

they shall have power to remove nuisances and obstructions from the streets, lanes and alleys, and from any adjoining lots, and also any houses or other buildings that may become dangerous to the neighborhood on any account, and to provide for the organization, equipment and government of fire companies, and enforce such rules and regulations as they may think necessary to preserve the public health and secure the inhabitants from contagious, infectious or other diseases, suppress drunkenness, vice and immorality, and punish all violations of the public peace from whatever cause; and generally they shall have power to ordain and enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations necessary for the peace, good order, health and safety of the town, and of the people and property therein, and may impose such reasonable fines, forfeitures or imprisonments, as to them may appear necessary, for the violation of any of the ordinances of said town.

1870, ch. 77.

**145.** They may, from time to time, cause an assessment to be made of all the property, real and personal, in the town, by three persons appointed by them, and may levy thereon a tax not exceeding in any one year, fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of assessable property.

1878, ch. 255.

**146.** Any person may appeal from the valuation made by the said assessors to the mayor and councilmen; and the said mayor and councilmen shall meet at the council chamber on the first Monday in June in each year, and remain in session one day, or longer, if necessary, for the purpose of hearing and determining such appeals, and shall give notice of such meeting in such manner as they shall prescribe; and upon failure so to meet, the said mayor and councilmen, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident, shall each forfeit the sum of five dollars; and they may at such meetings examine the party appealing or any other person, on oath, touching the particular value of the property assessed, and may reduce or increase the assessments as may seem just.

1870, ch. 77.

**147.** Whenever they shall levy a tax, the mayor and councilmen shall make out an alphabetical list of the persons chargeable