

Clerk.

136. The said commissioners may appoint a clerk and prescribe his duties and salary, the said clerk shall keep a book or record of the proceedings and ordinances of said commissioners which shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested.

Ordinances to be recorded.

Powers of commissioners.

137. The said commissioners may pass ordinances to preserve the health of the town, to prevent and remove nuisances, to prevent, restrain or regulate the running at large of horses, cattle, swine and geese within the limits of said town, to prohibit the firing of guns or pistols or the shooting of fire-crackers within the said town, to prohibit and disperse the tumultuous meetings of idle, dissolute or drunken persons, to provide for working and mending the public streets, to open, close, alter and widen the streets, lanes and alleys, to provide for the paving the sidewalks and gutters, and generally to provide for the regulation, good government and improvement of said town, and may enforce the observance thereof, under such penalties, fines and forfeitures, as they shall deem proper not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence, and all such fines, penalties and forfeitures, may be recovered before a justice of the peace, by warrant, judgment and commitment for a period not exceeding ten days, to the public jail of Worcester county, in the same manner that commitments are made for fines imposed by the circuit courts of this state, on conviction for misdemeanor; but the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall have power at any time to remit or release the said fines, penalties, forfeitures and costs or any part thereof at their discretion; but any party fined or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture may within five days after the same shall be imposed, and judgment recovered, supercede or stay the same for thirty days by giving ample personal security to the justice of the peace.

Fines, how recovered

Tax on dogs.

138. The said commissioners shall provide for levying and collecting an annual tax of fifty cents on the owner of every dog, and one dollar on the owner of every bitch within the said town, and the killing of every dog and bitch whose owner cannot be ascertained