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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 1888.

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of George E. Bemis and others for an act of incorporation as the Village Improvement Association of Charle-  
mont, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

H. C. HASKELL.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

### AN ACT

To incorporate the Charlemont Rural Club.

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

1 SECTION 1. Geo. E. Bemis, Amos L. Avery  
2 and Robt. R. Edwards, their associates and suc-  
3 cessors, are hereby made a corporation by the  
4 name of the Charlemont Rural Club, for the pur-  
5 pose of beautifying and ornamenting the public  
6 streets, highways, squares and parks, and of  
7 acquiring land for and laying out and improving  
8 new parks for the use of the public, in the town  
9 of Charlemont; and said corporation shall have  
10 all the powers and be subject to all the restric-  
11 tions and liabilities set forth in all general laws  
12 which now are or may hereafter be in force appli-  
13 cable to such corporations.

1 SECT. 2. The town of Charlemont may desig-  
2 nate any of the public grounds or open spaces in

3 any of its streets, highways or town ways as not  
4 needed for public travel, and may give the im-  
5 provement thereof to said corporation. Said  
6 corporation, having the improvement of such  
7 designated spaces given it, shall have the use, care  
8 and control thereof, and may grade, drain, curb,  
9 set out shade or ornamental trees, lay out flower  
10 plats, and otherwise improve the same, and may  
11 protect their work by suitable fences or railings,  
12 subject at all times to such directions as may be  
13 given by the selectmen or road commissioners.

1     SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have authority  
2 to receive, take, hold and invest any gifts, grants,  
3 donations or bequests for the uses and purposes  
4 of its organization, and for these uses and pur-  
5 poses may hold real and personal estate, exempt  
6 from taxation, to an amount not exceeding ten  
7 thousand dollars.

1     SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

