

do all other acts; may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, and dispose of the same for the benefit of said town, and have and use a common seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure.

1874, ch. 505.

170. All male citizens of the said town of Hillsborough, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have *bona fide* resided within the corporate limits of said town for and during the space of three months, and twelve months in the State next preceding the election, shall elect, on the first Saturday of May in each year, five judicious and discreet persons commissioners for the said town.

Ibid.

171. No person shall be elected to the office of commissioner in said town, who shall not have resided twelve months in said town immediately previous to said election, and who shall not, at the time of his election, be engaged in business, or have a family living in said town.

Ibid.

172. Every board of commissioners thus duly elected, at their first meeting shall proceed to elect by ballot one from among their number as president, who shall hold that position during the time for which he was elected as commissioner, or until superseded by the election of a new president, after a new election as aforesaid.

Ibid.

173. The said commissioners shall have power to appoint from among their number a clerk, and assign his duties and allow him such pay for his services as they may think proper; and all ordinances passed by said commissioners shall be entered by their clerk in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which book shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town, that the same may be generally known; and said commissioners so elected shall have power to meet and adjourn from time to time, as they in their discretion may think proper.