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Chapter 140.

An Act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

The time within which the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state, shall actually commence business, is hereby extended two years from the date when this act takes effect.

Charter extended.

Approved March 20, 1911.

Chapter 141.

An Act to change the name of The Baptist Religious Society of North Yarmouth and Freeport to The Baptist Religious Society of Yarmouth.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

The name of The Baptist Religious Society of North Yarmouth and Freeport, incorporated in June seventeen hundred and ninety-seven by the General Court of Massachusetts, is hereby changed to The Baptist Religious Society of Yarmouth.

Corporate name changed.

Approved March 20, 1911.

Chapter 142.

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

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.

Territorial limits.

—corporate name.

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, or to use any money the proceeds of its water department, for the following purposes:

Vested powers.

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 eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and to exercise all the right, and operate the water works

—to own and maintain water works.

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built and obtained, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and five, and to make extensions, additions and improvements of the same, and make necessary repairs on same, and lay any additional lines of pipe from Farmington Village Corporation to any part of the line of pipe extending to Varnum's pond in Wilton, and to adopt all proper rules and regulations for operating said water works, including the fixing and establishing the water rates, and to exercise and have all the rights and franchises heretofore granted to said corporation by the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and nineteen hundred and five above referred to.

—lay additional pipes.

—fire department.

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

—fire wardens.

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.

—police department.

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.

—parks, or commons,

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.

—devises, bequests, etc.

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

—street sprinkling.

To sprinkle the streets of the corporation.

—sewer system, street lighting.

To build and maintain a system of sewage.

—granting licenses for shows, etc.

To light the streets of the corporation.

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.

Assessments, how made.

Section 3. Any money raised by said corporation by taxation 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.

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Section 4. After a vote of the said corporation to raise money by taxation 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 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.

Assessors shall assess taxes.

—collection of taxes.

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.

Officers.

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.

Shall adopt by-laws.

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.

Annual election of officers.

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.

—tenure of clerk and treasurer.

—tenure of assessors.

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

Clerk shall keep record.

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.

Bond of certain officers.

Section 10. The meetings of said corporation shall be called by publishing the warrant of the assessors in any newspaper

Meetings, how called.

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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.

—justice of peace may call meeting, if assessors refuse.

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.

Tax payers shall be legal voters at 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.

Inconsistent acts repealed.—proviso.

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.

—further provided.

Act void unless accepted by major vote.

Section 13. This act shall be void unless at a legal meeting 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 twelve, meeting of the corporation, and its officers shall be elected according to its provisions.

Approved March 20, 1911.

Chapter 143.

An Act to incorporate the Monson Water Company.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Corporators.

Section 1. Albert W. Chapin, Henry Hudson, John F. Sprague, with their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation under the name of the Monson Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Monson with suitable water for the industrial manufacturing, domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishing of fires, and the making of contracts with the said

—corporate name.
—purposes.