

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TO ACQUIRE THE BARNES MILL POND AND ADJACENT LAND AND BUILDINGS. Chap.308

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Plymouth may take by purchase or otherwise and hold the mill privilege commonly known as Barnes mill on Water street in said town, together with the land and buildings connected therewith and any and all lands now or formerly flowed by said privilege, and any rights of flowage belonging thereto. Town of Plymouth may take a certain mill privilege, etc.

SECTION 2. The town shall, within sixty days after taking hereunder any land, pond, mill privilege, stream, or right or privilege therein, file in the office of the registry of deeds for the county of Plymouth a description of the land or property so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, with a statement that the same is taken pursuant to the provisions of this act, which description and statement shall be signed by the selectmen of the town; and the title to all lands, ponds, mill privileges, streams, or rights or privileges therein so taken shall vest in the town of Plymouth in fee simple. Description of lands taken to be filed.

SECTION 3. If any person whose land or other property is taken or damaged by any act done by said town in pursuance hereof shall agree with said town upon the damage done to him by such taking or act the amount so agreed upon shall be paid to him by said town forthwith. If the parties do not so agree, then the claim shall be determined and recovered in the manner now provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, except as otherwise provided herein. In determining the damages sustained by any such person the benefit, if any, to the property of such person by reason of any act of said town done in pursuance of the provisions of this act prior to the hearing on the merits of the petition, shall be set off against such damage. Damages.

SECTION 4. After acquiring said property said town may improve the same in such manner as it may think proper in order to abate the nuisance caused by said privilege and the lands flowed by said privilege. Taking may be improved.

SECTION 5. Said town may exercise any power granted by this act in regard to acquiring said property and improving the same by its selectmen, but no act shall be done Powers of town.

by the selectmen involving the expenditure of money until an appropriation has been made therefor by the town.

When to take effect.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the voters of said town present and voting thereon at a town meeting duly called for the purpose within three years after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1906.

Chap.309 AN ACT RELATIVE TO INMATES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED AND THE DEPARTMENTS THEREOF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Commitment, etc., of feeble-minded persons.

SECTION 1. Any feeble-minded person now or hereafter an inmate of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, or of any department thereof, whether by committal or otherwise, who shall have reached the limit of school age, or who, in the judgment of the trustees, is incapable of being further benefited by school instruction, or any such person who may have been or may be transferred from one department of said school to another under the provisions of section one hundred and sixteen of chapter eighty-seven of the Revised Laws, if, in the judgment of the trustees and of the state board of insanity, the question of his or her commitment to or continuance in said school or any department thereof is a proper subject for judicial inquiry, may be brought before the judge of probate for the county of Middlesex, who shall thereupon determine whether or not such person is feeble-minded and shall duly commit such person to either department of said school, in the manner now provided by law, or shall direct his or her discharge, or shall make such other disposition of the case under the laws relating to insane persons as he may deem proper.

Certain powers of trustees not impaired.

SECTION 2. This act shall not be construed to impair the power given to said trustees by section one hundred and sixteen of chapter eighty-seven of the Revised Laws to discharge any inmate of said school or of any department thereof.

Approved April 23, 1906.

Chap.310 AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONVEYANCES OF LAND TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

City of Chelsea may convey certain land to

SECTION 1. The city of Chelsea, by the mayor thereof, may, by proper deed or deeds, convey to the Trustees of