

1874, ch. 440.

299. There shall be five commissioners of said town, each of whom shall be a citizen of the United States, at least twenty-four years of age, and shall have resided in said town for at least twelve months prior to his election; they shall hold their office for five years, and one of them shall be elected on the first Thursday of May in each year by the adult male citizens of said town who shall have resided therein for six months and in the State twelve months next preceding the election, and who shall also be citizens of the United States; so that the term of one of said commissioners shall expire every year.

Ibid.

300. The commissioners of said town shall be judges of all elections, and the proceedings thereof shall be recorded under their direction. Every commissioner, before he proceeds to act as judge of election, shall make oath that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election who shall be qualified to vote, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not, in his judgment, be qualified to vote. Every person elected as commissioner, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before some justice of the peace that he will diligently and faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by said justice to the commissioners, who shall record and file the same among their proceedings.

Ibid.

301. The commissioners, at their first meeting, after being duly qualified according to law, shall choose some one of their number president thereof, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the board, preserve order, and give such directions as may be deemed necessary by the commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of this sub-title of this article, and to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Ibid.

302. They may meet together, from time to time, at such house as may be designated by them as the town hall, as often as