

town commissioners, together with the ballots cast, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected commissioners, and the said certificate shall be recorded.

Vacancy—how filled.

SEC. 7. *Be it enacted*, That if any vacancy shall happen in the office of commissioner, the president shall cause an election to be held in the way and manner as provided in the preceding section.

Officers oath.

SEC. 8. *Be it enacted*, That every person elected a commissioner shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, make oath before some justice of the peace that he will diligently and faithfully, without favor or partiality or prejudice, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by the justice of the peace to the commissioners, and be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Elect president

SEC. 9. *Be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall meet on the Wednesday ensuing their election, or as soon thereafter as convenient, and as often thereafter as they shall determine by by-laws or ordinances, and shall each receive the sum of fifty cents per meeting, provided that none of them shall receive more than six dollars per annum as salary. The said commissioners, at their first meeting, shall select one of their number as president, who shall preside at their meetings and exercise other functions as may be conferred upon him by the by-laws or ordinances; the president shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually in the month of May the general state of the town, with accurate account of the money received and expended, to be posted up in one conspicuous place in said town for the information of the citizens, and shall make such suggestions as in his judgment are proper for the wise and economical government of the town.

Duties of town clerk.

SEC. 10. The said commissioners shall, at their first meeting, appoint a town clerk for and during their term, who shall keep a record of their proceedings in a well bound book, to be provided by them for that purpose, and to be subject to the inspection of the inhabitants of said town and all persons interested therein; the said clerk shall also act as treasurer for said town, and shall give bond to the commissioners in the penalty of not less than five hundred dollars, with a surety or sureties to be approved by them, and shall perform