

HOUSE....No. 338.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 25, 1867.

The Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was referred the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others, corporators of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad, asking authority to extend their road from Milford to Hopkinton, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

A. HARDING, JR.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-
Seven.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Hopkinton and Milford Railroad
Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows:—*

1 SECT. 1. Lovett H. Bowker, George V. Sheffield,
2 Charles W. Claffin, Sylvester Phipps and John A.
3 Fitch, their associates and successors, are hereby made
4 a corporation by the name of the Hopkinton and
5 Milford Railroad Company, with all the powers and
6 privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions
7 and liabilities set forth in the general laws which now
8 are or hereafter may be in force relating to such cor-
9 porations.

1 SECT. 2. Said corporation may locate, construct
2 and maintain a railroad, commencing at some conve-
3 nient point near the centre of the town of Hopkinton ;

4 thence running southerly through the southerly part
5 of Hopkinton, by the most direct and feasible route,
6 to some convenient point near the centre of the town
7 of Milford, and to enter by proper turn-outs and
8 switches upon the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad,
9 and the Milford Branch Railroad, at said Milford,
10 according to the provisions of law.

1 SECT. 3. Said corporation may connect its road
2 with the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad, and with
3 the Milford Branch Railroad, and may use the same
4 or either of them according to law, with the consent
5 of the corporations owning said roads respectively, or
6 may sell and transfer its franchise and all its rights
7 under this act, or lease its road or other property to
8 the Milford and Woonsocket, or any other railroad
9 corporation, passing through or having its terminus
10 in the town of Milford, or may unite and consolidate
11 its stock, with the stock of the Milford and Woon-
12 socket Railroad corporation, or any other corporation
13 having its terminus in, or passing through the said
14 town of Milford, upon such terms as may be agreed
15 upon, and confirmed by vote of the majority in inter-
16 est of the stockholders of said corporations, present
17 and voting at meetings duly called for that purpose.

1 SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall not exceed two thousand shares of one hundred
3 dollars each, the number of which shall be determined
4 from time to time by the directors; and said corpora-
5 tion may take and hold such real estate and personal
6 property as may be necessary for the purposes of this
7 act.

1 SECT. 5. The town of Hopkinton is hereby
2 authorized to subscribe for and hold shares in the
3 capital stock of the Hopkinton and Milford Railroad
4 Company to the amount of forty thousand dollars:
5 *provided*, the inhabitants of said town, at a legal
6 meeting duly called for that purpose, shall, by a vote
7 of two-thirds of the legal voters present and voting
8 thereon, vote to subscribe for such shares, in accord-
9 ance with the terms of this act; to pay for the same
10 out of the town treasury, and to hold the same as
11 town property, subject to the disposition of the town
12 for public purposes, in like manner as any other
13 property it may possess.

1 SECT. 6. Said town of Hopkinton is hereby
2 authorized to raise by loan or tax any sums of money
3 which shall be required to pay its instalments on its
4 subscriptions to said stock, and interest thereon.

1 SECT. 7. The selectmen and treasurer of the town
2 of Hopkinton shall have authority to represent said
3 town at any meeting of the Hopkinton and Milford
4 Railroad Company; and said town, so represented, is
5 hereby authorized to vote on the whole amount of
6 stock held by said town of Hopkinton, anything in
7 the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes to the
8 contrary notwithstanding.

1 SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage, and shall be void unless said road is located
3 within two years and constructed within four years
4 from the passage of this act.