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and paving shall be made and done at the expense of the proprietors of the different lots, before which the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, shall direct such levelling and paving to be done.

Case of non-resident owners.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if the owner or owners of any house, lot, or part of a lot, where such levelling, paving, repairing, or amending, shall be directed, shall not reside in the said town, the tenant or person occupying the same, or who shall have charge and care thereof, shall cause the same to be done before the front of such possession, and the money expended by such tenant or other persons, in and about the said work, in obedience to the ordinance and direction of the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, shall be allowed by the owner, and deducted out of the rent then due or hereafter to become due, and if any owner or tenant of any house, or lot, or part of a lot, or the persons having the care of the same, shall refuse or neglect to level, pave and amend or repair, the foot-way in front of the same, according to the ordinance and direction of the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the burgess and commissioners, aforesaid, to contract and agree with some person or persons, on reasonable terms, to level, pave, amend or repair such footways, and to charge the expense thereof to the owner or owners of the property, in front of which such work may be done, and shall recover the same by distress on such property, with cost.

General powers granted.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said burgess and commissioners shall have power to make all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances, as from time to time they may deem wise, equitable, and expedient, for the comfort, health, convenience, and prosperity of said town, and its inhabitants; for the prevention and removal of nuisances, preservation of health, and suppression of vice and immorality within the limits of said town, and shall have power to lay an equal tax on the property within the limits of the said town, to such amount as may from time to time be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, which tax shall be collected and paid to the said burgess and commissioners, by a collector, by them appointed, who shall have the same power to distrain therefor, as the collector of the public county assessment has to distrain for the same, and that the said burgess and commissioners shall fix the term of office, responsibility, and compensation of such collector.

Tax.