

Ch. 62 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In The Year of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty
An ACT to incorporate the Town of Groveland

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 that part of the town of Bradford, which lies east of the line beginning at the Merrimack river, at the west side of Johnson's Creek, at low water mark, thence running southerly up the westerly side of said creek about twenty rods to a small white Oak tree, thence south fifteen degrees west, eighty nine rods to a bound on the southerly side of the highway near Jonathan Kimball's house, thence south fifty four degrees west eighty six rods and seventeen links to a walnut tree, on the easterly side of the road near the houses of William Brown, thence south thirty eight and half degrees west, one hundred and fifty four rods to a bound at the northerly angle of the highway, thence south forty five degrees west, one hundred and forty nine rods and nine links to a bound at the Northwesterly angle of said highway near Johnson's pond, thence south twenty seven degrees west, to a bound at the Westerly side of said highway at Boxford line is hereby incorporated into a new town by the name of Groveland, and is hereby vested with all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities, and shall be 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. All property belonging to the town of Bradford, except books, records and apparatus belonging to the archives of said town, shall be sold at public auction by a committee chosen in equal numbers by said towns when it shall cease to be used in common by said towns, and any deed of such property signed by said Committee, shall be valid in law; and the proceeds of such sale, as far as it may be necessary, shall be applied to the payment of such debts as may be due from the town of Bradford at the time of separation, and any money which may remain after such payment and all debts which may remain due the town after such expenditure, shall be equally divided between said towns.

SECTION 3. The paupers now supported by the town of Bradford, and all such as may hereafter require support, in virtue of having acquired a settlement in said town, shall be supported by the town within the territorial limits of which, they may have acquired a settlement; provided however, that the paupers of said town may be supported as at present, so long as both towns may so agree at their joint and equal expense.

SECTION 4. All taxes which may be due the town of Bradford, at the time of the passage of this act, may be collected in the same manner as though this act had not been passed — proportion to be ascertained and determined by the town valuation of the town of Bradford, next preceding the passage of this act.

SECTION 5. Any justice of the peace within and for the County of Essex, is hereby authorized to issue warrant, directed to any principal inhabitant of said town of Groveland requiring him to warn the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place therein, appointed for the purpose of choosing all such town officers, as town are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives, March 7, 1850
Passed to be enacted, Ensign N. Kellog, Speaker
In Senate, March 8th, 1850
Passes to be enacted, Marshall F. Wilder, President
March 8, 1850
Approved,
Geo. T. Briggs

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The COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary

Boston, June 12, 1950

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true photostatic copy of Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1850, being An Act to incorporate the Town of Groveland, approved March 8, 1850.

In testimony of Which I have hereunto affixed the Great Seal of the Commonwealth on the date above written.

EDWARD J. CRONIN
Secretary of the Common-

wealth

(Copied: Sally Johansen, Bicentennial Coordinator, Groveland, Mass.)

