

streets to be graded, curbed, paved and repaved or improved, and to assess the costs and expense thereof, in whole or in part, upon the owner or owners of the abutting property, which costs and expense for said improvements shall be a lien upon the abutting property and shall be collectible in the same manner as other town taxes are now collectible in the town of Chestertown as prescribed by 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, parks, playgrounds, drains, sewers and water courses; 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, parks, playgrounds, drains, sewers, and water courses shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, or a majority of them, residents of said town, appointed by the Mayor and Council of Chestertown, who shall within ten days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace of Kent County or any notary public, that they will faithfully and fairly and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess the loss and damage 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, park, playground, drain, sewer 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, alley, square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water course 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, square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water course; they shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers published in Kent County and also by a written or printed notice mailed to the last known postoffice address of the owner or owners of said property, of their purpose to lay out, open,