

Chap. 171, Acts of 1848.

Sect. 1. The inhabitants of the Town of Westport shall have jurisdiction over the public and town landings therein, with power to govern, control and regulate them in such manner as will keep them free from incumbrances; and for that and other purposes mentioned in this Act, ~~said~~ said Town shall, at their annual meeting, in March or April, in each year, choose all necessary officers and agents and make such by-laws, and adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this Commonwealth, as they shall deem proper to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. Said town shall have power to lease for a term of not exceeding five years, such portions of said landing as are not needed for public use, and for purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; and all money collected, by virtue of this act, shall be appropriated to pay the expenses of superintending said landings, and in making such repairs, alterations and improvements thereon as may be deemed necessary; and the said Town shall, so far as is practicable, ascertain the true boundaries of said landings, and erect and keep up suitable monuments to designate the same.

Sect. 3. In all case where the boundaries of said landings cannot be satisfactorily ascertained, and the rights of the public be defined therein, or where buildings have been erected which stand in part on said landings, the said town is empowered to make such compromises, agreements, and conveyances, as shall be necessary or expedient in the premises, to determine the extent and boundaries of said landings, and to adjust and settle all differences in relation thereto; and all sales, contracts, and agreements, heretofore made by said town relative to said landings, not inconsistent with the interests of the public therein, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Sect. 4. Said Town may enforce any bargain, agreements, rules and regulations made from time to time, consistent with the foregoing provisions by action of court of law competent to try the same.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.