

of said town of Manchester, shall before they enter upon the duties of their office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by some justice of the peace, for the time being, residing in said town: I, A B, do solemnly swear, or affirm as the case may be, that I will well and truly execute the office of commissioner, to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God; and that any one of the commissioners so sworn in, be empowered to administer the oath above named to each and every person holding office under said commissioners, and to their successors in office.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of said corporation, shall be recoverable before the president aforesaid, as small debts are recoverable out of court or before any justice of the peace.

Fines recovered before president.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the limits of the said town of Manchester, shall extend to the distance of one-half mile from the centre of the town each way, and the property within said limits, except that now owned by Zion's Church and the other places of worship, and the Manchester Academy, shall be subject to such taxes and charges as may be deemed necessary by said commissioners, or a majority of them, to support and maintain the expenses which may at any time be incurred in the improvement of said town, and for other corporate purposes.

Limits of the town.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power to make all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this State, as from time to time they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the comfort, health, convenience, safety and prosperity of the said town and its inhabitants; to restrain or license theatrical or other public exhibitions and amusements within the limits of the corporation, for the prevention and extinguishment of fire in said town, to license or prevent dogs from running at large in said town and for taxing them, for the prevention or removal of nuisances, preservation of health, and suppression of vice and immorality within the limits of the said town, and shall have power to lay an equal tax on the property within the said limits, 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 president and commissioners, by the collector by them

Corporate powers.