

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

1778

In the Year of Our Lord A. D. one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

An Act for incorporateng ye Plantation called New Boston in ye County of Cumberland into a Town by the Name of Gray.

Whereas, the Inhabitants of the Plantation called New Boston in ye County of Cumberland, have represented to this Court the Great Difficulty & inconveniences they labour under in their present situation, and have earnestly requested that they may be Incorporated into a Town.

Incor-
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Act
of

Be it therefor enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by ye Authority of ye same - that ye sd Plantation called New Boston bounded as follows; viz Southeasterly on North Yarmouth. Northeasterly on New Gloucester. Northwesterly on a Plantation called Raymontown, and Southwesterly on Windham, be & hereby is erected into a Town by ye Name of Gray - and that ye Inhabitants thereof be & they are hereby are invested with all ye Powers, Privileges & Immunities which ye Inhabitants of Towns within this State do, or may by law enjoy.

And be it further enacted, that ye Hon. Enoch Freeman Esq. be & he hereby is impowered & directed to issue his Warrant to some principal Inhabitant of said Town, requiring him to Warn ye Inhabitants whereof to meet at such time & place as shall be therein set forth to choose all such officers as Towns are by law required & impowered to choose in ye month of March annually at which sd meeting all ye present Inhabitants upward of twenty one years of age shall be admitted to vote.

In the House of Representatives June 19th, 1778.

This Bill having been read three several times passed to be enacted.

Samuel Freeman

In Council June 19th, 1778

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

J. N. Avery D'y Sect'y.

Consented to by ye major Part of ye Council

True Copy

Attest John Avery D'y. Sect'y.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

CUMBERLAND SS.

To Jabez Mathews of a Place called New Boston in sd. County.

Meeting Application for

Greeting:

Whereas, an act for Incorporating ye Plantation called New Boston in sd. County into a Town by ye Name of Gray, made & passed this present year, directing me, Enoch Freeman Esq. one of ye Justices of ye Peace, in & for sd. County to issue my Warrant to some Principal Inhabitant in sd. Town, requiring him to warn ye Inhabitants thereof to meet on such a day as I shall appoint to choose all such officers as Towns are by law required & impowered to choose in ye month of March, Annually.

These are therefore in ye name of ye Government & People of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England to require you to warn ye Inhabitants of sd. Town upwards of twenty one years of age according to law to meet at ye meeting House in sd. Town of Monday ye thirteen day of July current to choose Town Officers as afores'd.

Given under my hand and seal at Falmouth in sd. County
ye fourth day of July A. D. 1778.

Enoch Freeman, Esq.

Meeting called for.

This Plantation called New Boston being by an Act of this State Incorporated into a Town by ye name of Gray & pursuant to a warrant to me directed from ye Hon. Enoch Freeman Esq. founded upon sd. Act.

The Inhabitants of ye Town of Gray qualified to vote according to sd. Act are hereby notified to appear at ye Meeting House in this Town on Monday ye thirteenth day of July instant at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon to choose Town Officers according to law.

Given under my hand at sd. Gray ye forth day of July 1778.
Jabez Mathews.

A Record of our first Town Meeting after being Incorporated.

Meeting Record of.

Gray July ye 13, 1778 this day the inhabtance of this town met at the Meeting House & according to warrant pceded.

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1. Chose Maj. Jabez Mathews Moderator for daid meeting.
 2. Chose David Town Clark for ye present year.
 3. Voted to chuse three commity Selectmen
 1. Lien. William Webster)
 2. Mr. Daniel Libby) Selectmen
 3. Mr. Daniel Cummings)
 4. Voted that these Sec'men above chosen shall serve as sessors tel March next.
 5. Chose David Orne Town tresury.
 6. Chose three men for a commity of Safty.
 1. Mr. Nathan Merrill)
 2. Dea'n. Thomas White) Commity of Safty.
 3. Mr. Richard Haydan)
 7. Chose Mr. Joseph Weeks constable.
 8. Chose Church Wardens
 1. Mr. Daniel Libby) Church Wardens
 2. Mr. Jeremiah Hobbs)
 9. Chose Mr. Nathan Merril tideing man.
 10. Chose four surveyors to work on ye rodes.
 1. Mr. John Barber
 2. Mr. John Morse
 3. Lien. William Webster
 4. Mr. John Morse
 11. Chose Mr. Daniel Cummings fence viewer
 12. Chose two field drivers
 1. Mr. Jethro Starbord
 2. Mr. Robert York
 13. Voted that swine should run at larg well yoked & ringed.
 14. Chose four hog drivers
 1. Mr. Elijah Jordan
 2. Mr. David Hunt
 3. Mr. Asa Libby
 4. Mr. Joseph Merrel
 15. Chose Mr. Georg Doughty saxon.
 16. Chose Mr. Daniel Libby pound keeper
 17. Chose Mr. John Nash surveyor of all sorts of lumber.
 18. Chose David Orne sealer of weights and measures.
 19. Voted to agorn this meeting tel ye 2 Muday in August at twelve a clock at ye same place.

Adjourned Meeting.

August ye 10, 1778, then met on agornment & finding nothing wanting we voted to to dismiss the meeting.