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common stock; or in lieu of such exchange the stockholders may Chap. 138 purchase at not exceeding par their proportional part of the new securities so offered them for exchange by paying therefor in cash, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied by the Maine Central Railroad Company to the retirement of common stock as hereinafter provided. Any balance of such bonds, notes or preferred stock as shall not be taken by the stockholders may be exchanged for common stock held by the Maine Railways Companies, or may be sold by the Maine Central Railroad Company. and the proceeds used to obtain and cancel said common stock of the Maine Railways Companies of equal par value; provided that the common stock so obtained, whether through direct purchase of said stock or through the purchase or calling for payment of the notes of the Maine Railways Companies, shall be obtained at a cost not exceeding par; and provided further that none of the preferred stock hereby authorized shall be sold at less than par. The preferred stock shall have no voting power, and shall carry dividends not exceeding five per cent, per annum. All other terms and conditions under which said bonds, notes or preferred stock are to be issued shall be fixed by the stockholders, in the manner aforesaid, subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Maine; and said commission shall certify in such approval that it is satisfied proper arrangements have been made in regard to the disposition of the remaining common stock held by the trustees of the Maine Railways Companies to afford reasonable opportunity to the citizens of Maine to acquire the ownership of all or a substantial majority of such remaining common stock.

Approved March 29, 1915.

Chapter 138.

An Act to Incorporate the North Bridgton Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Bridgton embraced within the following limits: Commencing on the northerly shore of Long lake at the mouth of Moose Pond brook, thence running northerly by said brook to the northerly line of the homestead premises of Freeman H. Brown at the time of his decease: thence westerly on said line of said Brown premises and northerly line of the homestead premises of Joseph N. Adams to the North Bridgton and Waterford road, so-called; thence westerly by the northerly line of pasture land of Elton

-exchange or sale of stock.

-proviso.

-no voting power.

-terms fixed by stockholders, subject to approval Public Utilities Commission.

North Bridgton Village Cor-poration created within limits

CHAP. 138 B. York and the northerly line of land of Luther Monk to the North Bridgton and Sweden road, so-called; thence westerly by the northerly line of land of George S. Marr to the easterly line of the homestead farm of George E. Chadbourne; thence southerly by said line of said Chadbourne farm and the westerly line of said Marr land to the Chadbourne Hill or Ridge road, so-called; thence easterly by said last named road to the westerly line of land of Bridgton Academy; thence southerly by said line of said Bridgton Academy land and the westerly line of the homestead premises of Elsie L. Moore at time of her decease and the westerly line of the homestead premises of Joseph W. Witham to the southwesterly corner thereof; thence southerly across the homestead premises of Henry W. Evans to the northwesterly corner of house lot of Augusta Ward: thence southerly by the westerly line of said Ward lot, westerly line of land of Helen B. Randolph and westerly line of land of Gertrude Adams to the northerly line of homestead premises of Dr. W. N. Decker; thence easterly by said line of said Decker premises to the Bridgton Center and North Bridgton road, socalled; thence southerly by said last named road to the southwesterly corner of a small field on the easterly side thereof owned by James C. Mead at the time of his decease; thence easterly by the stone wall on the southerly side of said field and thence onward on same course as said wall to Long lake aforesaid and thence northeasterly by said lake to the point of commencement; together with the inhabitants thereon is hereby created a body politic and corporate by name of North Bridgton Village Corporation.

-powers of corporation.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose to raise by assessment such sums of money as may be sufficient to purchase a fire engine, hose, ladders and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires and to organize and maintain within the limits of said corporation an efficient fire department and to contract with individuals or corporations for the supply of water under pressure for the extinguishment of fires and to contract with individuals or corporations for the lighting of the streets within said corporate limits and to set out, maintain and care for shade trees.

Officers, powers and duties of.

-first election, when to be held.

Section 3. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector and three assessors, and they shall have the same power and authority that similar officers chosen by towns now have. Other officers or agents of the corporation shall be appointed by the assessors. The first election of officers shall be at the meeting at which this charter is accepted. Said officers shall hold their respective offices until the next Chap. 138 annual meeting of the corporation at which said meeting officers shall be elected and thereafterwards at each annual meeting, but in any event all officers duly elected shall hold office until their successors are elected and duly qualified. nual meeting of said corporation shall be held on the third Wednesday of March in each year. Said assessors shall be the general municipal officers of said corporation and shall have general charge of its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein, except so far as the same may be committed to other officers or persons. All persons residing within the limits of said territory who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs in said town of Bridgton shall be legal voters at any meetings of said corporation at which they are present.

Annual meetings. -assessors, duties and nowers of.

—raising of money.

Section 4. 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 provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property and the enumeration of polls within said territory by the assessors of the town of Bridgton and assess the tax thereon, or they may assess said tax on valuation and enumeration of polls made by themselves, and may abate any tax by them assessed.

-assess-

Section 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver to the collector of said corporation such assessment, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns.

-may adont by-laws.

Section 6. The said corporation at any legal meeting called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of the State, as they may deem necessary for the better government of the corporation, and such by-laws shall be subject to alterations or additions only by a majority vote at a legal meeting called for the purpose.

-meetings called by

Section 7. All meetings of the corporation after the first shall be called by warrant of the assessors stating time, place and purposes of the meeting, a copy of which shall be posted in a conspicuous place within its limits, seven days at least prior

CHAP. 139 to the meeting; and any special meeting of the corporation shall be so called by the assessors upon petition of seven legal voters, stating the time, place and purposes of meeting requested.

Accep-tance of charter.

Section 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within two years after granted and its rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in the next calendar year during the time aforesaid, but only one meeting to vote thereon shall be held in any one calendar year. James E. Bird, William H. Foster, Guy Monk and George S. Marr, or any one of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, by posting a notice, stating the time, place and object of said meeting in at least one public place in said territory, at least seven days, before the time of holding said meeting.

-who may call first meeting, how called.

-vote by ballot,

-majority to decide.

Section 9. In the meeting prescribed in section eight of this act for the first meeting of said corporation, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of the acceptance of the charter, and if a majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect in all its parts and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

Approved March 29, 1915.

Chapter 139.

An Act to Incorporate the Madawaska Electrical Power Company.

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

Incor-porators.

--corporate name.

-purposes

ration.

-mav maintain lines for sale and distribution of electricity.

Section I. Raymond Albert, F. W. Pellitier and Luc Albert and their associates, successors and assigns are hereby created a corporation, by the name of the Madawaska Electrical Power Company, with all the powers and privileges of similar corporations.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to purchase electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes from the Electric System Corporation of Edmundston, New Brunswick, and to supply the same to the towns of Madawaska, Frenchville and Saint Agatha, obtaining the written consent therefor from the selectmen of said towns of Madawaska, Frenchville and Saint Agatha; and said corporation is authorized to erect and maintain a line or lines of posts and wires with all necessary stations and fixtures from its main lines through towns of Madawaska, Frenchville and Saint Agatha. Nothing in this act shall require any corporation organized under the general laws of the State for the sale and distribution