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STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

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be, and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated with and made part of the town of Woodbridge in said county.

*Resolved*, That the poor of said town of Bethany, who were born within the limits hereby annexed to the town of Woodbridge, and who have not, by residence or otherwise, gained a settlement elsewhere in this State, shall be deemed inhabitants of the town of Woodbridge, and shall be maintained by the same.

*Resolved*, That the collectors of taxes of the town of Bethany, are hereby authorized to collect the taxes of said town already laid, in the same manner as though these resolves had not been passed.

Approved, July 21st, 1865.

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INCORPORATING THE LAUREL HILL AQUEDUCT COMPANY.

Upon the petition of Henry Bill, Sidney Turner, John L. Denison, Joseph Selden and S. T. Holbrook, praying for a charter for "The Laurel Hill Aqueduct Company."

*Resolved by this Assembly*:—**SEC. 1.** That Henry Bill, Sidney Turner, John L. Denison, Joseph Selden and S. T. Holbrook, with all such persons as may from time to time be associated with them, for the purpose of supplying the city and town of Norwich with an abundant supply of pure water for public and domestic use, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are incorporated for said purpose, by the name and style of "The Laurel Hill Aqueduct Company," and by that name shall be and are hereby made capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and effects of what kind soever, to give effect to the specified purposes of said company, and for the ac-

commodation of their business and concerns, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien and dispose of, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all the courts of this State and elsewhere ; to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at pleasure ; also to make, ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well-ordering and government of said corporation, not being contrary to this act, the laws of this State or of the United States ; and to do and execute, all and singular, the matters and things which to them may appertain to do, subject to the rules and regulations hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of this company shall consist of five thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to twenty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each ; which shares shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable in such manner and at such places as the by-laws of said company shall direct.

SEC. 3. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a major part of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions for the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as they, or a majority of them, shall direct ; and shall give such notice of the time and places of opening such books as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for the purpose.

SEC. 4. The government and direction of the affairs of said company shall be vested in a board of not less than three nor more than five directors, who shall be chosen by the stockholders of said company, in the manner hereinafter provided, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said directors shall hold their offices till others are duly elected and qualified in their places ; and the directors, (any two of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business,) shall elect one of their number to be president of their board, who shall also be president of said company. They shall also choose a secretary and a treasurer which treas-

urer shall give bonds, with surety, to said company, in such sums as said directors may require, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 5. The persons authorized by the third section of this act to open books for subscription to the capital stock, are hereby authorized and directed, after the books for subscription to the capital stock of said company are closed, to call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such way and at such time and place as they may appoint, for the choice of directors of said company; and in all the meetings of the stockholders of said company, for the choice of directors or otherwise; each share shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which may be given by said stockholder in person, or by lawful proxy; and the annual meeting of the stockholders of said company shall be holden at such time and place, and upon such notice, as said company in their by-laws may prescribe; and in case it shall so happen that an election of the directors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said company shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day which shall be appointed by the directors of said company; and said directors shall have power to fill any vacancies in their own number which may occur by death, resignation or otherwise.

SEC. 6. The directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper, touching the business, management and effects of said company, not contrary to law; also, for the election and meeting of their directors, and other matters connected with their business and concerns.

SEC. 7. The directors of said company may require the payment of the sum or sums subscribed to the capital stock of said company, at such times and in such proportions, and upon such conditions as they may deem proper; and in case any stockholders shall neglect or refuse to make payment pursuant to the requisitions of the board of directors, the stock of such stockholders, or so much thereof as shall be

necessary, may be sold, under the direction of said board, at public auction or otherwise, after the lapse of sixty days from the time the payment became due; and all surplus money, the avails of such sales, after deducting the payments due the company, the interest thereon, and necessary expenses of said sale shall be paid over to such negligent stockholder.

SEC. 8. Said company shall have full power, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to open the grounds in any streets, lanes, avenues, highways and public grounds of the city and town of Norwich for the purpose of laying down and sinking, or for repairing such pipes or conduits as may be necessary for conducting to and distributing water within the limits of the city and town of Norwich, under the direction of the selectmen of said town and the common council of said city. And said company may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueduct or other works by them to be made and constructed, under or over any water-course, river, bridge, street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway, or other way or public grounds; *provided*, they put such water-course, street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway, or other way, in as good and perfect condition as before laying and constructing said aqueduct or other works.

SEC. 9. The said company shall have full power, and are hereby authorized and empowered, under the provisions of this charter herein named, to construct, repair and maintain such reservoir or reservoirs as they may deem expedient or necessary; to take and use the water of any spring or springs, stream or streams, or other water to such extent and in such manner as may be necessary and expedient in carrying into effect the object of this act; also to construct, repair and maintain such canals or aqueducts as may become necessary or convenient for the retention or conveyance of water to such point as they may desire; also to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary for the purposes of this act, and for laying and maintaining aqueducts and reservoirs for holding and conducting and distribu-

ting water and for all buildings and structures necessary for the most perfect and complete supply of said city and town of Norwich with pure water for public and private uses, and for preserving said lands and water for the uses of said company pure and free from all contamination and nuisances, drains and sewers; and the said company may make, establish and enforce all necessary and proper regulations and by-laws for the preservation of the same; *provided*, such regulations and by-laws shall not be contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 10. The said company shall be liable to pay all the damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons, or corporation, in their property or estate, by the taking of any land or real estate as aforesaid; or the constructing or laying any pipes, aqueducts, reservoirs or other works for the purpose of this act. And if at any time it shall appear that any damage has accrued, or may be likely to accrue to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, by reason of the taking of their land or estate, for the purpose of this act, or in the construction of the works of said company, and such person or corporations have not agreed with said company, in writing, for such damages, land or estate, the said company, or persons, or corporation may apply to the superior court for New London county, or to any judge of the superior court who may, by law, judge between the parties, causing ordinary legal notice, or such notice as any judge of said court may prescribe, to be given to the adverse party of such application; and thereupon said superior court, or such judge, shall appoint three disinterested and judicious persons, (any vacancies in such number which may occur to be filled by said court or judge,) who shall, after reasonable notice to the parties, assess just damages, if any, to the respective owners or parties interested in the premises so required and taken for the purposes of this act, which assessment shall be in writing under the hand of said persons, and shall be final, and shall be returned (with the application) to the clerk of said superior court, who shall record it; and said company shall pay

to such owners or parties the damages so assessed, and when so paid may enter upon the premises, and may proceed to the construction of the said works ; or, in case the owner or parties aforesaid cannot be then ascertained, shall pay the same within thirty days to the treasurer of the county of New London, to be by him paid to such person or persons as said court shall direct.

SEC. 11. The occupant of any house, tenement, or building, who shall take the water of said company, shall be liable to the price of the rent of the same ; and the agents of said company entrusted with the superintendence of the works, may, at all reasonable times, enter the premises so supplied, to examine the pipes and fixtures, and prevent unnecessary waste.

SEC. 12. If any person or persons shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or obstruct the same, or any part thereof, from or in any aqueduct, reservoir, stream or spring, or other place which shall be taken, or used or constructed by said company, or shall corrupt the same by committing any nuisance therein, or otherwise, every person or persons so offending shall be liable to said company in triple damages therefor.

SEC. 10. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

Approved, July 14th, 1865.

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE WINSTED WATER WORKS.

*Resolved by this Assembly* :—SEC. 1. That section second of “An Act authorizing the construction of the Winsted Water Works,” passed May session, A. D. 1860, be so altered and amended that the borough of Winsted may at their an-