

of this State. He shall perform all other appropriate duties prescribed by the Commissioners of Preston, and give bond in such penalty and in such manner as may be prescribed by them.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioners of Preston shall have power to make by-laws and pass ordinances to establish grades for the streets, gutters and sidewalks of said town, the width thereof, and prescribe the material of which they shall be built; to cause the sidewalks, along said public streets to be graded, curbed, paved, repaved or improved and to assess the costs and expenses thereof in whole or in part, upon the owner or owners of the abutting property, which costs and expense shall be a lien on the abutting property, and recoverable by an action at law, or compel by fines or otherwise the owner or owners of any such lot to grade, pave, repave and curb the sidewalks in front thereof; and may provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving, or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions therefrom, and for laying out public squares, drains, watercourses; and all benefits or damages done, suffered or incurred by laying out, opening and making of new streets or alleys, or by altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part any existing street, or alley or laying out public squares, drains and watercourses shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, or a majority of them, residents of said town, appointed by the Commissioners of Preston, who shall within ten days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a Justice of the Peace of Caroline County or any Notary Public, that they will faithfully and fairly and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess the loss and damages to be suffered and incurred by any person or persons interested in said property over, through and by which the said street or alley, square, drain or watercourse is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded, or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any such property, over, through and by which the said street or alley, drain or watercourse is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, or any property adjacent thereto, or any other property injured or benefited by said street, alley, drain, square or water course; they shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers published in Caroline County and also by written or printed notice