

of the district, and no notice of the stoppage or diversion of any road shall take effect until the said notice and plans have been recorded as aforesaid.

- (e.) The Board shall, by public notice, call a meeting of the ratepayers of the district to be held on any day after the expiration of fourteen days after such notice : 5

“Ratepayer” means any person entitled to vote at the election of a member of the Road Board.

- (f.) The Chairman of the Road Board, or, in his absence, some other member of the Board appointed by the meeting, shall preside thereat ; and such meeting shall decide by a majority of the ratepayers present whether or not the road shall be stopped. 10

- (g.) If the meeting decide that the road be not stopped, such decision shall be final, and no proceedings for stopping such road shall be taken by the Board for one year thereafter. If the meeting decide that the road may be stopped, the Board shall send the plans aforesaid, with a full description of the proposed alterations, and with their decision thereon, to the County Council. 15

- (h.) The County Council shall consider the proposed alterations, and any objection made thereto by any person likely to suffer injury thereby, and shall confirm or reverse the decision of the ratepayers ; and the decision of the County Council shall be final and conclusive on all questions, including the question whether the condition prescribed in section one hundred and twenty-nine hereof has been complied with. 20

- (i.) If the Council reverse the decision of the ratepayers, no proceedings shall be entertained by the County Council for stopping such road for two years thereafter. 25

- (j.) If the County Council confirm the decision of the ratepayers, the Board may declare, by public notice, that the said road is stopped ; and such road shall thereafter cease to be a public highway. 30

Procedure for  
altering course of  
roads when  
landowners consent.  
1894, No. 42, sec. 123

131. Where a Road Board determines to alter the course of an existing road, and the owners of land on each side of such existing road agree to such alteration,— 35

- (a.) The Board shall have a plan prepared of the road proposed to be stopped, and a survey made and a plan prepared of the new road, if any, showing the lands through which it is proposed to pass, and the owners and occupiers of such lands so far as known. 40

- (b.) The said plans shall lie open to public inspection, at the office of the Board or other convenient place, during four consecutive weeks ; and the Board shall once in each week during such four weeks give public notice of the proposed alteration, and of the place where such plans are on view ; and, in such notice, shall call upon all persons having any objection to the proposed alteration to lodge such objections in writing in the office of the County Council within the four weeks aforesaid. 45 50