

P.L. 1915, Ch. 136

An Act to Incorporate the Northport Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. That part of the territory in the town of Northport, in the county of Waldo, embraced within the limits described as follows: beginning on the shore of the West bay of Penobscot at a point marking the southerly line of the property known as "Shore Acres" owned by Charles and Albert Woodman and the northerly line of land recently in the possession of Emma J. Marshall; thence westerly by the line dividing the land of said Marshall on the south, from land of said Charles and Albert Woodman and land of Deborah Smith on the north, to the Old Bluff road, so-called; thence northerly by the centre of said road to the southerly line of land in the possession of Althea Mahoney, said land being shown on the original plan of the town of Northport as of Isaac Woodworth; thence westerly by said southerly line of above named Woodworth on Mahoney lot to the southeasterly corner thereof as shown on town plan aforesaid; thence still westerly by the southerly line of land owned by C.O. Dickey (formerly known as Martin G. Black farm) to the back road, so-called, leading from Saturday Cove to Brown's Corner in said Northport; thence northerly and northeasterly by the center of said road to Brown's Corner; thence still northeasterly by the continuation of said road and in the center thereof to the shore of the West bay of Penobscot above named; thence northeasterly, southeasterly and southerly by said bay to the point of beginning, together with the inhabitants within said territory and certain owners of real estate therein are hereinafter specified is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Northport Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges granted by the laws of the State to similar corporations.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for the following purposes: To create and maintain a fire department, with all necessary equipment, appliances and apparatus for the prevention or extinguishments of fires; to build, repair and maintain roads, streets and ways, sidewalks, sewers and other sanitary works, including the collection and removal of garbage and other waste material; to care for and beautify any portion of the corporate territory which may be reserved for and dedicated to public uses to be enjoyed in common by all the owners of real estate within the limits of said Northport Village Corporation, and to that end to build public roads and walks, and to plant and care for trees, shrubs and flowers within the limits of the roads and streets and upon said public lands; to build, repair and maintain public wharves and landings; to establish and maintain a police force and night watch; to procure water for fire, domestic and other purposes, and to purchase and own any existing systems furnishing water and to add to the same from time to time as public convenience and necessity may require, and to contract for the furnishing of water with any existing or future corporation furnishing water; to procure lights for the public use and for the use of the inhabitants of said village corporation and for such purpose to contract with any firm, individual or corporation to furnish such lights, or to install, purchase and own any lighting plant; to establish reasonable rates to be paid by the inhabitants for said village corporation using said water or light for domestic purposes, if produced by said corporation; to purchase, equip and maintain an athletic field for the use in common by all of the

owners of real estate within the boundaries of said Northport Village Corporation, and to contribute from time to time to features of an entertaining or athletic nature during the months of June, July, and August of any year -- which athletic sports or entertainment shall be free to all of the owners of real estate within the corporate territory; to license entertainments of a character not forbidden by law, and to forbid the same when, in the judgment of the overseers, such entertainment is a nuisance or is immoral; to make and enforce rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, and the protection of corporate property. Said village corporation, in addition to the powers and duties hereinabove enumerated, shall have power --

(a) To borrow money not in excess of the amount voted to be raised during the calendar year.

(b) To abate or refund taxes assessed within its limits for corporation purposes.

(c) To borrow money and issue bonds therefor not in excess of the amount allowed by law.

No money, however, shall be borrowed secured by bonds except for the purpose of creating or purchasing improvements of a permanent public character.

Section 3. [deleted by P.L. 1957, Chapter 155]

Section 4. [deleted by P.L. 1957, Chapter 155]

Section 5. [deleted by P.L. 1957, Chapter 155]

Section 6. All moneys which shall be raised for the purposes named in section two of this act, or for any other purpose for which the corporation may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of the corporation by the assessors of the town of Northport, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town and county taxes. For the purpose of taxation under this act, the person or persons entitled to the use or occupation of any lot of land within the limits of said Northport Village Corporation shall be deemed the owner thereof and be taxed for said lot and the improvements, if any, thereon.

Section 7. The officers of said corporation shall be a president, a clerk, who shall be a resident of this State, a treasurer, and seven overseers who shall be chosen by ballot, and such other officers as the by-laws of the corporation may require. Said corporation shall have power to adopt, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, a code of by-laws for the government of its affairs and for its proper management, provided said by-laws are not repugnant to any laws of the State. Such by-laws may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the corporation, provided that notice of such proposed change shall be plainly stated in the call for such meeting. All of the officers shall be sworn by the clerk or a justice of the peace, and the treasurer shall give bond to the corporation, in such amount and with such surety or sureties as the overseers may direct and approve.

Section 8. Any person who is a legal voter in said corporation may be elected or appointed to any office therein, but shall cease to hold said office whenever he ceases to be such legal voter.

Section 9. The president, if present, shall preside over all of the meetings of the board of overseers, and in the event of a tie shall cast the deciding vote. In the absence of the president, a chairman shall be elected to preside.

Section 10. Said overseers shall be the general municipal officers of said corporation and shall have general charge of its affairs and of the expenditures of its moneys, except so far as the same may be committed to other officers or persons.

Section 11. Each and every year, a meeting shall be held within the territorial limits of the Village Corporation, on the second Tuesday of August, at which a majority of the legal voters there assembled shall determine the amount of money to be raised for the corporate purpose during the next succeeding year. A certificate signed by the president and attested by the clerk shall thereupon be filed with the assessors for the town of Northport, which certificate shall recite the amount determined to be raised. It shall then become the duty of said assessors, or their successors in offices, at the time of the next annual assessment of town and county taxes in said town of Northport, to assess the total amounts shown by each certificate upon the polls and estates of persons residing within the limits of said corporation, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver the lists of the assessment so made to the collector of the town of Northport, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected, and said collector shall pay over all moneys collected by him to the treasurer of said corporation whenever the overseers shall so direct. The collector shall also deliver to the treasurer of the corporation a list of the assessments. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of said village corporation to receive all moneys belonging to the corporation and to pay the same out only upon the written order or direction of the overseers, and to keep regular accounts of all moneys received and paid out, and to exhibit the same to the overseers whenever requested. The town of Northport shall have the same powers relative to the collection of taxes within the corporate limits as it has in the collection of town taxes, and the collector shall have the same rights and powers to recover any taxes committed to him under the provisions of this act by suit, or otherwise, that he has for the collection of town taxes committed to him, and the town of Northport shall have the same right to recover town taxes assessed therein; and if the collector of Northport receives for his compensation a percentage for the collection of taxes, he shall receive from the Village Corporation the same percentage as is paid him on account of the collection of town taxes, and if he receives a salary, then he shall be paid by the corporation that proportion of his salary that the total taxes assessed and collected for the village corporation bears to the total taxes collected by him for account of both the town of Northport and the Village Corporation.

Section 12. All persons residing, within the limits of said corporation who shall be legal voters in the town of Northport, and every person of lawful age who owns land in fee simple, and every person of lawful age who occupies one or more lots of land under a lease in perpetuity from the Northport Wesleyan Grove Campmeeting Association, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation which they shall attend. The by-laws of the corporation may provide reasonable rules and regulations concerning the registration of voters, and only persons who have registered under the provisions of such reasonable regulations shall be entitled to vote. A list of the voters shall be prepared at least

twenty-four hours before every meeting, which list may be amended or corrected by the overseers of the corporation at any time before said meeting or during its progress. On demand of five legal voters, a vote upon any proposition at any meeting shall be taken and checked by the list of registered voters. A majority of the votes of those present at any meeting shall be binding upon the corporation.

Section 13. 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 annual meeting of the corporation, at which said meeting officers shall be elected, and thereafter at each annual meeting, but in any event all officers duly elected shall hold office until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

Section 14. This charter may be accepted at any time within three years after it shall become law, but not more than two meetings to vote thereon shall be called in any one calendar year. Ira M. Cobe, H. J. Banton, J.W. Blaisdell, Fred W. Dawes, Dr. Percy Warren; Fred Walls, Loren Cross, Philo C. Blaisdell, W. Franklin Burnham, John Roberts, William Kotman, and Charles E. Rogers, or any one of them, may call all meetings of the corporation previous to the acceptance of the charter and the first election of officers, and notify the persons entitled to vote therein to meet at some suitable time and place within the said limits of this corporation, by posting of notices in two public places within the limits of said corporation not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting; all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the overseers as town meetings are called and notified by the selectmen. Either of the above named persons is authorized to preside at any meeting previous to the acceptance of the charter until the meeting is organized and until a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn; at all meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

Section 15. At the meeting called for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of this charter, as soon as a majority have voted in favor thereof, the legal voters as defined by this act may in said first meeting exercise all of the powers herein conferred upon the voters at the annual meeting. At said first meeting any legal voter may vote by written proxy running to any legal voter who is present at the meeting.

Section 16. In the event of the death or resignation of any officer or overseer, his place may be filled by vote of a majority of the Board of Overseers, and the new officer or overseer so elected shall hold his office until the next annual meeting, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 17. Whenever this charter shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of said corporation voting at a legal meeting called for that purpose, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.

Section 18. If this charter shall be accepted and a certificate of the amount of money voted to be raised by the corporation filed with the assessors of the town of Northport, on or before the first day of April, nineteen hundred sixteen the amount of money so voted to be raised shall be included in the assessment of taxes for the year nineteen hundred sixteen.

P.L. 1919, Ch. 46

An Act Additional to Charter One Hundred and Thirty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen. Entitled "An Act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation."

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

Section 1. Northport village corporation to have same rights and duties as to drains and sewers as towns. Said corporation shall have the same powers and duties with respect to drains and common sewers located within the territorial limits of said village corporation as are possessed or imposed upon towns.

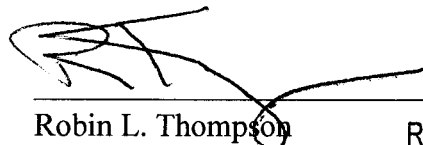
Section 2. Like rights and duties with towns as to buildings. Said corporation shall have the same powers and duties with respect to buildings located within the territorial limits of said village and their use and occupancy as are possessed or imposed upon towns.

Section 3. Like rights and duties with towns as to fire departments. Said corporation shall have the same powers and duties with respect to enginemen, fire wards, fires and the prevention thereof as are possessed or imposed upon towns.

ATTESTATION:

A true and conformed copy prepared by Robin L. Thompson.

10/9/14
Date


Robin L. Thompson

ROBIN THOMPSON
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My Commission Expires June 7, 2017