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compensation as the board of directors shall judge reasonable and proper.

SEC. 7. A cashier and such other officers and agents as may be necessary for performing the business of the corporation, shall be appointed, and their compensation shall be determined by the board of directors, who may also determine the nature and amount of the securities to be given by any of them for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 8. The board of directors shall have the disposal and management of the moneys, credits and property of the bank, with the power to regulate the concerns thereof in all cases not herein otherwise provided; but the corporation shall not trade in anything except promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds of this state, bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, gold and silver bullion, or the sale of goods pledged for money lent and not redeemed in due time, or in houses or lands taken for security of debts previously contracted; nor shall the corporation take more than the legal rate of interest for or upon its loans; and dividends of such parts of the profits as the directors may judge proper may be made semi-annually.

SEC. 9. The bills and notes of the corporation, signed by the president and countersigned by the cashier or treasurer thereof, promising the payment of money to any person, or order, or to bearer, shall be obligatory on the corporation, according to the tenor thereof, and shall be assignable according to the custom of merchants and the laws relating to inland bills of exchange; and all negotiable notes, duly executed, may be endorsed to the bank in the same manner and on the same principles as to individuals, and the bank may sue thereon for the recovery of the money.

SEC. 10. In case of the failure of said bank, the holders of the bills or notes of said bank or corporation shall have a lien on all the estate of said bank or corporation, both real and personal, in possession, remainder, or reversion, and all the debts due to said bank, and the securities for the same, and all claims in favor of said bank, of every nature whatsoever, and all moneys and property of every description in the custody and possession of said bank and belonging thereto at the failure thereof; and every conveyance, assignment, or transfer of any of the property and estate hereinbefore specified, made in expectation of the insolvency of said bank or corporation, or with a view to the same, shall be void.

SEC. 11. No part of the capital stock of said bank, paid in, shall at any time be withdrawn, without the consent of the general assembly.

SEC. 12. This act may at any time be altered, amended, or repealed by the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

Incorporating The Rockville Aqueduct Company.

Upon the petition of S. D. W. Harris, George Talcott, George Kellogg, Jr., E. K. Rose, Clark Holt, J. C. Hammond, Jr., J. J. Robinson, L. A. Corbin, Cyrus White, A. Park Hammond, Cyrus Winchell, Royal G. Holt, George Maxwell, Lebbeus Bissell and George Kellogg. praying for a charter for The Rockville Aqueduct Company:

Resolved by this Assembly, SEC. 1. That S. D. W. Harris, George Talcott, George Kellogg, Jr., E. K. Rose, Clark Holt, J. C. Hammond, Jr., J. J. Robinson, L. A. Corbin, Cyrus White, A. Park Hammond, Cyrus Winchell, Royal G. Holt, George Maxwell, Lebbeus Bissell and George Kellogg, with all such persons as may from time to time be associated with them, for the purpose of supplying the village of Rockville, in the town of Vernon, 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 Rockville 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 purpose of said company, and for the accommodation of their business and concerns, and the same to sell, grant, demise, aliene and dispose of, to 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 twenty thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to forty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, 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, 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 (a majority 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 the said company. They shall also choose a secretary and a treasurer, which treasurer 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 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 said town of Vernon, including said village of Rockville, in said town. And said company may for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueduct or other works by them to be made and constructed under and over any water-course, street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway, or other public way or public grounds: *provided*, they put such water-course, street, turnpike-road, railroad or other way in as good and perfect condition as before laying and constructing said aqueduct or other works.

SEC. 9. Said company shall have [power] to construct, repair and maintain such reservoirs as they may deem expedient or necessary to hold and keep such water as they may have the right to take and use, may construct, repair and maintain such canals or aqueducts as may be deemed necessary or convenient to carry water to such points in said village of Rockville as they may desire; may take and hold by purchase or otherwise any land or real estate necessary to carry into full effect the purposes of this act; and may make, establish and enforce all necessary and proper regulations and by-laws for the preservation of [any]

structure by them made, but such regulations and by-laws shall not be contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States; and said company may lay a pipe not exceeding twelve inches in diameter from Snipsic pond, situated about three-fourths of a mile east of said village of Rockville, to some convenient point in a line with or above the dam at the privilege now owned by Albert Dart; but said company shall fix and always maintain in said pipe at said point a gate with an opening or orifice in the same, not exceeding eight inches in diameter, which gate shall be kept closed at all times, so that no more water shall pass than flows through said opening or orifice, except at such times and only when the same shall be needed for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said village, nor shall any water be taken from the pipe between the dam of said Albert Dart above mentioned, and said Snipsic pond for any purpose, unless the same shall be returned to the natural stream or the pond of said Dart above said dam. *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be so constructed as to permit said aqueduct company to draw any water from Snipsic pond while said village of Rockville shall be supplied with water from said pond as it is now supplied, but the right hereby conferred to take water from said pond is only to be exercised as a substitute for the present supply, and is never to be exercised in addition thereto.

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 purposes 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 persons 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 Tolland 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 which 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 said work; or in case the owner or parties aforesaid cannot then be ascertained, shall pay the same within thirty days to the treasurer of the county of Tolland, 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 for the price or 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 any unnecessary waste.

SEC. 12. If any person or persons shall wilfully, wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or obstruct the same, or any part thereof, from or in any pipe, 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. 13. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

Incorporating the Town of Middlefield.

Upon the petition of George R. Miller and others, praying for the incorporation of a new town, as per petition on file, which petition has been duly served and returned :

Resolved by this Assembly, SEC. 1. That all that part of the town of Middletown lying within the following described limits and boundaries, viz., beginning at the south-west corner of said Middletown bounds, and running eastward on the south line of said town to the south-east corner of Talcot's farm : from thence north on the east line of said farm to the north-east corner of said farm ; from thence north-westerly to a cart bridge standing on the West River ; from thence to the Stoney Hill, to a place called the Stone Horse Block, or the Stepping Stone ; thence running westerly in a direct line to a rock two rods and twenty-one links easterly, from the north-east corner of the dwelling house of Misses Cornelia and Sarah Ann Johnson, and in an exact line with the north side of said house ; thence running northerly, two rods east of the dwelling house of Sylvester Hall, a distance of twenty-one rods ; thence running westerly to a point at the north-east corner of the dwelling house of James Bell ; thence westerly to the stream known as the Roaring Brook ; thence southerly, following the line of said brook to the original north line of Middlefield Ecclesiastical Society, incorporated in 1744 ; thence westerly on said original line, till it intersects the Meriden line ; thence along the Meriden line, southerly to the place of beginning, with all the inhabitants residing within said limits, be, and the same hereby is incorporated into a new and separate town, by the name of Middlefield, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the duties and liabilities of other towns in this state, with the right of sending one representative to the general assembly of this state ; and all that part of the above mentioned town embraced in the foregoing limits, to remain an independent town, with the name of Middlefield, by which name it shall hereafter be called and known.

SEC. 2. And said new town shall pay its proportion according to the