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May increase
or diminish
assessment.

the assessment book, and they may in advance notify any person or persons to show cause why their respective assessments shall not be changed. They may also give notice to any party or parties that they propose to assess him, her or them with property not on the assessment book or for improvement made to property. In all cases affecting property already on the assessment book where applications have been made or notice has been given of proposed changes the Council shall have authority to increase or diminish any assessment as may seem right to them. And the Council shall have power to administer oaths to any person or persons coming before them in relation to the assessment of property to any other witness produced before them, said oath to be administered by any one of the Councilmen; and in case of disagreement among the Councilmen the concurrence of the majority of them shall be necessary for the passage or adoption of an assessment or any other matter, and in the matter of assessment of property and changing assessments or re-valuing the same as well as in the matter of passing bills against the town for its current expenses the action of the Council shall be valid without the approval of the Mayor. And the Mayor and Council may provide for an entire new assessment of the taxable property of the town once in ten years but not oftener.

May remove
from office
any employe
for neglect
of duty.

Section 215 L. The Mayor by and with the consent and approval of a majority of the Council may remove from office or discharge from employment, the town clerk, the treasurer, the tax collector, the policeman or the night watchman or any other officer or employe that may be elected or appointed under any ordinance or order of the Mayor and Council, whatever may be the term of service under which he holds said office or employment, for neglect of duty, for incompetence or for any other misconduct which in the judgment of the Mayor and Council constitutes reasonable and sufficient grounds for removing him from office or depriving him of employment. In all cases where the official or employe has any fixed or definite term of service a charge or complaint in writing shall be presented to him and evidence as to the facts alleged in such charge or complaint shall be taken before the Mayor and Council if he denies the truth of the facts alleged against him; but where such officer or employe holds his employment at the will of the