

CHAP. 159. to vote as aforesaid, of one or more judicious and discreet persons as aforesaid, to supply every such vacancy, during the remainder of the term, and the time of holding said intervening election shall be previously notified for the space of ten days preceding the election.

Oath to be taken

14. *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.

Times of meeting

15. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, or a 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 third Monday of September eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and statedly on the third 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 occasion shall require.

Powers of commissioners

16. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorised, 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 of the said town; to cause the principal or other streets to be repaired, improved or paved, whenever a majority of the taxable inhabitants and proprietors thereof shall reasonably require the same to be done, and sufficient sums of money can be raised by subscription, or otherwise, for such purpose; to cause the inhabitants, and others entitled to vote for commissioners according to this act, to be and 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 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 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 skillful 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