Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy

AN ACT

to incorporate the Town of Norfolk

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 All the territory now within the towns of Wrentham, Franklin, Medway and Walpole, in the County of Norfolk, comprised within the following limits, that is to say:— beginning at a point on Charles River, in the North-West angle of Wrentham, and following in an easterly course the present line of division between Wrentham and Medfield to Stop River; thence running southerly along said river, and separated by the thread of its stream from Walpole, to a point forty rods north of the mouth of the first brook, running into said river, below Campbells mills, on the easterly side, thence from said point by a straight line, to the junction of Back and Bird streets, in Walpole, thence the easterly side of said Bird Street to its junction with West Street, thence westerly by the northerly side of West Street, twenty-five rods, thence southerly and near to and westerly from the barn belonging to the home estate of Charles Bird, until said line strikes Stop River, one hundred and twenty rods southerly from West Street, thence along said river as far as Wrentham and Walpole are separated by the thread of its stream, thence by a straight line, running Westerly of the Walpole almshouse

and easterly of the farm buildings of Patrick Reardon and easterly of the Dupee Blake place, so called to a point on the line between Walpole and Foxborough, one hundred and twenty-five rods northeastely from Dedham rock, thence from said point, following the present line of division, between Wrentham and Foxborough, to Dedham Rock, thence southerly from said Rock along the present line of Wrentham and Foxborough to a point on said line on the southerly side of Pine Street, thence by a straight line to a point on the westerly side of Everett street, northerly of the house of Edmund T Everett, and southerly of the Pondville cemetery, to a point on the Westerly side of North Street five rods southerly of the farm buildings of Samuel G Benn, thence through the Stony Brook reservoir, near to the house of E. S Nash, to a point on the line between Franklin and Wrentham, ninty rods southerly of the house late of Eliphalet Lawrence, thence running northerly, by a straight line near to and west of the farm buildings of the home estate of J. E. Pollard, near the Elliot-Felting mills near to and thirty-five rods west of the present residence of Saub B Scott, to the southern extremity of Populatic Pond thence along the western shore of said pond, at low water mark, to Charles River, thence in an easterly course upon Charles River, and separated by the thread of its stream from Medway to the centre of the iron bridge over said river, thence upon the thread of said river to the bridge of the Medway branch rail-road, thence along the southeasterly side of said Railroad, twenty-eight rods to a point, thence from said point by a straight line running in a northeasterly course passing southeasterly of and near to the villiage of Denville, near to and south of the old barn belonging to John Barber, to a point on Baltimore street, two rods from said barn, thence by a straight

line to the easterly side of the great bend in Charles River and near the old fording place, thence upon said river and separated by the thread of its stream from Medway to the point of beginning:— is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Norfolk, and said town of Norfolk is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges rights and immunities, and is subject to all the duties and requisitions to which other towns are entitled and subjected by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Section 2 The inhabitants of said town of Norfolk shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes have been legally assessed upon them by the towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole respectively and all taxes heretofore assessed and not collected, shall be collected and paid to the treasurers of the towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole, respectively, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed, and until the next general valuation of estates in this Commonwealth the town of Norfolk shall annually pay over to the said towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole respectively the proportion of any state or county tax which the said towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole, respectively, may be required to pay upon the inhabitants or estates hereby set off said proportion to be ascertained and determined by the respective valuations of the said towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole next preceeding the passage of this act.

Section 3 Said towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole and Norfolk shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who now do or shall hereafter stand in need of relief as paupers whose settlement was gained by or derived within their respective limits.

Section 4. The towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole and Norfolk shall retain the school houses within their respective limits and the town of Norfolk shall assume and pay its just and equitable proportions according to its present assessed valuations of any debt due or owing the towns of Wrentham and Franklin respectively at the time of the passage of this act, and shall be entitled to receive from said towns respectively its just and equitable proportions according to said assessed valuation of all the corporate property than owned by said towns of Wrentham and Franklin respectively including therein the school houses retained by said Wrentham Franklin and Norfolk respectively: and said town of Norfolk shall be held to refund to said towns of Wrentham and Franklin respectively its just proportion of the surplus revenue whenever the same shall be called for according to law, such proportion to be determined by the decennial State valuation next-preceding such call
And in case the proportions aforesaid cannot be agreed upon by said towns of Norfolk Wrentham and Franklin respectively the same shall be determined by three commissioners to be appointed by the superior court of said County of Norfolk upon a petition of either of said towns

Section 5 The territory of the town of Norfolk heretofore part of the towns of Franklin and Walpole for the purpose of electing representatives to the general court until the next decennial census or until another apportionment be made shall remain a part of said towns of Franklin and Walpole respectively and vote therefor at such places respectively as the said towns shall vote, and the Selectmen of Norfolk shall make a true list of all persons within

their town qualified to vote at every such election and shall post up the same in said town of Norfolk and shal correct the same as required by law and shall deliver a true list of all such voters as are entitled to vote in said towns of Franklin and Walpole respectively to the selectmen thereof seven days at least before such election to be used thereat. And the territory of the town of Norfolk heretofore parts of the towns of Wrentham and Medway until another appotionment be made shall for the purpose of electing representatives to the general court remain a part of the twelfth Norfolk representative district and vote for the same in the town of Norfolk and the clerk of the town of Norfolk shall make returns and meet with the clerks of the towns of Foxborough Medway and Wrentham for the purpose of ascertaining the result of the election and making certificates of the same at the time and place now provided for said meeting by law: and the territory of said town of Norfolk until legally changed shall for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, continue to be part of congressional district number eight and for the purpose of electing a councillor part of the second councillor district and for the purpose of electing a senator a part of the third Norfolk district

section 6 Any justice of the peace within and for the county of Norfolk may issue his warrant directed to any principal inhabitant of the town of Norfolk requireing him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place appointed for the purpose of choosing all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings: and said Warrant shall be served by posting up copies thereof attested by the person to whom the same is directed in three public places in said town seven days at least before such meeting.

Such justice or in his absence such principal inhabitant shall preside until the choice of Moderator in said meeting The Selectmen of the towns of Wrentham Franklin Medway and Walpole shall before said meeting prepare a list of voters from their respective towns within said Norfolk qualified to vote at said meeting and shall deliver the same to the person presiding at said meeting before the choice of a Moderator thereof

section 7 This act shall take effect upon its passage

House of Representatives February 19th 1870

Passed to be enacted Harvey Jewell Speaker

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Passed to be enacted H H Coolidge President

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