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partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made out and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any vacancy shall happen in the office of one or more of the commissioners, by death, resignation, or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the remaining commissioners, and they are hereby required, to cause an election to be made at the court house in said town, by all persons qualified to vote as aforesaid, for one or more persons, resident as aforesaid, to supply every such vacancy during the remainder of the term, and the time of holding such intervening election shall be notified for the space of ten days preceeding the election.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorised and required, to meet at the court house in the said town, or some other convenient place, as often as they or a major part of them may think necessary, and from time to time to ordain and organise such plans and regulations as they shall judge beneficial to the town, or the inhabitants thereof; to cause to be removed all nuisances and obstructions that may interrupt the passage of the said inhabitants or others, in the streets, lanes and alleys of the said town; to cause the streets to be repaired and improved, and to provide means for those salutary purposes, and shall make such by-laws for the good government of said town and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisances and annoyances within the the said town, and other matters, exigencies and things within said town, as to them or a majority of them shall seem meet and consonant to reason, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of the state; and such by-laws and regulations shall be observed and performed by all the inhabitants of said town and others under such reasonable penalties fines and forfeitures as shall be imposed by the said by laws; the said penalties, fines and forfeitures, to be levied by distress and sale of the goods, or execution of the person so offending, and applied to the uses of the said town; to appoint and qualify a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings, and to be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of said town, who are authorised by this act to vote for commissioners in said town; to cause a fair assessment and valuation of all the property, real and personal in said town to be made out and returned from time to time by some skilful and discreet person to be by them appointed and qualified for such occasion; and when it shall be deemed necessary for any purpose beneficial to the town, to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued, any sum or sums of money in equal and fair proportions; *Provided*, the money to be imposed and levied shall not exceed in any one year the rate of one dollar for every one hundred dollars worth of property, according to such respective assessments and valuation, and in the same proportion upon every greater or smaller share of property; to appoint and qualify an active and discreet person annually, under satisfactory security, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give such directions in the execution of his office as shall be necessary to accomplish the intentions of this act; to pay their clerk and the bailiff of the

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