

the best of their judgment, and they shall be paid for their services by said commissioners out of the taxes levied as aforesaid.

50*. Any person who may deem himself aggrieved by said assessment, may appeal for relief to the said commissioners within thirty days after the return made by the assessors.

51*. The said commissioners shall have the power annually to make abatements and transfers, and to cause a new assessment to be made, according to the provisions of the preceding sections whenever they shall deem it necessary.

52*. The said commissioners shall have power to purchase or condemn for the use of said town any land within a half of a mile of the limits of the same, not exceeding two acres, and shall pay the owner therefor such sum as may be agreed upon between them; and in case they cannot agree, they shall each appoint an arbitrator, with the power to them to call in a third; and in case the owner shall refuse or neglect to appoint an arbitrator after twenty days' notice, the said commissioners shall appoint two, with power to call in a third in case they disagree, and their award and valuation shall be final and conclusive, the said valuation to be paid within twelve months from the time of the award. The taxes levied as aforesaid shall be collected as State and county taxes are now collected, and the bailiff of said town shall have all the power of county collectors in enforcing the payment of the same.

53. The clerk and bailiff of said town shall each, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, make oath before the said commissioners that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of his office according to the best of his skill and judgment, without favor, partiality or prejudice; and the said commissioners may take bond with security from said bailiff for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

54. The bailiff shall attend the meetings of the commissioners whenever he shall be required, and shall perform such services as the commissioners shall direct; shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and negroes within the said town, and if assembled, shall disperse them by reasonable and lawful means; shall punish by moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the commissioners, all