

SECTION 2. Said town may choose at its annual meeting, or at a legal meeting called for the purpose, two or more commissioners to superintend the digging of the said channel, and to expend the money raised therefor.

Commissioners to be chosen to superintend work, &c.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1871.*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE BERKSHIRE ATHENÆUM.

*Chap. 129*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Thomas Allen, John Todd, Ensign H. Kellogg, Henry L. Dawes, Thomas Colt, Edwin Clapp, George Y. Learned, William R. Plunkett, Edward S. Francis, William F. Bartlett, James M. Barker, their associates and successors, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Trustees of the Berkshire Athenæum, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in the town of Pittsfield an institution to aid in promoting education, culture and refinement, and diffusing knowledge by means of a library, reading-rooms, lectures, museums, and cabinets of art and historical and natural curiosities; 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 may hereafter be in force applicable to such corporations.

Corporators.

Name and purpose.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal property for the purposes aforesaid to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and all gifts, devises and bequests thereto shall be devoted to such purposes exclusively, and used in conformity with the conditions made by any donor and expressed in writing: *provided*, such conditions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; and *provided, further*, that no part of such real and personal property, or such gifts, devises or bequests, shall ever be removed from the town of Pittsfield.

Real and personal property.

SECTION 3. The town of Pittsfield, so long as said corporation maintains a public library for the use of the inhabitants thereof, is hereby authorized to appropriate and pay money to aid in supporting such institution, the same as may be done by law for the support of public libraries, and said corporation may receive such appropriations as may be made.

Pittsfield may appropriate money for support of library.

SECTION 4. The trustees of such corporation shall have authority to fill all vacancies, in any manner occurring, but the number of said trustees shall never exceed eleven.

Trustees may fill vacancies in board.

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

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