

drain or water course within the limits of the town, to be laid, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up, in whole or in part, the board of street commissioners shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers of the town, of their purpose to lay out, open, extend, widen, straighten or close up the street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or water course so directed to be laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up, and of the day, hour and place of their meeting for said purpose; and the said board of street commissioners shall meet at the time and place mentioned in the notice given by them, and proceed to exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned to and required of them, and to ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby, for which the owner or occupant of any right or interest claimed in any ground or improvements ought to be compensated, over and above the amount in value of benefit which will thereby accrue to such owner or occupant, and ascertain what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground within or adjacent to said town, or to the owner or occupant thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground or the owner or occupant ought to pay.

Notice
required.

Benefits and
damages.

185. Whenever the board of street commissioners shall have proceeded to execute the powers conferred in the preceding section, they shall have prepared an explanatory map which shall contain a correct description of the street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or water-course so laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up by them, with each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damages or received benefits, and shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers of the town, that they will meet at a time and place mentioned in said notice, to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which will sustain damages, and any lot or parcel of ground which will be benefited; they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice, and within three days, inclusive of the day of meeting, shall determine the amount of damages to be awarded to all owners and occupants, and the amount of benefit assessed to any lot or parcel of ground, and transmit their decision with the explanatory map to the clerk of the mayor and council, who shall file the same and record such decision in a book to be kept for that purpose.

To prepare a
map.