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lations as they shall judge beneficial to the town, or the inhabitants thereof; and to adopt the same (provided a majority of the persons entitled to vote for commissioners at a meeting to be called, shall agree thereto;) 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 and improved 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 necessary, for any purpose advantageous to the town, by a majority of the voters to be summoned and assembled as aforesaid,) 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 so to be imposed and levied shall not exceed in any one year the rate of one dollar for every hundred pounds 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, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give him 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

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