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Sec. 2. Two hundred acres, more or less, withdrawn. Said boundaries and limits of said Madison Village Corporation are hereby further changed by withdrawing therefrom about two hundred acres of land owned by Addie S. B. Weston, lying east of Great Brook, so called, so that said Corporation boundaries and limits shall not include and embrace her above described land.

Approved March 15, 1917.

Chapter 57.

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company.

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

Sec. 1. Charter extended two years. All the rights, powers and privileges of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company which were granted by chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred nine, are hereby extended for two years.

Sec. 2. Existing statutes continued in force. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part of any existing statute. And all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes.

Approved March 15, 1917.

Chapter 58.

An Act to Authorize the Town of Richmond to Acquire the Property of Richmond Water Works, and to Construct and Maintain a System of Water Works within said Town.

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

Sec. 1. How transfer may be made. The town of Richmond, in the county of Sagadahoc, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, and Richmond Water Works is hereby authorized to sell and convey to said town of Richmond all the property of said corporation, or any part thereof, connected with its water system in said town of Richmond, together with all the rights and privileges connected therewith, subject, however, to any mortgage thereon, given to secure the payment of bonds not due at the time of such sale and conveyance, and to any contract for power for pumping entered into by said corporation. Said town of Richmond by its municipal officers, when duly authorized by a vote of the inhabitants of said town, and said corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a mutual written agreement for the purchase and sale of said property upon such terms as may be agreed upon by said town and said corporation.

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Sec. 2. Town authorized to construct and maintain system of water works. After said town has acquired by purchase the property named in the foregoing section, said town of Richmond is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate a system of water works of sufficient capacity to supply to said town, to its inhabitants, to corporations located in said town, to public buildings now erected or which may be hereafter erected in said town, pure water for municipal, domestic and other lawful purposes, including the extinguishment of fires, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities and obligations conferred and incumbent upon water companies by the general laws of the state.

Sec. 3. Right of eminent domain. Said town is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, or by exercise of the right of eminent domain, which right is hereby expressly delegated to said town for said purpose, any real or personal estate other than that acquired from said company necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 4. Source of water supply; rights and privileges as to construction, etc. For the purposes aforesaid, said town is hereby authorized to take, detain and use the waters of any river, ponds, streams or springs in said town of Richmond, to conduct and distribute the same into and through said town, and is also authorized to dig, drive, drill and maintain wells and to conduct and distribute the water from the same into and through said town, to survey for, locate, lay, erect and maintain suitable dams, reservoirs, machinery, pipes, aqueducts, and fixtures; to carry its pipes or aqueducts under or over any water course, bridge, street, highway or other way; and said town is further authorized to enter upon and excavate any highway or other way in such manner as least to obstruct the same, to enter, pass over and excavate any land and to take and to acquire, by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, any rights of way or of water, and in general to do any acts necessary, convenient or proper for carrying out any of the purposes hereinbefore specified. And said town is further authorized, for the purpose of making all needed repairs, or service connections, to lay its pipes through any public or private lands and ways, with the rights to enter upon the same and dig therein. Said town is also hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain its pipes across the location of any railroad, and all work within the limits of the railroad locations shall be done under the supervision and to the reasonable satisfaction of the chief engineer of the railroad company.

Sec. 5. Damages; liability of town. Said town shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or by the taking of any land or other property, or by flowing or by excavating through the same, the same to be taken and the damages assessed therefor in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 6. Pipes, aqueducts, etc., may lay down and maintain. Said town is hereby authorized to lay down and maintain in and through the streets and ways of said town, all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes hereinbefore specified.

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Sec. 7. Contracts to supply water. Said town is hereby authorized to contract with the United States, the State of Maine, and all persons and corporations to supply the same with water for all purposes upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon, and to establish written regulations for the use of said water.

Sec. 8. Bond issue authorized. For the purpose of raising money to carry out the provisions of this act, the town of Richmond may issue its bonds, with interest coupons, said bonds to be signed by the municipal officers and treasurer of said town, when authorized by a vote of said town, to an amount, which, taken in connection with the other indebtedness of the town, will not exceed the amount limited by the constitution of Maine. Said coupons need not be signed as the bonds, but shall have printed or lithographed thereon the signature of the town treasurer.

Sec. 9. Proviso as to date when certain sections effective. The provisions of sections two, three, four, five, six and seven of this act shall not become effective until said town of Richmond has acquired by purchase the property described in section one of this act.

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 59.

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Bluehill Water Company.

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

Sec. 1. Charter extended two years. All the rights, powers and privileges of the Bluehill Water Company which were granted by chapter one hundred seventy-two of the private and special laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, are hereby extended for and during the period of two years from the first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. And all the rights, powers and privileges that were granted by said act, may and shall be exercised in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided in said act.

Sec. 2. Existing statutes continued in force. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part of any existing statute. And all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes.

Approved March 16, 1917.