

and board of aldermen shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of said chapter four hundred and twenty-eight and acts in amendment thereof, to cause the abolition of grade crossings within the city of Haverhill, and this act shall thereupon become void and of no effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 22, 1899.*

*Chap. 296* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WAREHAM TO TAKE CERTAIN LAND FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Wareham may take certain land for park purposes.

SECTION 1. The town of Wareham, by its board of selectmen, at any time within two years after the acceptance of this act, may take by purchase or otherwise and hold in fee, and maintain for a public park, a certain parcel of vacant land within said town containing about one hundred and fifteen and one quarter square rods, bounded southerly by land of the heirs of Benjamin Fearing, westerly by High street, and easterly and northerly by the county road or highway.

Description of land to be recorded.

SECTION 2. Said town shall within sixty days after the taking of the said land, otherwise than by purchase or gift, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Plymouth a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same was taken, which statement shall be signed by the board of selectmen, and the title of the land so taken shall thereupon vest in the town of Wareham in fee.

Damages.

SECTION 3. Said town shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person by the taking of the aforesaid land; and any such person who fails to agree with said town as to the amount of such damages may have them assessed and determined in the manner provided by law when land is taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within one year from the taking of said land.

Assessment of betterments.

SECTION 4. At any time within two years after the said park is completed the selectmen of said town shall have the same authority to determine the value of and to assess upon real estate the amount of betterments accruing to said real estate by the construction of the said park which is conferred by chapter fifty-one of the Public Stat-

utes upon city or town officers authorized to lay out streets or ways, and the provisions of the first eight sections of said chapter shall apply to such assessments by said board of selectmen.

SECTION 5. The town of Wareham at any town meeting duly called for the purpose may raise and appropriate for the purpose of laying out, grading and improving the aforesaid land, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

May appropriate money for certain purposes.

SECTION 6. This act shall be submitted to the said town and shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of said town present and voting thereon at an annual town meeting or at a special meeting duly called for this purpose. *Approved April 25, 1899.*

When to take effect.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF EASTERN MIDDLESEX.

Chap.297

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The salary of the clerk of the third district court of eastern Middlesex shall be sixteen hundred dollars a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Clerk of third district court of eastern Middlesex.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 25, 1899.*

AN ACT TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE LAYING OUT, WIDENING AND ALTERING OF CERTAIN STREETS, WAYS AND HIGHWAYS, AND THE LAYING OUT OF SPECIAL SPACES THEREIN FOR THE USE OF STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES, IN THE TOWN OF MILTON.

Chap.298

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The laying out, alteration and widening of Brook road, Eliot street, Reedsdale road, Quarry street, Pleasant street, Edge Hill road, White street and Randolph avenue in the town of Milton, and a new street between Edge Hill road and Bryant avenue, and the laying out of special spaces for street railway use in the said ways and highways, and all the proceedings of the town of Milton and its selectmen and committees and officers, and of the county commissioners of Norfolk county in relation thereto, and especially the alterations and changes in widening Edge Hill road and in laying out the special space therein, made by the selectmen and the special committee appointed by the town at its annual meeting in

Certain proceedings of town of Milton, etc., confirmed.