington Village Corporation in force at time of the passage of this act if not inconsistent therewith shall remain in force and are not repealed by this act.

—proviso.

Section 13. This act shall be void unless at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose, the legal voters of the corporation shall vote, by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect at the next annual, nineteen hundred four, meeting of the corporation, and its officers shall be elected according to its provisions.

Charter, ratification of.

Approved March 11, 1903.

Chapter 158.

An Act to incorporate the Brunswick and Topsham Water District.

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

Section 1. The territory and people constituting the towns of Brunswick and Topsham shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district and said municipalities with pure water for domestic and municipal purposes.

Corporate limits.