

and if anyone should feel aggrieved by the decision of the Mayor and Council in any matter relating to their decision, he, she or they may appeal to the Circuit Court for Worcester county, by giving written notice within twenty days from said decision, file with the secretary of the council, notice of their desire to appeal, and on the filing of said notice, it shall be the duty of said secretary to deliver the papers connected therewith, to the clerks of said court, and the same proceedings shall be had on the appeal as in cases of appeal from judgment of justice of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that the Mayor and Council may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade or straighten any street, alley or highway or any square, water-way or drain, notwithstanding the decision of said court; but in case of refusal so to do, they shall be liable for all cost incurred and shall pay the same. All benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed, from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law, on appeal. The court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether damages or benefits, and award cost in its discretion.

May impose penalties.

43. For the purposes of carrying out the foregoing powers and for the preservation of the health, cleanliness, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens from fire or disease, and to suppress or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued, any and all nuisances within the said limits of said town, they may pass any and all ordinances and by laws, from time to time, necessary, and enforce and insure the observance of the said ordinances, in addition to an action in debt, or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery for fees, fines and penalties thereto affixed; they may affix thereto reasonable fines, and in default of any fine so imposed they may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not exceeding thirty days in the lock-up in said town, or in the county jail, or until such fines are paid, and instead of the foregoing penalties it shall be lawful, in the case of vagrancy, to sentence such person to hard labor on the public streets, not exceeding ten days.

Approval or veto of ordinances.

44. All ordinances and by-laws passed by the council shall be sent to the Mayor for his approval, he shall return the same to the next stated or special meeting of the council, with his