

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 person having the care of the same shall refuse or neglect to level, pave and amend or repair the footway 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 costs; *Provided*, that the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, shall not have power to pass an ordinance requiring the paving of sidewalks, repairing, &c., to be done as provided for in this section without having first submitted the question whether the said paving, repairing, &c., shall be done by the inhabitants of said town and obtained a vote of two-thirds of the property holders thereof in favor of said paving, repairing, &c.

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Proviso

SEC. 10. *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 the said town and its inhabitants, for the prevention or 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 to be 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 the said burgess and commissioners shall fix the term of office, responsibility and compensation of such collector.

Ordinances:

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That all elections for burgess, assistant burgess and commissioners, those

Elections.