

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WINNISIMMET COMPANY TO HOLD CERTAIN REAL ESTATE. *Chap. 72*

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

The deed from Edwin Tufts to the Winnisimmet Company dated the tenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk, book thirteen hundred and eighty-one, page three hundred and twelve, is hereby made of the same effect as if said company was empowered at the time of the execution of said deed to take by conveyance the real estate described therein. And said company may hold the real estate conveyed to it by said deed.

Deed from Edwin Tufts confirmed.

Company may hold real estate.

Approved March 11, 1880.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SOUTHBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY COMPANY. *Chap. 73*

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. Francis L. Chapin, Andrew J. Bartholomew, Chester A. Dresser, William Edwards, George W. Wells, George A. Dresser, Daniel Whitford and George S. Stone, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Southbridge Water Supply Company, for the purpose of furnishing the inhabitants of Southbridge with pure water for the extinguishment of fires, domestic and other purposes; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to such corporations.

Water supply for Southbridge.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may take, hold and convey into and through the town of Southbridge or any part thereof, the water in what is known as the Glover Brook passing through the centre village, and may take and hold by purchase or otherwise any real estate necessary for the preservation and purity of the same, or for forming any dams or reservoirs to hold the same, and for laying and maintaining aqueducts and pipes for distributing the waters so taken and held; and may lay its water pipes through any private lands, with the right to enter upon the same and dig therein for the purpose of making all necessary repairs; and for the purposes aforesaid may carry its pipes under or over any water-course, street, railroad, highway or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct the same; and may, under the direction of the board of selectmen, enter upon and dig up any road

May take water from Glover Brook.

May lay pipes through private lands.

May enter upon

and dig up roads.

or other way for the purpose of laying or repairing its aqueducts, pipes or other works; and in general may do any other acts and things convenient or proper for carrying out the purposes of this act.

To file in the registry of deeds, a description of the land taken.

SECTION 3. Said corporation shall, within sixty days after the taking of any land under the provisions of this act, file in the registry of deeds of the county of Worcester a description of any land so taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, and state the purposes for which it is so taken; and the title of land so taken shall vest in said corporation. Any person injured in any way by any acts of said corporation, and failing to agree with said corporation as to the amount of damages, may have the same assessed and determined in the manner provided when land is taken for highways.

May fix rates for use of water.

SECTION 4. Said corporation may distribute the water through said Southbridge; may establish and fix from time to time the rates for the use of said water, and collect the same; and may make such contracts with the town of Southbridge or any fire district that may be hereafter established, or with individuals, to supply water for fire or for other purposes, as may be agreed upon by said town, or such fire district or individuals and said corporation.

Real and personal estate not to exceed \$30,000.

SECTION 5. Said corporation for the purposes set forth in this act may hold real and personal estate not exceeding in amount thirty thousand dollars in value; and the whole capital stock shall not exceed forty thousand dollars to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

Capital stock and shares.

Penalty for diverting water or rendering it impure.

SECTION 6. If any person shall use any of said water taken under this act without the consent of said corporation, or shall wantonly or maliciously divert the water or any part thereof so taken, or corrupt the same, or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipe, conduit, hydrant, machinery or other works, or property, held, owned or used by said corporation, under the authority of and for the purposes of this act, he shall forfeit and pay to said corporation three times the amount assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and on conviction of either of the wanton or malicious acts aforesaid may be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year.

Town of Southbridge and any fire district may purchase property at cost.

SECTION 7. The town of Southbridge and any fire district that may be established, shall have the right at any time during the continuance of the charter hereby granted, to purchase the corporate property and all the rights

and privileges of said company at the actual cost of the same, or if mutually agreed upon between said corporation and said town or any fire district which may be hereafter established in said town, at a less price; and said corporation is hereby authorized to make sale of the same to said town or such fire district; but such authority to purchase said franchise and property is granted to said town upon the condition that the same is assented to by said town by a two-thirds vote of the voters present and voting thereon at any annual meeting or at a legal meeting called to act on that subject.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 11, 1880.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE CITY OF
TAUNTON WITH PURE WATER.

Chap. 74

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Taunton for the purposes mentioned in the fifth section of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and for defraying all costs and expenses which may be incurred under the provisions of this act additional thereto, may issue notes, scrip, bonds, or certificates of debt to be denominated on the face thereof "Taunton Water Loan," to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in addition to the amounts authorized by said chapter and chapter seventy of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to be issued upon like terms and conditions and with like powers in all respects as are provided in said chapter two hundred and seventeen for the issue of bonds of said city: *provided*, that the whole amount of such water scrip, notes, bonds, or certificates of debt, issued by said city under the authority given by this act and the other acts above mentioned, shall not in any event exceed the amount of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Water supply
for city of
Taunton.

Taunton Water
Loan.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. The city of Taunton may take and hold by purchase or otherwise such lands as it may deem necessary, adjoining the Taunton Great River within the limits of the city of Taunton or town of Raynham, in addition to the land already taken and held by said city under the provisions of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, for the purpose of extending and increasing the supply of pure water, and for laying, maintaining and con-

City of Taunton
may take land
in Taunton and
Raynham.