

Chap. 195 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE EAST BOSTON DRY DOCK COMPANY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

May reduce capital stock to \$100,000.

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby given to the East Boston Dry Dock Company to reduce its capital stock to one hundred thousand dollars, and the par value of the shares to twenty dollars each.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 14, 1871.

Chap. 196 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Name changed to Standish.

SECTION 1. The town of North Bridgewater shall take the name of Standish.

Subject to acceptance by a majority of legal voters.

SECTION 2. This act shall not take effect unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of said town, present and voting thereon by ballot, at a special meeting held upon notice given at least seven days before the time of said meeting. And the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall not be closed before four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, nor remain open longer than till six o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Selectmen to certify and return number of ballots to secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of said town to certify and return, as soon as may be, the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against the acceptance of the same, to the secretary of the Commonwealth; and if it shall appear that a majority of such ballots is in favor of the acceptance of this act, the secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

Secretary to issue certificate.

SECTION 4. Said meeting shall be held within ninety days from the passage of this act.

Meeting to be held within ninety days.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 19, 1871.

Chap. 197 AN ACT TO ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF SHEFFIELD TO THE TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Dividing line between Sheffield and New Marlborough.

SECTION 1. The dividing line between the towns of Sheffield and New Marlborough is established as follows:—Commencing at a stake and stones in the line between the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut four hundred and thirty-eight rods west of the east line of Sheffield; thence north three degrees and thirty minutes east, twelve hundred and eight rods to a pile of stones on land of Amos Brewer, a little west of the highway leading past the dwelling-house

of said Brewer; thence north forty-four degrees east three hundred and sixty-four rods to a pile of stones standing in the angle of the line between said towns of Sheffield and New Marlborough; thence northerly on said town line to the line of Great Barrington; and the said line as above described shall hereafter be the dividing line between said towns.

SECTION 2. All portions of the town of Sheffield lying east of the aforesaid line, are hereby set off from the town of Sheffield and annexed to the town of New Marlborough.

Part of Sheffield annexed to New Marlborough.

SECTION 3. The inhabitants of the territory set off as aforesaid, shall be holden to pay their share of the town debt of the town of Sheffield as it existed on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and also their share of all county and state taxes that may be assessed upon the town of Sheffield previously to the taking of the next state valuation, and such shares shall be assessed and collected of said inhabitants in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and said inhabitants shall not be held to pay any part of the present town debt of the town of New Marlborough, and a tax shall be assessed and collected of said territory and the inhabitants thereon by said town of Sheffield at the annual assessment for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one for the amount of the excess in value of the public school property on said territory over its proportion, according to the valuation of the whole amount of public school property in said town of Sheffield; and the value of such property shall be ascertained by an appraisal thereof to be made by three disinterested persons not residents of either of said towns, to be agreed upon by the selectmen of the towns of Sheffield and New Marlborough, and the amount of such excess shall be certified by said appraisers to the assessors of the town of Sheffield on or before the first day of May next, and the expense of such appraisal shall be paid by the inhabitants of said territory.

Debts and taxes.

Value of school property to be ascertained by appraisal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 19, 1871.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF MAYNARD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. All the territory now within the towns of Stow and Sudbury, comprised within the following limits, that is to say, beginning at the north-westerly corner of said territory, at the north-westerly corner bound of land of the late Daniel Whitney, and in the town line between Acton and Stow; thence southerly in a straight line to a stake and

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Town composed of parts of Stow and Duxbury. Boundaries.