

SECTION 4. The selectmen of said towns shall have authority to represent their respective towns at any meeting of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company, and said towns so represented are hereby authorized to vote on the whole amount of stock held by said towns, anything in the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

Selectmen to represent towns at meetings of corporation.

SECTION 5. Said West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company is hereby authorized to lease its road to any other railroad corporation, subject to the provisions of law.

May lease road, &c.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 12, 1869.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW HAVEN AND NORTHAMPTON COMPANY TO REBUILD ITS STATION-HOUSE IN SOUTHAMPTON.

Chap. 402

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The New Haven and Northampton Company is hereby authorized to rebuild its station-house in the town of Southampton, upon the location of the one recently destroyed by fire, or upon such other location as the directors of said company may select, subject to the approval of the county commissioners of Hampshire county.

May rebuild station-house in Southampton.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 12, 1869.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CANTON TO SUBSCRIBE FOR AND HOLD SHARES IN THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE CANTON AND HYDE PARK RAILROAD COMPANY.

Chap. 403

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Canton is hereby authorized when so voting at a legal town meeting duly called for the purpose, to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company, to an amount not exceeding five per centum of the assessed valuation of the said town; and said town may pay for such shares so voted to be taken, out of its treasury, and is hereby authorized to raise by loan upon bonds or tax or otherwise, any and all sums of money which may be necessary to pay for the same, and may hold and dispose of the same like other town property.

Canton may take stock in Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company.

—may raise money by tax or loan to pay for stock.

SECTION 2. The said town of Canton may appoint a committee who shall subscribe in behalf of the town, for such number of shares in the capital stock of said company as shall be voted by said town; and said committee is hereby authorized to cast the vote of said town in the choice of directors of said road, at the first meeting of the stockholders thereof called for that purpose; and thereafter the vote of

Committee to subscribe for shares and cast vote of town at stockholders' meeting.

the said town in the choice of directors of said road shall be cast by the person or persons whom said town may appoint.

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

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Chap. 404 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ATHOL AND ENFIELD RAILROAD COMPANY TO ISSUE BONDS, AND TO MORTGAGE ITS ROAD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

May issue bonds not exceeding \$300,000, and secure by mortgage.

SECTION 1. The Athol and Enfield Railroad Company is hereby authorized to issue bonds not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars in amount, payable at such times as may be fixed therein, not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates, with interest not exceeding the rate of seven per centum per annum payable semi-annually, and to secure the same by a mortgage of its railroad equipments and franchise or of any of its property real or personal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 12, 1869.

Chap. 405 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON TO RAISE MONEY IN AID OF THE NORTHAMPTON DIKE COMPANY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

May raise money by taxation for repairing works of Northampton Dike Company.

SECTION 1. The town of Northampton, being authorized by a majority of the legal voters present and voting at a town meeting duly called and held for the purpose, may raise by taxation or otherwise, such sums of money, in all not exceeding five thousand dollars, as said town may decide, and may contribute the same towards reconstructing or repairing the works of the Northampton Dike Company, and for more effectually securing and preserving the property, streets and highways in said town, which said works are designed to protect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 12, 1869.

Chap. 406 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEASE OF THE NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD TO THE BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Lease confirmed.

SECTION 1. The lease of the railroad and other property of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company to the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, of date of February ninth, of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Boston, Hartford and Erie to fulfil all contracts under the lease.

SECTION 2. The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company shall carry out and fulfil with all persons and corporations, all contracts, which, by the terms of said lease, it has agreed with the said Norwich and Worcester Railroad