

(Chapter 319.)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

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To Authorize the Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Company to Carry Baggage and Small Parcels of Merchandise, and to Contract for the Use of the Tracks of Certain Other Companies.

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. The Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Company may act as a common carrier of baggage and small parcels of merchandise in the towns and cities in which it has the right to operate: provided, that said company shall not so act in any town or city until authorized so to do by the selectmen or board of aldermen thereof; and provided, also, that said company shall be subject to the provisions of chapter seventy of the Revised Laws and of all other laws now or hereafter in force relating to common carriers, and shall also be subject to any by-laws, ordinances and regulations made by any city or town in which it operates, provided, that the same are not inconsistent with said chapter and laws.

Section 2. Said company may enter upon, use and operate over, such parts of the railways of the Union Street Railway Company in the city of New Bedford, and of the Old Colony Street Railway Company in the city of Fall River, and under such terms as to conditions of operation and compensation to be paid therefor as said companies may from time to time respectively agree upon; provided, however, that no such entry upon, use of or operation over the tracks of said Union Street Railway Company and Old Colony Street Railway Company shall take place until authorized by the board of public works of the city of New Bedford, and by the board of aldermen of the city of Fall River, respectively, and until also authorized by the board of railroad commissioners.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, April 15th, 1902.



The Selectmen of the Town of Westport at a meeting duly called and held the tenth (10th) day of September, A. D., 1907, it was

VOTED, that we adopt and publish, and we hereby enact and adopt certain Regulations governing the speed of automobiles and motor cycles in the town of Westport, in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, namely:

Regulations  
of the  
Town of Westport

limiting the rate of speed of automobiles and motor cycles.

Section 1. No automobile or motor cycle shall be driven, run or propelled, in the town of Westport, at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour on the highways within the villages of Central Village, Westport Factory, Head of Westport ~~and~~ Westport Point, <sup>from the Fall River line</sup> ~~and No. Westport, at the Narrows to Sanford road~~ in said town, and not exceeding fifteen miles an hour on other roads in said town.

Section 2. Whoever violates the provisions of the foregoing section shall be punished, as stated in section three of chapter four hundred and twelve of the Acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, namely: not exceeding twenty-five dollars for a first offence, and not exceeding fifty dollars for a second offence, and not exceeding one hundred dollars for subsequent offences committed during each calendar year.

Section 3. These regulations shall take effect immediately after their publication in the Fall River Daily Evening News, unless otherwise ordered by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Albert L. King } Selectmen  
Elmer E. Gifford }  
Jonathan Borden } Westport



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NEW BEDFORD, MASS., April 19th, 1902.

To the Board of Selectmen  
of the Town of Westport.

The Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Company hereby  
petitions your honorable Board for authority, under chapter 319 of the  
Acts of 1902, to act as a common carrier of baggage and small articles  
of merchandise in the town of Westport.

Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Company,

by

*Henry H. Crapo*  
President.



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NEW BEDFORD, MASS., April 22nd, 1902.

Albert S. Sherman, Esq.,  
North Westport, Mass.

Dear Mr. Sherman:-

I send you herewith petition for authority to inaugurate parcel business and copy of the bill passed by the legislature in pursuance of petition, the hearing on which you were so good as to attend.

As I understand the bill, the Selectmen are to first pass upon the question of whether or not they think the public interests will be subserved by giving authority to the railway company to engage in the parcel business. I bring this matter before you in the enclosed petition. There is no occasion for a hearing or for public notice. The vote of the Selectmen authorizing the business is all that is sufficient. I enclose a suggestion of a form of vote together with a duplicate. If you see fit to make use of this form in adopting the vote kindly have the clerk of the Board return by mail to me the copy with his <sup>attestation</sup> ~~alteration~~ that the same was duly adopted by vote of the Board on a date certain.

The bill further provides that in conducting the parcel business the street railway company shall be subject "to any by-laws, ordinances and regulations made by any city or town in which it operates". Any regulations which you may see fit to <sup>prescribe</sup> ~~provide~~, we shall, of course, be glad to comply with. I think, however, that, inasmuch as the business is new, we can neither of us tell just what the difficulties will be without some experience, and as you have it in your power at any time to regulate us, if necessary, it may not be important to adopt any particular regulations



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at the present time.

Yours respectfully,

*Henry H. Crapo*  
President.