

57. They shall once in every three years, or oftener if they think proper, appoint an assessor, who shall, under oath, value and assess the property in said town in the same manner and with like authority as county assessors; but in assessing any of the lands within the limits of the town which may be occupied and used as farms, or may be part or parts of farms, such lands shall be valued and assessed as lots of ten acres with the buildings and improvements thereon, and not by the number of acres in said farms or parts of farms.

58. Any person may appeal from the assessment of the assessors to the said commissioners, who may make such deductions therefrom as they may deem just.

59. The said commissioners may annually appoint an active and discreet person bailiff of said town, who, before he acts as such, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for the said county that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, without favor, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment.

60. The said bailiff shall collect all taxes levied by the commissioners, and shall have the same power to enforce the payment thereof as collectors of county taxes, and he shall give bond in the same manner and penalty as a constable.

61. He shall attend the meetings of the commissioners when required, and perform such service as shall from time to time be by them directed.

62. He shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and free negroes within the limits of said town, and disperse them when assembled by reasonable and lawful means, and shall punish with moderate correction all such slaves and free negroes as shall be found strolling about the streets at night, and prevent slaves from frequenting the houses of other persons in said town without the consent of their masters.

63. The commissioners shall have power to grade and level streets and alleys, to remove nuisances and obstructions from the same, to prevent encroachments on the same by buildings or otherwise, and may pass all by-laws and ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to the powers hereby vested in them, and impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of their