

Specified place and time for meeting. designated therefor, and it shall name a day and date for the meeting, not less than twenty days after the date of the warrant, or it may appoint a more distant day and date, if the parties or persons owning or interested in the property reside out of said county or out of this State. If on the day appointed for such meeting it shall seem just and right to the sheriff, he may postpone the meeting to a future day and date, not more than twenty days thereafter, but by consent of the Commissioners and the owners and the persons interested in the lands or property, the sheriff may postpone the meeting to any day and date agreed on. The sheriff may adjourn the inquisition from day to day (Sundays excepted) until its work is completed, or it may adjourn to any day agreed upon by the parties.

Shall issue summons for persons interested. Third. With the warrant, or about the date thereof, the Town Clerk shall issue and deliver to said sheriff summonses directed to the owners or persons interested in said property, residing in said county or in any other county of this State. The summonses for parties or persons residing in Dorchester County shall be served by the said sheriff, while the summonses for parties or persons residing in other counties of this State shall be sent by said sheriff to the sheriff of such counties, that he may summon the parties or persons named therein. If any of the parties or persons interested in the property shall reside out of this State the Town Clerk shall deliver to the sheriff of Dorchester County an order of publication, to be published once a week for three successive weeks in some newspaper in said town, at least thirty days before the day and date of the meeting named in the warrant or afterwards appointed.

How summonses shall be served on non-residents. But in place of an order of publication a summons may be personally served on any non-resident by any person appointed by the sheriff, if the person who serves the same makes oath to such service before a notary public or the clerk of any court of record, and the notary or clerk appends a certificate thereto, authenticated by the seal of the notary or of the clerk's court. If it be unknown or uncertain where any party or person interested in the property resides, or whether such party or person be dead or alive, or whether, if dead, he or she left children or heirs, notice to all such may be given by an order of publication. All persons interested in said property shall be bound, after the day and date first appointed for meeting, to ascertain the time and place of all subsequent meetings, without any special notice whatever, and they shall be bound to attend or be held to assent to any proceedings taken and had in the premises.