

liness, health, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens, and to suppress, abate or discontinue, or to cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued, all nuisances within the corporate and sanitary limits of said town, they may pass all ordinances or by-laws from time to time necessary; and, to ensure the observance of said ordinances in addition to the action of debt or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery of the penalties thereunto affixed, they may affix such reasonable fines, not exceeding fifty dollars in any case, as to them may appear right; and in default of the payment of any fine imposed, they may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not exceeding twenty days, or until the fine be paid; and instead of the aforesaid penalties, it shall be lawful, in case of the conviction of any person for vagrancy, to sentence such person to hard work for a period not exceeding ten days.

1886, ch. 33.

**249.** The commissioners shall have power to lay an equal tax on the property within the limits of said town to such an amount each year, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property, as may be deemed necessary for the government of said town, which taxes so levied and assessed shall be collected promptly by the bailiff of said town and paid over as collected, or within ten days thereafter, to the treasurer of said town, appointed by said commissioners; and the said bailiff shall have the same power to distrain for said taxes as the collector of public county taxes has to distrain for the same; and the said commissioners shall fix the amount of bond, rate of compensation and prescribe the duties respectively of said bailiff and treasurer. All property within the limits of Westernport, or that may have a situs there, by reason of the residence of the owner therein, shall be taxed for municipal purposes; and the assessment for town purposes shall be the same as that for State and county purposes.

Ibid.

**250.** All existing ordinances heretofore passed by the commissioners, not in conflict with any of the nine preceding sections, are continued in force until duly repealed or modified.