the town, to be removed from the streets, lanes and alleys, and may provide for the mending, improving and cleansing the same, and shall have power to prohibit and punish by ordinance the placing of any dirt, filth or other matter therein, and may also erect lamps in any of the streets, lanes and alleys of said town, and cause the same to be lighted at the public expense, and may pass all laws and ordinances for the preservation of the health of said town, and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within the town or within three miles thereof.

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49. They shall have full power to cause any nuisance to be abated, upon complaint or view, if they shall be satisfied it is detrimental to the health of the inhabitants of said town or injurious to its trade, and for this purpose are empowered and directed to enter upon any private grounds or premises within its corporate limits; and they shall see that it is kept in a cleanly and sanitary condition, and to this end are empowered and directed once in a month, and oftener if they shall deem it necessary, beginning with the month of April and ending with the month of November, in each and every year, to enter upon and examine into the condition of all the private grounds and premises within its corporate limits; and if in their judgment any such grounds and premises are not in a cleanly and sanitary condition, they shall forthwith cause a written notification to be served by the bailiff upon the person occupying or having charge of said grounds and premises, to put the same in a cleanly and sanitary condition; and if said person shall fail or refuse for ten days after the service of such notification to obey the same, they shall impose a fine upon such person so offending of not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars, in their discretion; and in like manner an additional fine for every successive ten days' failure or refusal to obey said notification, until said grounds and premises are put in a cleanly and sanitary condition, unless said person occupying or having charge of said grounds or premises shall, in the judgment of said commissioners, be unable, from the want of adequate means, to obey said notification, in which event the commissioners shall direct the bailiff to put the same in a cleanly and sanitary condition at the expense of the town; and the said commissioners