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certificate thereof to the said commissioners on the day first appointed for their meeting, and the same shall be filed and recorded among their proceedings; and at every subsequent election the commissioners of the town, or the major part of them, shall be judges of such election, and the proceedings thereof shall be recorded under their direction; and every commissioner, before he shall proceed to open an election, shall take an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election, who shall be qualified to vote for a commissioner of the said town according to the directions of this act, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election, who shall not, in his judgment, be qualified to vote as aforesaid.

How vacancies are to be filled.

V. **And be it enacted,** That if any vacancy shall happen in the office of one or more of the commissioners by death, resignation, removal, 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 the said town, by the inhabitants thereof and others, qualified to vote as aforesaid, of one or more judicious and discreet 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 previously notified for the space of ten days preceding the election.

Commissioners to take an oath, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That every commissioner to be appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said town, according to the directions of this act, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

To meet in April, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall meet together at the court-house in the said town, or at such other public place, within the limits thereof, as shall be previously notified, on the first Monday in April in the ensuing year, and statedly on the first Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener, by adjournment, as they shall judge to be necessary; and when so assembled, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authority vested in them by this act, from time to time, as occasions shall require.

And recommend plans, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, to meet as aforesaid, and, from time to time, to recommend 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 principal or other streets to be repaired, improved or paved, whenever a majority of the said inhabitants shall reasonably require the same to be done, and sufficient sums of money can be raised, by subscription or otherwise, for this salutary purpose; to cause the inhabitants and others entitled to vote for commissioners according to this act, to be and to continue registered, and to make such alterations in the register thereof, from time to time, as the increasing number of inhabitants, or other changing circumstances, shall render necessary; to appoint and qualify a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings, in proper and well bound books to be provided by them for that purpose, and to be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said town, and of all persons who may be concerned; to cause the persons entitled to vote as aforesaid, to be summoned, by public advertisement, to meet at some certain time and place within the limits of the said town, whenever their sentiments may be requisite upon any extraordinary occasion; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the property, real and personal, within the limits of the said town, to be made and returned, from time to time, by some skilful and discreet person, to be appointed and qualified by them for such occasion, and whenever it shall be deemed