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[House Bill No. 674.]

[127.]

AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN THE
TOWN OF MILFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

SECTION 1. There shall be in the town of Milford a board of finance consisting of the first selectman, who shall be its presiding officer, and six electors of said town, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, which electors shall be taxpayers and shall hold no other office in said town government; but said appointments shall be so made that not more than four members of said board, including the first selectman, shall at any time belong to the same political party. The necessary expenses of said board shall be paid by said town of Milford, but no member of said board shall be paid for his services. The members of said board shall be duly sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 2. Said board shall, at its meeting held on the first Tuesday of September in each year, choose a clerk, not a member of said board. Said clerk shall be duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, shall keep a record of all the meetings of said board, and shall attend the adjourned annual town meeting and keep a record of all votes passed, and report to the selectmen all appropriations made in accordance with this act.

SEC. 3. The first selectman may call a special meeting of said board at any time, on reasonable personal notice to the members thereof or a written or printed notice sent to the residence of each member or mailed to him by the clerk of said board at least twenty-four hours before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 4. During the month of August, 1921, the board of selectmen of the town of Milford shall appoint six electors, who are also taxpayers, members of said board, two of whom shall be appointed for one year from the first day of September, 1921, two for two years from said date, and two for three years from said date; and in each August thereafter the selectmen shall appoint two members of said board for a term of three years from the first day of September next succeeding. The members of said board shall hold office during the time for which they are appointed and until their successors are appointed by said board of selectmen and qualified; and, in case of a vacancy in said board by reason of death or resignation, the selectmen shall forthwith appoint a successor who shall serve for the remainder of the term of such deceased or resigning member and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

SEC. 5. Said board shall hold a meeting on the first Tuesday of September in each year, and may adjourn said meeting from time to time during said month, and at said meeting and adjournments thereof, if any are had, shall make estimates of the moneys necessary to be appropriated for the expenses of said town of Milford for the year next ensuing, beginning on the Tuesday after the first Monday of October, except that the appropriations for the maintenance of schools for the year ensuing shall take effect on the first day of September preceding the annual town meeting, and may, at its discretion, make appropriations for paying any part of the debt of the town, also to provide a fund for any public improvement, and shall classify the said appropriations under appropriate heads and departments; and said board shall make an estimate of the rate of taxation required to meet said appropriations and said rate of taxation shall be based upon the grand list of the town last completed. Said board shall give notice to each board or department of a definite time when and place where it will meet to consider the needs of such board or department. The meetings of said board shall be open to the public. Said appropriations and the rate of taxation recommended shall be filed in the town clerk's office of the town of Milford on or before the first Monday of October next ensuing, and said appropriations and the rate of taxation so recommended shall be submitted by the board of selectmen to an adjourned annual town meeting which shall be held on the first Monday of November, between the hours of two o'clock and eight o'clock in the afternoon, at the usual place for holding said town meetings in said town of Milford. Said town meeting shall have power to decrease said appropriations, or any item thereof, or the rate of taxation recommended by said board of finance, but in no case shall it have the power to increase said appropriations, or any item thereof, or said rate of taxation. The rate of taxation so recommended by said board shall be final, and said appropriations so reported shall be the appropriations of the town of Milford for the ensuing year, unless said rate of taxation or said appropriations be decreased by said annual town meeting; but the total amount of appropriations for any one year shall not exceed the estimated income for that year, nor shall any board of selectmen or town school committee of said town, nor the town in any special town meeting, vote to incur any liability or expense, by contract or otherwise, except for the improvement of public roads under state aid, for which said town shall be responsible, in excess of the appropriations so made by said board. During the period between the Tuesday after the first Monday of October and the first Monday of November the board of selectmen, the town school committee, or any other officer or department of said town of Milford may pay any current operating expenses of said town, provided an appropriation therefor has been recommended by said board of finance and filed in the office of the town clerk of said town as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 6. If a special appropriation is required for any purpose, an estimate of the same shall be prepared and submitted to said board of finance at a special meeting called for that purpose; and said board of finance at said meeting, or any adjournment thereof, shall have power to make any such appropriation, and to recommend a special tax to meet the same; but no such appropriation shall be made unless a special tax is recommended sufficient to cover the amount, when such appropriation is in excess of the unappropriated revenue of the town, except as hereinafter provided. Said appropriations and the rate of taxation so recommended shall be submitted by the board of selectmen to a special town meeting called for that purpose, and said special town meeting shall have the power to decrease said appropriations, or any item thereof, or the rate of taxation recommended by said board of finance, or said special town meeting may vote not to make such appropriation or levy such special tax, but in no case shall any special town meeting have power to increase any special appropriation or any rate of taxation recommended by said board of finance. When said board shall make an appropriation for any special or public purpose in excess of ten thousand dollars, said board may recommend the issue of town bonds or other obligations, as provided in section 440 of the general statutes, for the purpose of raising funds to meet the expense thus recommended, in lieu of recommending a tax upon the ratable estate within said town. All recommendations for such purpose shall be filed in the office of the town clerk and shall be submitted by the selectmen to the annual or special town meeting for the action of said town as provided in this act.

SEC. 7. Unexpended balances of appropriations at the end of any year shall become a part of the general funds of the town, and said board of finance in estimating the income for any year shall include as a part of such income all unexpended and unappropriated moneys belonging to said town.

SEC. 8. Said board shall have power to make transfers of unexpended balances from one appropriation to another, but no amount appropriated for any one purpose, whether general or special, shall be used or appropriated for any other purpose unless the same be recommended by said board.

SEC. 9. Said board shall hold a meeting within thirty days from the final adjournment of the annual town meeting in said town, and shall give at least five days' written notice thereof to the warden of the Woodmont Association. Said notice shall state the time and place of such meeting and thereat said board shall determine the amount of money which the town of Milford shall pay to said association pursuant to the provisions of the charter of said Woodmont Association, approved June 18, 1903. The board of finance shall have exclusive authority to determine the amount of money which said town shall pay to said association.

SEC. 10. The Woodmont Association or any taxpayer thereof, the town of Milford or any taxpayer of said town, claiming to be aggrieved by the action of said board of finance may make application in the nature of an appeal to the superior court as provided in section 1240 of the general statutes.

SEC. 11. So much of section thirty-six of the charter of the Woodmont Association as makes it the duty of the selectmen of the town of Milford and an equal number of the burgesses annually to determine the amount of money that the town of Milford shall pay annually to the association, is repealed, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed so far as they affect the town of Milford.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect August 1, 1921.

Approved, April 20, 1921.

[House Bill No. 600.]

[128.]

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF
THE DANBURY AND BETHEL TRACTION COMPANY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

The time for acceptance of the charter of The Danbury and Bethel Traction Company, the organization of the company and filing certificate of such organization in the office of the secretary of state, is hereby extended until the rising of the general assembly of 1923.

Approved, April 20, 1921.

[House Bill No. 599.]

[129.]

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE EAST LYME TRACTION
COMPANY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

SECTION 1. Robert W. Perkins of Norwich, Edward M. Day of Hartford and Charles B. Whittlesey of New London, and such other persons as they may associate with them, are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of The East Lyme Traction Company, which company is to be located in the town of New London.

SEC. 2. Said company is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or otherwise acquire all of the present line of railway now owned by The Shore Line Electric Railway Company from its junction with the tracks of The Connecticut Company at the corner of Montauk avenue and Bank street in the town of New London, through the towns of New