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CHAPTER 1334.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PLEASANT VIEW BEACH
FIRE DISTRICT.

Approved
April 23, 1915.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. All that part of the town of Westerly beginning on the beach of the Atlantic ocean, near the west end of Pleasant View Beach, so-called, at the southwest corner of land of Samuel H. Davis and the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Annie S. Burnet, and running in a northerly direction with the easterly line of said Burnet land, and the westerly line of said Davis land and land of B. Frank Clark, to the highway known as Ocean View highway; thence in a northeasterly direction with said highway to the highway known as the Shore road; thence in an easterly direction with said Shore road to the easterly side of the railroad bridge of the Norwich & Westerly Traction Co.; thence in a southerly direction with the easterly boundary of the property of the said Traction Co. to a point one hundred and fifty feet north of First Street, so-called; thence in an easterly direction with a line parallel to said First street to the shore of Winnapaug Pond, so-called; thence with the northerly and easterly shores of said Winnapaug pond to the shore of the Atlantic ocean, thence in a westerly direction across the breachway of said pond, and with the shore of said ocean to the point and place of beginning, bounded southerly by mean highwater mark of said Atlantic ocean, is hereby incorporated into a district to be called the Pleasant View Beach Fire District. Said district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy all the other powers generally incident to corporations.

Pleasant View
Beach Fire Dis-
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etc.

To have seal,
etc.

Who may vote
in district meet-
ings.

SEC. 2. The inhabitants of said Westerly who would be qualified to vote in town affairs on propositions to impose taxes or for the expenditure of money by virtue of property owned in said district, shall be eligible to vote and act in all meetings of the corporation.

Annual meet-
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First meeting.

Proposition to
accept this act,
to be voted
upon

SEC. 3. The annual meeting of said corporation for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business shall be holden on the second Tuesday of July in each year. The first meeting shall be holden on the first Tuesday of July, A. D. 1915, at two o'clock P. M., at some convenient place within the district, and may be called by any one or more of the persons qualified to vote therein by Section 2 of this act. A vote by ballot shall be taken at said meeting upon the proposition: "Shall the Pleasant View Beach Fire District be established according to the act of incorporation passed by the general assembly of the state?" If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "yes," then said Pleasant View Beach Fire District shall be established according to the provisions of this act. If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "no," then this act shall become null and void.

Officers, etc.,
when and how
chosen.

SEC. 4. Said qualified voters, at each annual meeting and at any other meeting, when vacancies occur, may elect officers to serve for one year or until the next annual meeting and until others be chosen in their stead; which officers shall consist of a moderator, clerk, treasurer, three assessors of taxes, a collector of taxes, whose duties and powers in said district shall be such as like officers of towns in this state have in their respective towns. They may also elect fire wards, engineers, assistant engineers, and such other officers and committees, and with such power, as they may designate.

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SEC. 5. Special meetings may be holden, which, as well as the annual meetings, shall be notified in such manner as said corporation shall by by-laws prescribe, and it shall be the duty of its clerk to call a special meeting upon written application signed by twenty per cent. of such taxpayers as are entitled to vote; but no vote, excepting upon the question of adjournment, shall be taken at any special meeting unless a majority of persons entitled to vote shall be present and voting, nor at any special meeting upon any matter unless mention be made, and notice thereof given in the warrant issued for the calling of such meeting.

Special meetings, how called.

SEC. 6. Said corporation may raise money by tax on the real, tangible personal and intangible personal property within said district:

May order taxes for certain purposes.

For the purchasing and procuring of implements and apparatus for the extinguishment of fire;

For the purpose of introducing and supplying the inhabitants of said district with water for fire, domestic, and manufacturing purposes;

For the payment of such police force as it may deem necessary for the protection of the property of the inhabitants of said district from fire and for the preservation of the public peace;

For the purchase of land and the erection of buildings for the use of said district;

For the building and maintaining of sidewalks in said district.

SEC. 7. Taxes shall be assessed by the assessors of taxes of said district on the taxable inhabitants and property therein, according to the last valuation made by the assessors of the town next previous to the assessment, adding, however, any taxable property which may have been acquired; and in all cases where the town assessors have included property

Taxes, how assessed and collected.

within the district and property without the district in one valuation, the assessors of the district shall make an equitable valuation of that portion of the same lying within the district, and in assessing and collecting such taxes such proceedings shall be had by the officers of said district, as near as may be, as are required to be had by the corresponding officers of towns in assessing and collecting town taxes.

May enact by-laws, etc.

SEC. 8. Said corporation at any legal meeting shall have power to make by-laws prescribing the duties of firewards, and the other officers, and the inhabitants of said district, in times of conflagration, and for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the commands of the firewards for suppressing disorder and tumult, guarding and removing property, or rendering other service in the time of fire; and also for the protection of the water pipes, hydrants, safety valves, water-gates, hose, electric light wires, poles, or other apparatus or property of the district, and also such other rules and regulations as it may prescribe for the use of its drains and sewers by any person; and also sanitary rules, regulations, and ordinances for the protection of the lives and health of its inhabitants; and for the breach of any by-law, rules, regulations or ordinances, may provide a penalty not exceeding a fine of twenty dollars, to be recovered for the use of such district, or imprisonment for term not exceeding thirty days, which penalty may be enforced by prosecution on complaint of any officer before the district court of the third judicial district.

May receive and supply water, how.

SEC. 9. Said fire district is hereby authorized to receive water from the town of Westerly or the Westerly Fire District upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them, or to construct and maintain its own water works, mains, and other

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necessary apparatus for supplying water within its limits for fire, domestic and manufacturing purposes.

SEC. 10. If any person shall maliciously destroy or injure any drain pipe, aqueduct, conduit, machinery, wires, poles, lights, or other property belonging to said district and used for any of the purposes provided for in this act, such person or persons shall each forfeit to said district twice the amount of damages which shall appear to have been sustained thereby; to be recovered in an action of trespass or trespass on the case, and shall also be liable to indictment therefor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its acceptance by vote as aforesaid.

Damage to
property, how
paid for.

This act to be
effective when
accepted.