

Vacancy one shall be given by the commissioners by printed or written notice posted in three conspicuous places within said corporate limits. In case any vacancy occurs in the office of commissioners, the other commissioners may fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall hold till the next regular election. If at any time it shall occur that there are no commissioners in office, any five qualified voters residing in said town may in writing call upon some justice of the peace in or near said town to hold an election as in the case of the first election, and such special election may be held at any time after the corporation ceases to hear any commissioners, and the commissioners so elected shall hold office until the time for a regular election arrives. If the nearest justice of the peace refuses or omits to attend the first election any justice of the peace may order the same on the call of five residents of said town.

**Qualifica-
tion of
voters** 328. All male inhabitants of said town over the age of twenty-one years who have resided within said corporate limits six months before the holding of any such election, and all male citizens of Dorchester County of twenty-one years of age who own lands within said limits shall be entitled to vote at such election, and every resident voter of such corporation shall be eligible to hold the office of commissioner.

**Chairman
and clerk.** 329. The said commissioners at their first meeting after such election shall choose one of their number chairman, who shall preside at their meetings and shall give such directions as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this sub-title. The commissioners may meet as often as occasion may require, and the chairman shall give notice to the other commissioners when a special meeting is to be held, they shall meet at least once in three months. They shall appoint one of their own number or some other competent person as secretary or clerk, who shall keep a record of their proceedings in a well-bound book provided for the purpose, they shall have authority to assign to the clerk his duties and to allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

**Power to
pass ordi-
nances** 330. The commissioners shall have full power to make and pass all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State, as from time to time, they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the good order, comfort, health and convenience of the said town and its inhabitants; for the prevention and removal of nuisances; for the preservation of health; for the protection of the lives and limbs of the inhabitants of the same, and of persons temporally therein, and for the suppression of vice and immorality within the