

official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: — “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled ‘An Act to authorize the placing of the office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Bourne under the Civil Service Laws’, be accepted?” If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 16, 1938.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 42

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The office of chief of the fire department of the town of Greenfield shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations relating to permanent members of fire departments in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws, but the person holding said office on said effective date may continue to serve as such without taking a civil service examination.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at the annual town meeting in the current year in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled ‘An Act to authorize the Placing of the Office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Greenfield under the Civil Service Laws’, be accepted?” If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 16, 1938.*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE THE UXBRIDGE ATHLETIC FIELD COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING SAID COMMISSION TO TAKE OVER, MAINTAIN, MANAGE AND DEVELOP AN ATHLETIC FIELD IN SAID TOWN. Chap. 43

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Uxbridge an unpaid commission, to be known as the Uxbridge Athletic Field Commission. Said commission shall consist of five citizens of said town, who shall be appointed, and may for cause be removed, by the board of selectmen of said town. In the original appointments of the members, one shall be appointed for the term of one year, two for terms of two years each and two for terms of three years

each, and thereafter, as the term of office of a member expires, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for the term of three years. Every member shall serve until the qualification of his successor. Said commission shall elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary. Vacancies in the commission, caused otherwise than by expiration of term of service, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in like manner as in the case of original appointments.

SECTION 2. Said commission shall take over the land owned by the town of Uxbridge, located at the end of Capron street in said town and known as the Uxbridge Fair Grounds, excepting so much of said land as is being used by the town high school building, containing three acres as shown on a plan filed with the town clerk of said town, and may erect buildings and other structures on said land and provide proper equipment therefor; and may hold, maintain, manage, develop, control, lease and let the same for the purposes of all amateur and professional athletics, recreation, play, sports, physical education, celebrations, exhibitions and entertainments. Said commission may make rules and regulations governing said athletic field and may charge for admission to the same.

SECTION 3. Said town may annually appropriate money to the use of said commission for the following uses and purposes, namely:

1. For the care of said land and the care and repair of the buildings and other structures thereon.

2. For the equipment and improvement of the grounds and the construction, alteration and enlargement of the buildings and other structures thereon.

3. For the support and encouragement of athletics, recreation, play, sports, physical education, celebrations, exhibitions and entertainments.

SECTION 4. All revenue received by said commission from said athletic field shall be paid into the treasury of said town.

SECTION 5. Said commission shall annually file with the board of selectmen an itemized and detailed statement of all revenue received from, and of all expenditures made on account of, said athletic field and the buildings and other structures thereon.

SECTION 6. All gifts, donations, bequests and devises made to said town for the maintenance, management and development of said athletic field shall be accepted in behalf of said town by said commission. Such funds so derived and accepted by said commission shall be held by the treasurer of said town and be available and used by said commission for the purposes enumerated in sections two and three, and shall not be diverted or used by said town for any other purpose or purposes. Said commission is further authorized to accept federal or state aid for the development of said athletic field for said town.

SECTION 7. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of the town of Uxbridge, present and voting thereon at a town meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage; but the number of meetings so called in any year shall not exceed three.

*Approved February 16, 1938.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SIGNING AND SEALING OF STOCK CERTIFICATES OF GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND TO THE CONTENTS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES. Chap. 44

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section four of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "thirty-one" in the second line the word: —, thirty-three, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* Sections four, eight, nine, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-three and thirty-four of chapter one hundred and fifty-six shall apply to companies subject to the provisions of this chapter.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 164, § 4, amended.

Application of business corporation law.

*Approved February 16, 1938.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE WARE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE IN THE TOWN OF WARE UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 45

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The office of chief of the fire department of the Ware Fire District Number One in the town of Ware shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations relating to permanent members of fire departments in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent of said office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws, but the present incumbent of said office may continue to serve therein without taking a civil service examination.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the said Ware Fire District Number One present and voting thereon at a district meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage.

*Approved February 16, 1938.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE POSITIONS OF REGULAR FIREMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE WARE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE IN THE TOWN OF WARE UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 46

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The positions of regular firemen of the fire department of the Ware Fire District Number One in the town of Ware shall, upon the effective date of this act, be-