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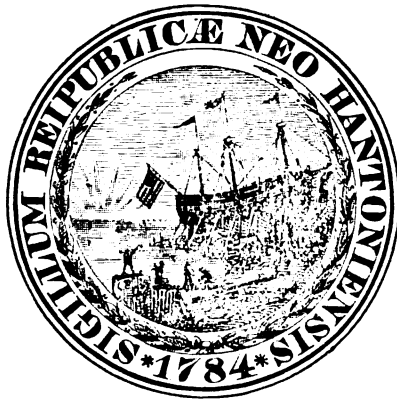
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## CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SOMERSWORTH AND ROLLINSFORD  
WATER COMPANY.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :*

Corporation  
constituted.

SECTION 1. That John C. Lothrop, Samuel A. Seavey, Casper E. Marshall, William Wheeler, and Charles P. Andrews, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Somersworth and Rollinsford Water Company, for the purpose of furnishing to the people of said towns a supply of pure water for domestic, mechanical, and manufacturing purposes, and to said towns water for the extinguishment of fires and other public uses, with all the rights, privileges, immunities, duties, and obligations incident to similar corporations.

Capital stock;  
bonds.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars. It may acquire and hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid; and it may issue bonds and other obligations, secured by a mortgage of its and other property, to carry out the purposes for which it is created.

Water supply,  
powers and  
privileges.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may take and hold by purchase, or may take as for public uses, any real estate or easement therein, including the water of any ponds, streams, springs, or artesian wells, necessary for obtaining a sufficient supply of water for the construction of reservoirs and laying pipes, and may erect and maintain all necessary dams, reservoirs, stand-pipes, and hydrants; it may lay its pipes through the lands of persons and corporations, and, having first obtained the permission of the municipal officers of said towns, and under such restrictions and regulations as they may prescribe, along the streets and ways of said towns, and may lay its pipes under any railroad, water-course, or private way, and cross any drain or sewer or pipe for the distribution of gas; *provided*, that in the matter of crossing gas-pipes it shall, at its own expense and within reasonable time, replace, repair, and cover all such gas-pipes and mains as may be displaced, injured, or disturbed during the construction or repair of its water-works; and it may enter upon and dig up any such real estate, railroad, street, or way for the purpose of laying pipes or erecting hydrants or other fixtures, and maintaining and repairing the same; and it may do any other act or thing necessary, convenient, and proper to carry out the purpose of providing a

supply of water and distributing the same to the inhabitants of said towns for the uses aforesaid.

SECT. 4. Said Water Company shall pay all damages sustained by any person or corporation in property by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water-source, water-right, or easement, or by the erection of any dam, or by any other thing done by said company under the authority of this act. In case, however, said company shall not be able to agree with the owners thereof for the damages that may be done by said company, or the owners shall be unknown, either party may apply to the supreme court at a trial term in the county of Strafford to have the same laid out and the damages determined; and said court shall refer the same to the county commissioners for said county, who shall appoint a time and place of hearing, and give notice thereof in the same manner as now provided by law for laying out highways. Said commissioners shall make report to said court, and said court may issue execution therein accordingly; but if either party shall desire it, upon application to said court before reference to said commissioners, they shall be entitled to a trial by jury in such manner and under such regulations as said court may prescribe.

Damages.

SECT. 5. Said company may distribute the water through said towns, and may contract with individuals and corporations for supplying them with water, establish such tolls or rates and charge such rents for the use of water as shall be deemed reasonable; and said towns of Somersworth and Rollinsford are hereby authorized to contract with said company for water for public uses on such terms as the parties may agree.

Rates and contracts.

SECT. 6. The annual meeting of said company shall be holden at such time and place as may be prescribed by the by-laws or appointed by the directors, at which meeting not less than three nor more than seven directors shall be chosen by ballot. The directors may call special meetings whenever they shall deem it necessary, giving such notice as the by-laws may prescribe.

Annual and special meetings; directors.

SECT. 7. Any person who shall willfully and maliciously corrupt the waters of any of the sources of supply or reservoirs of said company, or who shall willfully injure any dam, reservoir, conduit, pipe, hydrant, or other property held, owned, or used by said company for the purposes of this act, shall, on conviction of either of said acts, be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Penalty for corrupting water or damaging property.

SECT. 8. Any two of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the company by giving a notice in writing to each of the corporators of the time and place of meeting at least seven days before the day of meeting, or by notice published in some newspaper published in Somersworth in the county of Strafford at least fourteen days before said meeting; and at said meeting, or any adjourned meeting thereof, or at any subsequent meeting duly called, associates may be admitted and all proper officers chosen, the number and par value of shares fixed, and such by-laws and regulations adopted as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect the business of the company.

First meeting; by-laws.

Takes effect,  
when.

SECT. 9. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed whenever the public good requires, and shall take effect on its passage.  
[Approved September 30, 1887.]

## CHAPTER 279.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LISBON WATER-WORKS COMPANY.

#### SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Capital stock.
3. Meetings.
4. May dig ditches and lay pipes, etc., in public ways.

#### SECTION

5. In private grounds; damages.
6. Contract or lease.
7. First meeting; officers, by-laws.
8. May borrow money and issue bonds.
9. Takes effect, when.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :*

Corporation  
constituted.

SECTION 1. That Augustus A. Woolson, Willard K. Parker, Charles H. Boynton, Lyman C. Payne, Charles Parker, Silas H. Brigham, George Brummer, their associates, successors, and assigns, shall be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Lisbon Water-works Company, for the purpose of bringing water into the village of Lisbon in said state by subterranean pipes, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and are hereby vested with all the powers and privileges and made subject to all the liabilities incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Capital stock.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall consist of such number of shares, not exceeding one hundred dollars each, as may from time to time be determined by the directors of said corporation, not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Meetings.

SECT. 3. The annual and all special meetings of the corporation shall be held at such times and places and upon such notice as may be provided by the by-laws of the corporation.

May dig ditches  
and lay pipes,  
etc., in public  
ways.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is empowered to purchase and hold, in fee-simple or otherwise, any real and personal estate necessary for the carrying into effect of the purposes of this act; and said corporation is authorized to enter upon and break ground, dig ditches, and make excavations in any street, place, square, passage-way, or highway through which it may be deemed necessary for the pipes and water-works of said corporation to pass, be, or exist, for the purpose of placing said pipes, hydrants, water-works, and such other material as may be deemed necessary for constructing said water-works, and to relay and repair the same, subject to such regulations as to the safety of the citizens and security of the public travel as may be prescribed by the selectmen of said town of Lisbon.