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Chapter 305.

An Act to incorporate the Wells Electric Light and Power Company.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. George G. Hatch, Joseph D. Eaton, John Rankin, Freeman E. Rankin, George H. Littlefield, Joseph H. Littlefield and J. Warren Gordon, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Wells Electric Light and Power Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

—corporate name.

Powers and purposes.

Section 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to carry on the business of lighting by electricity such public streets of the town of Wells, 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 within the limits of said town of Wells; and may build and operate manufactories and works for the providing and supplying of electricity and light and power and may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the proper objects of the corporation, and to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity, submarine, under ground, upon, under and along and over any and all streets and ways under the direction of the municipal officers of said Wells; and in public places in such a manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, and to establish and maintain, under direction of said municipal officers, all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances, and terminating at such points as may be expedient.

—may furnish power.

—may hold real and personal estate.

—may maintain lines of wire.

—under direction of municipal officers.

Consent of municipal officers shall be had in certain cases.

Section 3. For the erecting said wires above ground and for laying the same, or pipes thereof, submarine or under ground, and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said company shall first obtain the consent of the municipal officers of said town, and perform all said acts as directed by said municipal officers; and said company shall pay to said Wells any sum which said town may have been compelled to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by a defect or want of repair in the streets or ways thereof, due to the neglect of said company, or on any judgment for damages caused by the negligence of said company in the erecting and maintaining of any posts, wires or appurtenances connected with said business.

—damages.

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Section 4. Said company, at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any street or way, made in erecting or laying the lines for such purposes, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain, or gas pipe, or sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Shall not unnecessarily obstruct streets.

Section 5. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken for railroads.

Damages for land taken, how estimated.

Section 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect or diminish the liability of said corporation for any injury to private property, by depreciating the value thereof or otherwise, but any legal remedies existing shall continue. The selectmen of said Wells, for the time being, shall at all times have the power to regulate and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect the health and safety, or become a nuisance to the inhabitants of said town.

Shall be liable for injury to private property.

Section 7. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

Capital stock.

Section 8. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the construction of its works upon such rates and time, and to such amount as it may deem necessary, not to exceed thirty thousand dollars in all, and not to exceed the amount of capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the same by mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchise and property.

May issue bonds.

Section 9. Manufactories and other business corporations doing business in said Wells are hereby authorized to subscribe for and hold stock in said company.

Business corporations may hold stock in.

Section 10. Any two of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a written notice, signed by both, postage paid, to each of the corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purpose of said meeting; a president, secretary and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

First meeting, how called.

Section 11. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting of said association by a majority of the members present.

Section 12. This act shall take effect when approved.