

(e) *Effect of certificate of Commissioner.*—The certificate of the Commissioner affixed to a patent that such patent is proper to be issued shall be conclusive proof of an affirmative finding by the Commissioner as to each of the matters referred to in subsection (b).

13-111. Objections to issuance of patents.

(a) *Time for filing; contents.*—At any time after the filing of the application referred to in § 13-105 (a) and before the expiration of six months from the filing of the certificate by the surveyor, any person may file an objection to the issuance of a patent in such proceeding. Such objection shall be in writing, shall set forth the reasons for the objection, and shall bear a certification that a copy of the objection has been mailed to the applicant and to each other person who is then a party to the proceeding.

(b) *Grounds for objection.*—Any matter which could heretofore be raised by caveat to a special warrant, a special warrant of resurvey without adding vacancy, or a special warrant of resurvey adding vacancy and any other objection bearing upon the determinations to be made by the Commissioner pursuant to § 13-110 (b) may be included in an objection. Any matter not raised in such objection shall be deemed to have been waived or admitted by the person filing the objection; but amendment of objections may be made in the manner and during the period permitted by subsection (a) and before hearing.

(c) *Objection by public agency, etc.*—An objection on the basis that vacant land described in the application or certificate of the surveyor is required for public purposes may be made only by an agency of the State, a municipal corporation, or any governmental body of any State subdivision having authority to acquire such land by eminent domain. Such objection shall contain a specific reference to the particular purpose for which such land is required and the statutory authority of the agency, corporation or governmental body to acquire land for that purpose by eminent domain.

(d) *Effect of objection; notice.*—Any person filing an objection shall thereafter be deemed a party to the proceeding and shall be entitled to notice of hearings, of the taking of depositions and of the filing of any documents in the proceeding subsequent to the time that such objection is filed. Any owner of adjoining land may, without filing an objection, become a party to the proceeding for the purpose of receiving notices, by filing a written request for such notices.

13-112. Hearings generally.

(a) *When conducted.*—The Commissioner may conduct hearings at any time and for any purpose relevant to the determinations to be made by him under § 13-110 (b). Such hearing must be held prior to the refusal to issue a patent, prior to the valuation of vacant land at other than the value fixed by the supervisor of assessments, or prior to the issuance of a patent after an objection has been filed.

(b) *How conducted; appeal.*—Any hearing conducted pursuant to this subtitle shall be held in accordance with the provisions for hearings in contested cases provided by the Administrative Procedure