

ACT OF INCORPORATION

TOWN OF ASHLAND

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

SECTION 1

That all the territory, now within the towns of Hopkinton, Framingham and Holliston, in the County of Middlesex, comprised within the following limits; that is to say; beginning at the westerly corner of said territory, at a point in the line between Hopkinton, in the County of Middlesex, and Southborough in the County of Worcester, at the centre of Concord River, due north of a monument, situated at the south side of said river; thence southerly, passing a few rods west of the house of Peter Walker, to the southwest corner of the Wilson sawmill meadow; thence southeasterly, to a point ten rods northeast of the northeast corner of the house of Nehemiah Pierce, thence southerly, to a point on the north side of the road, leading from the house of Amara Eames, by schoolhouse in district no. 3 in Hopkinton - said point being situated twenty rods westerly of the intersection of the north line of said road, with the west line of the road, leading by the house of Ezra Rockwood, to that part of Hopkinton, now called Unionville; thence easterly to a point situated forty rods due south of the southeast corner of the house of Daniel Eames; thence northeasterly to the line of the town of Holliston; thence passing across the north part of Holliston, to a monument at Dappings Brook, between the towns of Holliston and Sherborn; thence northerly, on the line between the last named towns, to the town of Framingham; thence easterly, on the line between Framingham and Sherborn, to the "Plowshare," so called; thence north, four degrees east, 239 rods, to a monument; thence northwesterly, to the intersection of the Rice Brook with the road leading by the house of William Badger in Framingham; thence more westerly, to the line between the towns of Framingham, and Southborough; thence southwestwardly, on the line between said towns, four hundred rods to a monument near the west side of the road leading by the house of Nathan Bridges, thence southerly between the last named towns, to an iron bolt in the centre of Concord river; said bolt being the bound between the towns of Framingham, Hopkinton and Southborough, thence westerly, by the centre of said river, to the first mentioned bound, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Ashland, and said town of Ashland is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities, and subject to all the duties, and requisitions to which other towns are entitled and subject, by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2

The inhabitants of said town of Ashland shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes, which have been legally assessed upon them, by the towns of Hopkinton, Framingham and Holliston, respectively; and all taxes heretofore assessed, and not collected, shall be collected and paid to the Treasurers of the towns of Hopkinton, Framingham and Holliston, respectively, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and also their proportion of all County and state taxes, that may be assessed upon them, previously to the taking of the next state valuation; said proportion to be ascertained and determined by the last valuation in the said respective towns.

SECTION 3

The said town of Ashland shall hereafter be liable to pay one twelfth part of the expenses,

hereafter necessarily incurred in the support of all paupers, who, at the time of passing this act are receiving support from the town of Framingham; and one fifth part of the expenses so incurred by the town of Hopkinton, for the support of paupers at present receiving relief from Hopkinton, and one eighth part of the expenses so incurred by the town of Holliston in the support of paupers, at present receiving relief from said Holliston.

SECTION 4

In case any disagreement shall arise between said Ashland, and said Framingham, Holliston or Hopkinton, in respect to the expenses, in support of paupers under this act, the court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex, are hereby authorized to, and shall on application of either town interested, appoint three disinterested persons, to hear the parties, and award thereon, which award, when accepted by said Court shall be final.

SECTION 5

The said town of Ashland, shall remain parts of the towns of Framingham, Hopkinton and Holliston, for the purpose of electing the Representative to the General Court to which said towns are respectively entitled; and for the purpose of electing State Officers and Senators, Representative to Congress and electors of President and Vice President of the United States, until the next decennial census of the inhabitants shall be taken in pursuance of the thirteenth article of amendments of the constitution; and the meeting for the choice of such Representatives, State Officers and Senators, shall be called by the Selectmen of said respective towns; the selectmen of Ashland shall make a true list of persons, belonging to the territory of each of said towns, hereby incorporated into the town of Ashland, qualified to vote at every such election, and the same shall be taken and used by the Selectmen of said respective towns, for such elections in the same manner as if prepared by themselves.

SECTION 6

The said towns of Framingham, Hopkinton, Holliston and Ashland, shall be holden to pay the expenses of the construction of all roads, within their respective limits, which have been located but not made.

SECTION 7

[Repealed. 1-15-1847, Art. 2]

SECTION 8

The town of Ashland shall be holden to refund to the town of Hopkinton, one fifth part of the surplus revenue of the United States, heretofore received by said town of Hopkinton, in case that said town shall ever be required to refund the same.

SECTION 9

The town of Ashland shall pay to the town of Hopkinton, within four years from the passage of this act the sum of six hundred dollars, with interest thereon in full compensation for their proportion of the town debt of Hopkinton.

SECTION 10

Any Justice of the Peace in the county of Middlesex is hereby authorized to issue his warrant to any principal inhabitant of the town of Ashland, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said town, to meet at the time and place therein appointed for the purpose of choosing all such town officers as towns are, by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings.

SECTION 11

This act shall be in force from and after its passage.
House of Representatives, March 14, 1846

Passed to be enacted.

Samuel H. Walley, Jr., Speaker

In Senate, March 16, 1846

Passed to be enacted.

W.B. Calhoun, Pres.

March 16, 1846

Approved.

George W. Briggs

Secretary's Office, March 17, 1846.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original Act.

John G. Palfrey

Secretary of the Commonwealth