

of every adjoining town, of a hearing on such petition and of the time and place appointed therefor, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the hearing, and they shall also cause copies of the petition, or abstracts thereof, and of the notice, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns, and to be published three weeks successively in such newspaper as they shall order; the posting and the last publication to be fourteen days at least before any view, hearing or adjudication on such petition. The proceedings of the county commissioners shall, so far as is practicable, be in accordance with the provisions of law regarding the discontinuance of a way by the county commissioners, and the decision of the county commissioners shall be final.

Proceedings of county commissioners.

Petitioners to cause a sufficient recognizance to be given to county, etc.

SECTION 7. Before any action is taken upon a petition filed under the provisions of either of the two preceding sections, the petitioners shall cause a sufficient recognizance to be given to the county, with sureties to the satisfaction of the county commissioners, for the payment of all costs and expenses to the county which shall arise by reason of the proceedings on such petition, if the petitioners do not prevail.

Petitioner may be a resident of adjoining town.

SECTION 8. A petitioner under the provisions of sections five and six of this act may be a resident of a town adjoining that in which a landing place has been discontinued by the action of a town, or in which the selectmen have failed to lay out suitable landing places, or in which the town has failed to accept a common landing place laid out by said officials.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved June 11, 1908.

Chap. 607 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND REPORT BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AS TO THE FLOODING OF LANDS BORDERING LAKE QUANNAPOWITT AND ITS TRIBUTARIES AND AS TO THE PROPER HIGH WATER ELEVATION OF SAID LAKE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Flooding of lands bordering Lake Quannapowitt to be investigated, etc.

SECTION 1. The state board of health is hereby authorized and directed to examine Lake Quannapowitt in the town of Wakefield, and the watershed thereof, to ascertain

if lands bordering on the lake or its tributaries in the towns of Wakefield and Reading are flooded, or if the condition of such lands is rendered objectionable or injurious to health by reason of any excessive, unnecessary or illegal raising of the waters of the lake, or by any pollution thereof from any source. The board is also authorized and directed to determine the proper, lawful high water mark of Lake Quannapowitt, and to report the results of its investigations, with such recommendations as it may deem expedient, to the next general court on or before January fifteenth.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved June 11, 1908.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MILITARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHELSEA FIRE. *Chap.608*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to meet military expenses incurred in connection with the late fire at Chelsea. Bills therefor shall be approved by the adjutant general and filed with the auditor of the commonwealth for payment.

Appropriation for military expenses in connection with the Chelsea fire.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved June 11, 1908.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR COUNTY PURPOSES. *Chap.609*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Worcester are hereby authorized to purchase, at a price not exceeding forty thousand dollars, and to hold for said county, the land and the buildings thereon, situated northerly of the present court house in the city of Worcester, and between said court house and Highland street, and owned by the American Antiquarian Society, containing about ten thousand six hundred and thirty-five square feet of land.

County commissioners of Worcester county may acquire additional land for county purposes.