

five judicious and discreet persons, who have resided in said town for at least twelve months next preceding the election, commissioners of said town.

45. All elections shall be held and conducted as Elections. shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter.

46. If any of the commissioners during the year for Vacancy among which they were elected, shall die, resign, remove from commission- said town, or be otherwise disqualified, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held, and all persons qualified to vote at the regular, may vote at such special election.

47. If the inhabitants of said town at any time Neglect to neglect to make an election, the power of electing elect commissioners shall not, therefore, cease, but shall continue as though such election had been made, and the president and commissioners for the time being shall remain in office until such election shall be held.

48. Every commissioner, before he acts, shall take Oath of com- an oath before some justice of the peace of Harford missioners. county, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said town without favor partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice to the commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

49. The commissioners shall have power to meet Meetings. from time to time, as they shall deem proper, and shall, at their first meeting after an election, choose from their own body a president, who shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, vote on all questions before them, and remain in office until superseded by the appointment of a new president, after a new election of commissioners.

50. The commissioners, or a majority of them, shall Clerk. have power to appoint a clerk and prescribe his duties, and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.