

**Chap.176** AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT.

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

Limits of fire district extended.

SECTION 1. The limits of the Middleborough Fire District, as established by section nine of chapter fifty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, are hereby extended so as to include the territory lying within the following metes and bounds, viz. : — Beginning at Acorn street at the point where the present line of the fire district crosses the said street and at the southeast corner of the tract herein described ; thence southerly in the line of Acorn street to Grove street ; thence westerly in the line of Grove street to a point nearly opposite the barn on the place known as the “ Hartley Wood place ” and in the line between the land of Edmund Thompson and Edward S. Hathaway ; thence in said Thompson and Hathaway’s line south, about twenty-four degrees west, fifty-seven and one-half rods to the line of the land of Jacob Thomas ; thence westerly in the line of said Thomas and Hathaway’s land about one hundred and twenty-four rods to the Nemasket river ; thence by said river northeasterly to the present line of the southerly side of said fire district ; thence in the line of said district to Acorn street to the point first mentioned. The territory lying within the above described bounds is annexed subject to all the rights, liabilities and powers belonging to the said fire district under said chapter.

Subject to acceptance by a majority vote of the town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the qualified voters of the town of Middleborough present and voting at any legal town-meeting, duly called for the purpose, following the passage of this act.

*Approved April 6, 1891.*

**Chap.177** AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCHOOL FUND.

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

Distribution of the school fund.

SECTION 1. One half of the annual income of the school fund of the Commonwealth shall be apportioned and distributed, without a specific appropriation, for the support of public schools, and in the manner following, to wit : — Every town complying with all laws in force relating to the distribution of said income and whose valuation of real and personal estate, as shown by the last preceding assessors valuation thereof, does not exceed

one half million dollars, shall annually receive two hundred and seventy-five dollars; every such town whose valuation is more than one half million dollars and does not exceed one million dollars, shall receive two hundred dollars; and every such town whose valuation is more than one million dollars and does not exceed two million dollars, shall receive one hundred dollars; and every such town whose valuation is more than two million dollars and does not exceed three million dollars, shall receive fifty dollars. The remainder of said half shall be distributed to all towns whose valuation does not exceed three million dollars and whose annual tax rate for the support of public schools is not less than one sixth of their whole tax rate for the year, as follows: — Every town whose public school tax is not less than one third of its whole tax shall receive a proportion of said remainder expressed by one third; every such town whose school tax is not less than one fourth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one fourth; every such town whose school tax is not less than one fifth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one fifth; and every such town whose school tax is not less than one sixth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one sixth. All money appropriated for other educational purposes, unless otherwise specially provided, shall be paid from the other half of said income. If the income in any year exceeds such appropriations the surplus shall be added to the principal of said fund.

Distribution of the school fund.

SECTION 2. Section one of chapter twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

*Approved April 9, 1891.*

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF AMESBURY AND SALISBURY MILLS VILLAGE. *Chap. 178*

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

SECTION 1. The name of the Congregational Society of Amesbury and Salisbury Mills Village, a corporation organized under the general laws of the Commonwealth, is hereby changed to the Main Street Congregational Society of Amesbury.

Name changed.

SECTION 2. All devises, bequests, conveyances and gifts heretofore or hereafter made to said corporation by either of said names shall vest in the Main Street Congregational Society of Amesbury. And all lawful acts here-

Bequests, etc., to vest in the Main Street Congregational Society of Amesbury. Acts confirmed.