

hydrants and water plugs on the said streets, lanes, alleys and thoroughfares, and to prescribe penalties for improperly interfering with or injuring such water pipes, hydrants or water plugs, or for improperly interfering with any street lamp or lamp post; to provide proper and suitable lights on the public streets, and to make contracts for furnishing such lights, to pass all ordinances for defining the duties of all town officers where not fixed by the charter; to require bond and to approve the same in order to secure the faithful performance of all contracts entered into by the commissioners, and by ordinance, to require any and all things to be done which will promote the welfare, good government and prosperity of the people of the town, and to forbid whatever that will oppress or injure them in their persons and property.

*Board of Police Commissioners.*

59. On August the first, 1912, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the commissioners of Cambridge shall elect one sober and discreet person who shall have been a resident of the City of Cambridge for three successive years next preceding the day of his appointment, who, together with the State's attorney for Dorchester county and the Mayor of Cambridge, shall constitute and be known as the board of police commissioners for the City of Cambridge. The police commissioners so appointed by the commissioners of Cambridge shall hold office for four years from the date of his appointment, and if the other two members of said board of police commissioners, constituted as herein provided, shall be affiliated with the same political party, then the third member of said board to be appointed as herein provided, shall be affiliated with the other one of the two leading political parties. If the office of police commissioner shall become vacant by reason of the death, resignation or misconduct or inability of the incumbent to perform the duties thereof, said vacancy shall be filled by the commissioners of Cambridge as prescribed above, and every police commissioner, so appointed, shall possess all the qualifications prescribed by this section, and shall hold his office for four years from the date of his appointment and until his successor is appointed and qualified; and for such services shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per year. The Mayor of Cambridge shall be president of the board of police commissioners, and the town clerk and treasurer of Cambridge shall perform the duties of secretary to the said board of police commissioners.