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ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the town shall be held on the first Monday in April.

FISCAL YEAR.

SEC. 2. The fiscal year of the town shall close on the first day of February, and all accounts shall be made up to that date each year.

CALLING MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. Every town meeting shall be notified by publishing an attested copy of the warrant twice in a weekly newspaper, regularly printed within the town, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the town at least nine days, including therein two Sundays, before the day for holding the meeting.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The number of town officers mentioned in this section shall be as follows :

- Three Selectmen.
- Three Assessors.
- Three Overseers of the Poor.
- Three Auditors of Accounts.
- Seven Field Drivers.
- Three Fence Viewers.
- Three Surveyors of Lumber.
- Three or more Constables.

The town may, at any annual meeting, increase the number of Selectmen to five or seven, and the Selectmen may also be Overseers of the Poor under the provisions of the Public Statutes.

When the town chooses no Board of Health the Selectmen shall constitute that Board.

The town shall also elect a Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the town, which shall be called the Library Committee, consisting of nine persons, one-third of whom shall be chosen annually and continue in office three years; a Cemetery Committee of six members, inhabitants of the town, one-third of whom shall be chosen annually and continue in office three years, and the said Committees shall serve without compensation.

The School Committee shall, unless changed by vote, as provided in the statutes, consist of six members, inhabitants of the town.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. All moneys raised and received for the support of schools, for the support of the poor, for repairing highways, bridges and railings, for constructing sidewalks, gutters and crossings, and for repairs thereon, for repairs on town buildings, and on school-houses, for street lights, hydrants and water, for the public library, for the cemetery, for the police station, for salaries of town officers, for contingent town charges, for fire engineers and the fire department, for insurance, printing, town debts, interest and discount on taxes, shall each be regarded as specific appropriations, to be applied only to the purposes designated. But money may also be appropriated for other specific purposes, for which the town may legally appropriate money.

The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts with each appropriation of money voted by the town, and no money shall be paid out except for the purpose for which it was appropriated, nor shall any transfer be made from one account to another except by vote of the town. All moneys received by the Treasurer, not specially appropriated, shall be kept in an account of unappropriated funds, to be disposed of as the town may direct. All notes and obligations of the town, for money borrowed by authority of the town, shall be signed by the Treasurer, and approved by the Auditors in writing endorsed thereon.

The Overseers of the Poor, the School Committee, the Road Commissioners (when such officers exist), the Cemetery Committee and the Library Committee shall have authority to draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the appropriations in their several departments, after the bills or claims shall have been approved by the Auditors; and for all other purposes the Selectmen shall draw their orders on the Treasurer, after the bills have been audited; but no orders drawn on the Treasur-

er, except by the Selectmen in settlement of suits, and for the payment of the notes and obligations of the town, and interest thereon, as herein provided, shall be paid by him until he shall be informed by the Auditors that the several amounts thereof have been allowed by them, as hereinafter provided, and in no case shall money be paid out by the Treasurer except on the orders of the officer authorized by these By-Laws to draw the same, and for that purpose for which such orders may be legally drawn.

The Treasurer of the town shall each year prepare a report, in writing or print, of all receipts and payments received and made by him, with a statement of the balances of each account, and of the notes and claims in his hands belonging to the town, and of all notes or obligations given by him and outstanding against the town, and the valuation of the property of the town, as estimated by the several departments, and present the same at each annual town meeting.

TOWN CLERK.

SEC. 6. The Town Clerk shall have the custody of the town seal; all conveyances under seal, which may hereafter be executed by the town, pursuant to the vote of the town or otherwise, shall be subscribed by a majority of the board of selectmen of the town, sealed, with said seal, and attested by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk shall, in a book kept for that purpose, keep a true copy of all deeds or conveyances executed by the Selectmen as aforesaid. He shall have charge of all deeds or conveyances made to the town, and keep a copy of the same, in said book, and file and index the originals, so that they can be readily found and examined, if needed.

SELECTMEN.

SEC. 7. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the town in all matters not otherwise provided for; they shall appear and act, institute suits, and may employ counsel in all suits at law or in equity in which the town is a party in all cases when no other provision is made in the statutes, and may audit and settle claims in suits against the town, and draw orders on the Treasurer in payment thereof: which the Treasurer shall pay without further auditing, if there be sufficient money in his hands therefor. They shall draw orders for the payment of all notes and obligations of the town, and for interest thereon, which shall be paid by

the Treasurer without being previously audited as above provided; and in all cases when not otherwise voted, the Selectmen shall have charge of all new buildings erected for the town, and all special additions, improvements or repairs on the same, and of the insurance upon the buildings and property of the town.

When Highway Surveyors or a Superintendent of Streets are appointed to take charge of the repairs and labor upon streets, ways, bridges and sidewalks, the Selectmen shall, so far as may be, examine and allow their accounts of expenditures, subject to the approval of the Auditors, and draw orders on the Treasurer in favor of the Surveyor or Superintendent of Streets in payment thereof. The Selectmen shall, after making the proper efforts to collect the same, and after ninety days, commit all unpaid assessments for the construction of sidewalks established by them, with their warrant, to the Collector of Taxes, directing him to collect the same of the persons against whom they are assessed, according to the provisions of the law in such cases made and provided; they shall also, in establishing and grading sidewalks in the town, keep a record thereof in their books, and report the same with the measurement thereof to the Town Clerk, who shall record the same with the record of highways.

They shall annually report all suits settled or pending against the town known to them, and unsettled and disputed claims against the town known and likely to be litigated.

And the following officers may be appointed by the Selectmen:

A chief to have charge of the Police.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

Town Counsel.

Care Town Clock.

Janitor of Town Hall.

ASSESSORS.

SEC. 8. When the Assessors shall have committed any tax list to the Collector, they shall immediately certify to the Selectmen and to the Town Treasurer the amount of such tax list, and of each appropriation, to whom committed, and at what time the Collector is required to pay over the money collected thereon. But no tax list shall be committed to any Collector until his bond required by law has been procured and accepted by the Selectmen, due notice thereof being given to the Assessors. The Assessors shall prepare the lists of taxes annually

assessed by them, and commit the same with their warrant to the Collector of Taxes on or before the 15th day of July in each year.

They shall publish with the Auditors' report for the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and at least on each succeeding fifth year thereafter, and whenever at other times the town shall instruct them so to do, the full valuations and tax lists, both property and polls assessed within the town or upon which taxes are paid to the town, and each year, the usual summary thereof.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SEC. 9. The Overseers of the Poor shall have the general charge and management of the farm and the property connected therewith, and may employ a superintendent and other necessary laborers, subject, however, to the specific vote of the town in relation thereto, and to the proper payments and expenditures of this department, for which the town may make appropriations.

The Overseers of the Poor may choose a Town Physician whose duty it shall be to attend, under their direction, upon all sick paupers and patients under the care of the Overseers, at the town farm or elsewhere within the limits of the town, who shall give to any board of town officers such professional advice and counsel as they may require in regard to town paupers or patients, and who shall vaccinate all scholars of the public schools who may be sent to them by the School Committee, for that purpose, free of charge. He shall receive for such service a salary to be fixed by the Board. The Board shall keep a record of all questions concerning the settlement of parties applying for aid, in a book especially kept for that purpose, and properly indexed for reference.

AUDITORS.

SEC. 10. The Auditors of Accounts shall meet at least once in each week and, except as herein provided, examine and audit all claims, bills and accounts against the town, and shall allow all such as appear to be just and right, and shall endorse their approval thereon, or their rejection thereof; and they shall also report at once all claims, bills and accounts approved by them to the Town Treasurer; but no bills, claims or accounts shall be audited except at meetings when at least a majority of the Auditors are present. They shall keep full accounts and records of all their proceedings and transactions. At the close of the fiscal year they shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and of each of the

other boards of officers, and all vouchers presented by them, and make a written or printed report thereon as to their correctness, to be submitted to the town at the annual meeting, the report to include the account of the Treasurer as prepared by him, and so much of the accounts and reports of the other officers as the Auditors may deem expedient, with such statements and remarks in regard to the legality or propriety of any transaction or expenditures, as in their judgment the interests of the town require. Such report shall also contain a list of all taxes not paid during the fiscal year, and such other matters as are herein required to be contained therein. They shall have free access to the books and accounts, bills and vouchers of all officers and committees of the town entrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditures of money, and all original bills and vouchers, on which moneys have been or may be paid from the Treasurer as often as once each month, and may examine the same, and shall examine the same at least once each year, and report thereon as aforesaid.

The report of the Auditors shall be printed and ready for distribution by March 15, of each year.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

SEC. 11. The Collector of Taxes shall, at the end of the year from the date of his warrant, deposit his book of collections with the Clerk of the town, who shall preserve the same for reference. He shall also, in making such returns, certify that the payments shown therein are correct. He shall not be entitled to his compensation, or to a discharge upon his bond, until his book with such certificate are returned to the Clerk as aforesaid.

TOWN SEAL.

SEC. 12. The seal of the town shall be of the form and impress adopted at the town meeting held February 11, A. D. 1889.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

SEC. 13. The Sewer Commissioners shall have the care and direction of the sewers and filter beds in town, keep a record of their proceedings in a book kept therefor, and draw orders upon the Town Treasurer for all sums expended by them. They shall keep a record of all assessments made by their board, and a plan of all sewers constructed, which shall be kept at the office of said Commissioners in the Town Hall, and it shall be open to the inspection of the public at all times.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

SEC. 14. The Selectmen shall, on or before March first of each year, appoint a Committee on Appropriations, which committee shall consist of the Town Treasurer, Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and the Highway Surveyor and ten business men of the town, to which committee shall be referred all estimates for expenditures and appropriations for the coming fiscal year; said committee shall examine said estimates and appropriations and report to the annual town meeting, in writing, their recommendations as to the same.

Such committee, including the officers hereinbefore named, shall be appointed from the principal political parties, and shall not exceed eight from any one party.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 15. The said Trustees of the Public Library, called the Library Committee as aforesaid, shall, subject to the special votes and appropriations of the town, have the care of the library rooms, the furnishing, warming, lighting, and repair of same; the authority to select and purchase books, to appoint and pay the librarian and assistants, and have the general control of the library, with power to make all needful regulations for the management and use thereof. They may also accept any donations to the library upon such terms as they may judge proper and do such other things as they may regard for the benefit and advantage of the institution. If any person elected a member of the Library Committee refuses or neglects to accept such office, or if any member dies, resigns, or from any change of residence or otherwise, becomes unable to attend to the duties of the Committee, the remaining members may proceed to fill the vacancy for the remaining part of the year, and at the next annual town meeting the town shall choose some one to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the time, if any there be.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 16. The several boards of town officers herein authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer shall pay all moneys belonging to the town, received by them in their respective departments, from the sale of property, or from any other source whatsoever, to the Treasurer, and draw orders on him in payment of money on any contract, or for expenditures incurred by them.

They shall, so far as practicable, transact all business coming under their supervision at meetings of the several boards at which a majority of the members are present, and also keep a record of all contracts, payments of money, and votes, appointments, and all other transactions had by them, including schedules of all town property under their care and control, and at the close of each fiscal year prepare a report of all their doings, with a statement in detail of all their payments and expenditures, and all liabilities incurred by them, including all outstanding orders and claims against the town, and also the valuation of all property of the town in their hands or under their care, the insurance, and all debts due to the town, and submit an estimate of the probable expenses of the town for the ensuing year in their several departments. When the Selectmen are made Overseers of the Poor, or have the direction of the Superintendent of Streets, they shall perform the same duties in each of such departments. But no town officer, committee or agent of the town shall hereafter enter into, or make any contract or obligation, oral or written, for, or in the name or behalf of, the town, for any special improvement, change, repair, or for the purchase of any property, exceeding three hundred dollars in amount or value, and not included in the ordinary annual appropriations as aforesaid, by which any town indebtedness may arise in excess of that amount, until the town shall have made, as aforesaid, an appropriation therefor, by the vote and in the manner required by the statutes, nor in excess of the appropriation so made.

The several boards and officers aforesaid shall keep, in books for that purpose, inventories or schedules of all town property as aforesaid and the estimated valuation thereof, and at the close of each fiscal year return to the Treasurer in time to be embodied in his report, as herein provided, statements of the estimated valuation thereof.

All bills or claims, before being presented to the Auditors for approval, shall be certified in writing thereon as correct, by a majority of the board contracting the same, if the board consists of three members, and by at least three in case such board consists of more than three members. The books of valuation and assessment of taxes, all deeds, bonds, policies of insurance on property, and other valuable papers, shall be in the custody of the Town Clerk for safe keeping and preservation, and shall be deposited in the town safes or vault.

OFFICIAL REFUSAL OR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

SEC. 17. The several officers; committees and agents of the town shall faithfully perform the several duties hereby required of them, and

each of them respectively, or by any By-Law, that now are or may hereafter be in force, as therein imposed, named and provided. And any such officer, committee or agent of the town, who shall refuse or neglect to perform the same as aforesaid, shall be liable to the penalty herein provided for each violation thereof.

PENALTY.

SEC. 18. In case any such officer, committee or agents of the town shall refuse or neglect such duties the same may be performed by the Selectmen of the town at the expence of the party liable to perform the same, which expense may be recovered as provided in the Public Statutes in such cases. And such officer, committee or agent so neglecting or refusing to perform his duty, shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each violation thereof.

ENACTMENT AND REPEAL.

SEC. 19. These By-Laws shall take effect upon their approval by the Superior Court, or in vacation by a Justice of said Court, and entered and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Courts in the county of Worcester, as provided by the statutes.

STREETS.

SECTION 1. No person shall break or dig up the ground in any highway or street, or erect thereon any staging for building, or place thereon any wood, timber, coal, earth or building material, or any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any dirt, sawdust, soot, ashes, cinders, shreds, rubbish, offal, filth, or obstructure of any kind, without a written license from the Highway Surveyor, or the person having charge of the streets; and any person licensed as aforesaid, who shall break or dig up the ground, pavement or sidewalks, shall, before the expiration of the license, restore the same to the acceptance of said Highway Surveyor or person having charge of the streets. No person shall drive or cause or suffer to be driven, any horse or horses in any highway or street in said town, at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles per hour, nor in such manner as to endanger or unreasonably incommode passengers therein.

SEC. 2. No person shall coast or course upon any sled in any of the streets or public walks of the town, except in such places and in such manner as may be designated for that purpose by the Highway Sur-

veyor, or by the Selectmen when they have charge of said streets and walks.

SEC. 3. No person shall use any of the public streets or ways of the town for pasturing cows or other animals, either with or without a keeper.

SEC. 4. No person by himself or his agents or servants shall distribute or place in or upon any street, square, park, common, lane, alley, way, or other public place, any placard, handbill, flyer, poster, advertisement, or paper of any description, except that such paper may be placed within the doors of stores, offices and business houses, and at the doors of residences.

SEC. 5. No person shall erect or place any sign, structure or device for advertising over a sidewalk without a license therefor from the Board of Selectmen, and the same shall be fastened and supported to the satisfaction of said Board. No person shall maintain any awning extending over a sidewalk at less height than seven and one-half feet from the surface of the sidewalk.

SEC. 6. No hawker or pedler shall be allowed to have a stand upon any sidewalk in town, nor shall any hawker or pedler allow his cart or other vehicle used in connection with his business to stand in any one place in the streets for a longer time than ten minutes at one time. It shall be the duty of constables and police officers to see that this by-law is enforced.

SIDEWALKS.

SECTION 1. No owner or tenant of an estate abutting upon brick, concrete, or other curbed or finished sidewalks, shall place or suffer to remain for more than seven hours between sunrise and sunset, any snow upon such sidewalk, nor any ice upon such sidewalk, unless such ice is made even and covered with sand, sawdust or ashes, to prevent slipping. Such snow and ice may be removed from the sidewalk to the street, provided, however, that the same is made level at the time of removal. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall forfeit to the town of Southbridge the sum of ten dollars. Whenever the parties whose duty it is to remove such snow or ice, in accordance with this section, shall neglect to do so for the period named, it shall be the duty of the Highway Surveyor to cause the same to be removed and to enforce the forfeiture herein provided.

SEC. 2. No person having charge of a wagon, truck or other vehicle shall allow the same to stand upon any sidewalk or street

crossing in said town, so as to obstruct travel thereon, without first having provided a convenient passage for pedestrians.

SEC. 3. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near each other, on any sidewalks in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers, after a request to move on, made by any of the Constables or Police Officers of the town.

NUISANCES.

SEC. 1. No person shall throw the carcass of any dead animal into any of the ponds, streams or waters within the limits of said town, and no person shall leave any such carcass of any such animal to decay on the surface of the ground, or insufficiently buried therein, near any building, or any road, or other highway in said town.

PUMPS, WELLS, FOUNTAINS, ETC.

SEC. 1. No person shall in any manner injure any of the pumps, wells, drinking fountains, or watering troughs in the streets, or public grounds of said town, nor shall throw or place any substance into the same, or into any of the public waters of said town.

BATHING.

SEC. 1. No person shall bathe or swim in any of the waters within the town in a state of nudity, in places exposed to the public view, or in the immediate sight of the occupant or occupants of any dwelling-house, shop or factory.

JOB AND EXPRESS WAGONS.

SECTION 1. No person shall use any job wagon or express wagon for the conveyance, from place to place within said town, for hire, of any goods, wares, furniture, or merchandise, without first having obtained a license therefor from the Selectmen.

SEC. 2. For every license granted under the provisions of this by-law there shall be paid to the Town Clerk the sum of one dollar, for the use of the town.

SEC. 3. All licenses granted as aforesaid shall expire on the first day of May next after the date thereof, and no license shall be sold, assigned, or transferred without the consent of the Selectmen, endorsed thereon by the Town Clerk, and the payment of one dollar.

SEC. 4. Every person licensed as aforesaid under the provisions of section one shall have placed upon the outside and upon each side of

the vehicle he may use, the name of the owner and the number of the license, in plain, legible words and figures of not less than one and one-half inches in size, and so that the same may be distinctly seen.

HACKS, OMNIBUSES, ETC.

SEC. 1. No person shall use, for the conveyance of passengers, for hire from place to place, within said town, any hacks, stage-coach, omnibus or other vehicle, without first having obtained a license therefor from the Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Laws.

JUNK DEALERS.

SECTION 1. No person shall carry on the business of a keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, or second hand articles, in the town of Southbridge, unless he is duly licensed therefor by the Selectmen.

SEC. 2. Every keeper of such a shop shall keep a book, in which shall be written at the time of purchasing any article, a description of the same, the name, age, and residence of the person, from whom, and the day and hour when he received or purchased it; and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen, and of any person by them authorized to make such inspection.

SEC. 3. All licenses granted under this chapter shall designate the place where the person licensed may carry on his business, and he shall not engage in or carry on his business in any other place than the one designated.

PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of the By-Laws of the town of Southbridge, except section one of chapter entitled "Sidewalks," shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars.

By-Laws for Plumbing Regulations.

SECTION 1. No pipe, tank, faucet, valve or other fixture, by or through which waste water or sewage is to be used or carried, shall be placed in any building, except in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Health.

SEC. 2. No plumbing shall be done in any building except to repair leaks, unless a permit shall first have been issued therefor by the Board of Health. No such permit shall be issued unless plans and specifications for such plumbing shall have been submitted to said Board on blanks in such form as it shall have prescribed.

SEC. 3. Every building connected with the public sewer shall be separately and independently connected. The drainage of one house shall not connect with nor pass through the cellar of another.

SEC. 4. All soil, waste or vent pipes shall be of sufficient size and when within a building and for five feet outside of foundation walls, shall be made of cast iron, except that lead pipes may be used for short connections exposed to view and such pipes shall be of uniform thickness.

SEC. 5. All branches of soil or waste pipes fifteen feet or more in length, shall extend undiminished in size two feet above roof and not less than five feet above the top of any window situated within fifteen feet, but vent pipes may be connected with soil pipe above the highest fixture. Changes in direction shall be made with curved pipes and all connections with horizontal or vertical pipes shall be made with Y branches maintaining an angle of forty-five degrees, or such other fitting as will contain the same relative properties.

This section shall not apply to air pipes when suitable T branches can be used. T Ys used on vertical pipes only.

SEC. 6. All drain, soil or waste pipes shall be exposed to sight where practicable or, if necessarily placed between partitions or floors, shall be covered with wood work so fastened with screws as to be readily removed. In no case shall they be absolutely inaccessible. They shall be laid in the ground or properly secured to wall or floor timbers by iron hangers in such manner as Board of Health may direct. All horizontal lines to have at least one-fourth inch fall per foot.

SEC. 7. Suitable clean-outs shall be provided in main drain near cellar wall on the horizontal pipe, and on all runs of fifteen feet in length unless otherwise permitted. The clean-out at cellar wall shall be in as direct a line as possible with sewer connection.

Clean-outs at foot of all vertical pipes.

SEC. 8. Every sink, basin, bath-tub, water-closet, wash-tray, slop-hopper and every other fixture having a waste pipe shall be furnished with a separate trap which shall be placed as near as possible to the fixture it serves, except that when a bath-tub and bowl or sets of wash-trays, or sets of bowls are close together, one trap may be used for them, but trap must be within three feet of the fixtures it serves.

SEC. 9. All traps shall be protected from syphonage or air pressure by a special air pipe of size not less than one and one quarter inches in diameter placed outside or below trap. The diameter of back vent for water closets to be two inches for one to three closets, and three inches for four to six closets. No back vents shall be taken from side or crown of round trap, but as near trap as practicable, and to be carried upward.

SEC. 10. Two or more air pipes can be connected together or with soil pipe, but in every case, such connections shall be made above fixture it serves and when to soil pipe above top fixture. Sewer, soil, or waste or vent pipes shall not be made of sheet metal, or earthenware and chimneys shall not be used for ventilators.

SEC. 11. When two and not more than six fixtures, such as sinks, bowls, baths or wash-trays are used on one line, the waste pipe shall be of cast iron and not less than two inches in diameter, for any number exceeding six, the waste pipe to be not less than three inches. No pipes less than one and one quarter inches in diameter shall be used for wastes, vent or flush pipes.

SEC. 12. No ventilation shall be required from a round trap four or more inches in diameter in cases where there is no other plumbing than one fixture in the building provided, waste does not enter street sewer. Outlet pipes from round traps shall be one size larger than the inlet.

SEC. 13. In every building erected hereafter there shall be a separate water-closet for each tenement, and at least one water-closet for every fifteen persons living, occupying or employed therein, conveniently located and constantly supplied with water.

SEC. 14. Every water-closet hereafter constructed shall be supplied with water from a special tank not used for any other purpose, unless permission has first been obtained from the Board of Health.

SEC. 15. All water-closets hereafter constructed, when practicable, shall be located in a well ventilated apartment with a window of suitable size leading directly to the outer air. When otherwise located the apartment shall be supplied with a suitable ventilating shaft of not less than six inches in diameter. The space in and around water-closets and wash-bowls shall not be enclosed with wood-work but shall remain open and exposed to view, except a closet may be made under a wash-bowl when provided with a suitable door.

SEC. 16. Joints must be run full of molten lead packed with oakum thoroughly calked and made tight. Connections of lead to iron pipes shall be made with brass ferrules properly wiped to the lead.

SEC. 17. Rain water leaders shall be suitably trapped, leaders shall connect with the main drain in front of all connections to which fixtures are attached.

SEC. 18. Waste pipes from refrigerators shall not be connected with drain, soil or other waste pipes unless such waste pipes are provided with traps suitably ventilated, and in every case there shall be an open tray or sink between the trap and refrigerator.

SEC. 19. No steam exhaust, drip or blow-off pipe shall connect with any house drain.

SEC. 20. A suitable grease trap must be used under the sink of every hotel, restaurant, eating house or other cooking establishment.

SEC. 21. All plumbing, including lead connections, when placed in position must be tested by the water test in the presence of a plumbing inspector, and all defective joints and pipes must be removed and made tight. No pipes shall be concealed from view until above inspected and the plumber shall notify the Board of Health when work is sufficiently advanced for inspection.

When entire plumbing work is completed and before it is used it must be tested with peppermint or other practical test in the presence of the plumbing inspector and upon satisfactory completion of said work the Board of Health shall issue a certificate of approval.

SEC. 22. All joints between the water closet and soil pipe shall be made by means of brass connections properly soldered to lead pipe and united to closet with brass bolts. No saddle hubs shall be used.

SEC. 23 Every water-closet shall be provided with a separate local vent, the material of which shall be copper, galvanized iron or cast iron, and its diameter shall not be less than two inches. It shall be carried into a heated flue. An exception to the foregoing may be made when several closets are set close together the local vents may be connected before entering the flue, where it enters flue to be of cast iron. The diameter for one closet and not more than two, shall be two inches, for three and not more than six, three inches.

SEC. 24. All lead waste pipes used in plumbing shall be of not less than the following weights per foot :

1¼ inches in diameter, 2½ lbs. per foot.			
1½	"	"	3
2	"	"	4
3	"	"	5
4	"	"	6

All connections of lead supplies, wastes, vents or flush pipes shall be made by means of wiped joints. All unions to be ground joints

PUBLIC CEMETERY.

The cemetery grounds shall be known as OAK RIDGE CEMETERY of Southbridge.

CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 1. The avenues, paths, spaces and burial lots, as now located, arranged, graded and shown upon the plan of the cemetery grounds, prepared by Mr. D. M. Wheeler, and dated October 1, 1877, so far as the same have been established therein, shall be and remain permanently the lay out of such grounds, and every additional lay out of avenues, paths, spaces and lots, and the grading thereof, and all improvements hereafter made therein, shall be adapted to and in accordance with such plan and grades so established as the basis thereof and guide therefor.

ART. 2. Only exclusive right of burial and of erecting tombs and cenotaphs, and of ornamenting the same in any lots now or hereafter laid out, shall be granted to proprietors of lots, or to the proprietors of free burial lots provided as required by law—the fee of the land being always reserved to the town—and all certificates of such sale and grants shall be subject to the terms, rules and regulations and conditions herein provided, and such as may be hereafter provided regarding the same.

ART. 3. The proceeds of the sales of lots in said cemetery, and any sums paid to the town for the partial or perpetual care of any lots, and any bequests to the town for that purpose, shall be paid into the town treasury, and be kept by the Treasurer apart from other funds. and by him invested in safe and profitable stock, mortgages, notes and securities, and only the income derived therefrom shall be used for the improvement and embellishment of such cemetery ; and such income, and all appropriations made by the town for the cemetery, shall be used and expended also under the direction and upon the orders of the Cemetery Committee for bills, accounts and expenses incurred for such purposes, or as specially appropriated.

ART. 4. In prosecuting the work of laying out said cemetery and grading and completing the avenues, paths, spaces and lots, and improving and embellishing the same, the natural features of the ground, so far as can be, shall be preserved ; and all terrace work, steps, curbs, hedges, posts and chain fences around burial lots and mounds

therein, or raising of the surface thereof above the surrounding grounds by filling, shall not be allowed except as herein provided, and thereby a smooth surface maintained all over the grounds. Proprietors of lots shall not erect on their lots fences, posts and chains, live hedges, terrace work, curbings or steps, monuments or stones, or set out trees or shrubs thereon, or make any filling or grading thereof, without the approval of the Cemetery Committee, and in such places as they shall designate; and all such work, when so done, shall be under the direction of said Committee, and be subject to changes by their order, and such regulations and contracts as said Committee may establish and make, under the authority and by the provisions hereof. But no reserved spaces shall be laid into burial lots except by a vote of the town, at a meeting called to act thereon; nor in any case shall wood or slate be used in, upon or around burial lots or spaces.

ART. 5. Plans or maps of the cemetery, with all avenues, paths, spaces and burial lots laid out, and marked, named, numbered, or designated thereon, shall be prepared, and one copy thereof shall be kept by the Treasurer and his successors in office, and at least one by the Cemetery Committee.

ART. 6. No grave or tomb shall be opened in the cemetery for interment or removal without the consent and direction of the Cemetery Committee, or their superintendent.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

ART. A. At the next annual town meeting after the adoption hereof the town shall elect from its inhabitants a Cemetery Committee consisting of six members, one-third of whom shall be elected for three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year; and at each succeeding annual election thereafter two members shall be elected to serve for three years, and until others are chosen as aforesaid. If the town fails or neglects to elect such committee, or any members thereof required to be chosen as aforesaid, an election at a subsequent meeting shall be valid.

ART. B. When a vacancy in such committee occurs by the death, resignation or removal from the town of any of its members, the remaining members may elect any eligible person to fill such vacancy, but the term of service of any member so elected shall end with the municipal year in which he is chosen; and if the vacancy which he is chosen to fill is for a longer period, the town shall at the next annual meeting thereafter, or at a subsequent meeting, elect some person to

such unexpired term, to serve as aforesaid, and in the manner hereinbefore prescribed for original elections.

ART. C. Such committee shall serve without compensation. They shall have power to make such rules and regulations for their own organization and government, and for the performance of the duties of their office as herein prescribed, as they shall from time to time deem necessary and proper; and they may also appoint a superintendent of the cemetery and fix his compensation and prescribe his duties. They shall keep a record of all their acts and doings in the discharge of their duties as herein provided, and of all contracts made by them.

ART. D. They shall have the care, control and management of the cemetery grounds, and of the avenues, paths and burial lots therein, and of the laying out, limits, boundaries, location, grading and construction thereof, and of all the trees, shrubbery, hedges and fences therein, in determining what shall be used and in locating, changing, arranging, setting out, trimming or removing the same for any cause which they shall regard reasonable and proper, for the purpose of using, improving or beautifying the grounds or the burial lots, avenues, paths or spaces therein; and when they shall lay out any new avenues, paths, spaces or burial lots as aforesaid, the same shall be properly marked by monuments in the ground, and be traced upon the plan aforesaid, and appropriately named, designated and numbered for their identification and use, provided that no new lots shall be laid out the boundaries of which shall be nearer than four feet from the external limits or boundaries of the cemetery grounds. They shall fix the prices of all burial lots sold, and have the supervision of all sales thereof, and the location, enlargement, changing of lines of such lots or spaces within such grounds and of all questions of right between the proprietors of lots, and shall have power in behalf of the town to make and sign all reasonable contracts with the proprietors aforesaid, for the fitting up, or partial or perpetual care thereof, as herein provided, and shall, at least once in each year, personally examine all lots for the care of which contracts have been made, and see that the terms thereof have been complied with. They shall superintend the general subject of interments in said grounds, and see that the provisions of the laws regarding the same are complied with.

ART. E. They shall lay out a suitable part of said grounds into burial lots for the use of the inhabitants of the town from time to time as they shall be required, free of charge therefor, and place the same upon the said plan, properly designated and numbered, and keep a separate record of all such lots taken up and all burials therein.

ART. F. They shall have power to fix the fees for opening graves for burials, for depositing in vaults or in the receiving tomb, and for the superintendent for the use of the hearse and attending funerals, and his compensation for all work done by him for proprietors of lots in fitting up and improving the same. Such fees and compensation shall be uniform in amount, and required in all cases, unless said committee shall for good causes remit or abate the same or any part thereof.

ART. G. They shall keep a record of all burials made in the cemetery during each year, and the name of the person, the date and place of burial sufficiently clear to designate the same.

ART. H. They may, in making the sales of lots, upon a payment of a sum equal to that paid for the burial lot when purchased, in addition to the price thereof, in behalf of the town, covenant and agree, and guarantee perpetual care of said lot to purchasers, with such monuments and stones as the proprietor may place therein, but not to supply new ones; or a partial care thereof for a stipulated sum. When lots are so sold the same shall be indicated by a suitable monument marked "Perpetual care" or "Partial care," as the case may be, and such mark shall be kept constantly in view; and they may make like contracts with the proprietors of lots now occupied for such consideration as may be agreed upon, and all such guarantees shall be irrevocable, and binding upon the town.

ART. I. They shall prescribe forms for the conveyance of lots and all the certificates and guarantees necessary or required to be used by them of the general tenor herein stated.

ART. J. They shall collect all moneys due to the town for lots, fees or services as aforesaid, and pay all such moneys received by them into the town treasury, and keep a faithful record and account of all such money received and all expenses paid and all orders drawn, and make their report thereof annually to the town, with such recommendations as they deem proper for its consideration.

ART. K. They shall have power to make rules and regulations regarding visitors to the grounds, the admission of horses and carriages, or teams, and for the protection of the grounds, and the shrubs, trees, flowers, tablets, monuments or ornaments therein from intrusion or injury, and to enforce the same, provided the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of the statutes.

ART. L. They shall also have power to do such other acts, matters and things as may be necessary and proper under these By-Laws to enable them to do and perform all things regarding the Cemetery herein

specified according to the spirit and intent hereof, the same as if specially named.

SUPERINTENDENT. :

ART. 1. The Superintendent shall be at all times subject to the direction of the committee. He shall have the general care and keeping of the Cemetery, the control of all work done and all workmen and subordinates employed therein, and enforce all the rules, regulations and laws affecting the rights of proprietors and the conduct of visitors, prescribed for herein, and do such other duties appropriate to his position as the committee shall from time to time require of him. He may also discharge the duties of undertaker and sexton as required by law, and shall be eligible for appointment to that office.

ART. 2. The hearse, bier and pall and like property belonging to the town shall be under his care and control, and be used by him alone, as directed by the committee.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall have charge of the repair and construction of the sewers and drains of the Town and of the purification and disposal of such waste, sludge, or other material as may result from sewage treatment.

2. The Board shall cause to be constructed and kept in repair all main drains and common sewers which shall be ordered to be laid through any street or private land.

3. All common sewers shall be laid, as nearly as practicable, in the center of the streets through which they pass, and no person shall enter his particular drain into any common sewer for drain without a permit in writing from the Clerk of the Commissioners.

4. The Clerk of the Board shall grant permits to individuals to enter their drains into the public sewers and drains, in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the Board of Commissioners, and shall keep a complete record in books made for that purpose, of such permits, giving the name of the street, the number of the estate, if any, the name of owner, the kind of property to be connected, and such other facts in connection therewith as may be of importance as a matter of record.

5. Applications for permits to connect any private property with a public sewer must be made in writing to the Clerk of the Board by the owners of the property to be drained or by their authorized attorneys. Said application must be accompanied by a clear description of the premises to be drained, also by certain agreements as provided in the printed form of application adopted by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

6. No work of laying drains shall be commenced or allowed to continue except under the supervision of Engineer of Sewers or other person delegated by the Board to attend to these duties. Said Engineer shall keep a record in books made for that purpose of the number of permit; name of owners of estate drained; distance of connections from nearest manhole; height of pipe above bottom of sewer; size and kind of pipe used; location and size of trap; distance of pipe above or below foundations; condition of main sewer.

7. The drain connecting with the public sewer shall be of such size and laid at such grade as the Engineer of Sewers or his assistant shall direct. The expense of such engineering not exceeding 50 cents per hour for the engineer and twenty-five per hour for the rodman shall be paid by the property owner, having connections made. The ends of all pipes not to be immediately connected with the plumbing, etc., shall be securely guarded against the introduction of sand or earth.

8. No live, exhaust or waste steam shall be discharged into the public sewers or into any drain connected with them. Neither shall the blow-off from any steam boiler be connected thereto. Manufacturing establishments entering the wastes from their processes of work shall put in suitable grease traps if ordered by the Engineers of Sewers.

9. No person shall excavate any street or private land in order to make entrance into any sewer. All connections, private drains from building to main sewer in street shall be made by the Board or its duly authorized representative, and the expense of the said work to be paid by property owner, shall be the actual cost of the labor and materials and engineering.

10. No person shall throw into any drain or sewer, inlet, manhole or catch basin, any dirt, earth, stones, bricks, wood, sawdust, ashes, cinders, shavings, hair, oyster, lobster, or clam shells, or other substances detrimental to the sewers, or the use thereof.

11. All drains which shall hereafter enter into any common sewer shall be built of such materials, dimensions and descriptions, with such grade and in such manner as the Commissioners shall direct; and they shall be at all times subject to be enlarged or otherwise altered by said Board, as, in its judgment, the public health or convenience require.

12. Any person, or corporation, violating any of the foregoing rules or regulations shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars, for each violation of such rule or regulation.

The foregoing rules were adopted by the Board of Sewer Commissioners at a regular meeting held July 25th, 1901, and were duly published in the Southbridge Press according to law.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I. The Selectmen of the Town shall be the Board of Health, unless the town shall at its annual meeting, or at some other meeting duly warned for the purpose, choose a board or a health officer.

ART. II. Such Board of Health shall be organized annually in April by selecting one of its number as a chairman and one as a clerk. And such chairman shall preside at all meetings, and the clerk shall keep a record of all votes of the board in a book prepared for the purpose.

ART. III. Such Board may appoint a physician to the Board, to hold his office during its pleasure, and may establish his salary or other compensation. It may also employ such subordinate officers, agents or assistants as it shall deem necessary, and shall regulate all fees and charges of all such officers, agents or assistants so employed by it in the execution of the health laws and of its own regulations.

ART. IV. Such Board may appoint an agent or agents to act for it in case of emergency, or when it cannot be conveniently assembled, and such agent so appointed shall have all the authority of the Board appointing him; but he shall within two days report his action in each case to it for approval, and shall be at all times directly responsible to it and under its control and direction. Such agent, when appointed to make sanitary inspections, may make complaint in case of violations of any law or by-law relating to the public health in this town.

ART. V. The Board shall retain charge of any case arising under the provisions of the statutes relating to the public health, to the exclusion of the Overseers of the Poor.

ART. VI. The Board judge it necessary for the public health and safety respecting nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness within this town, and respecting articles which are capable of containing or conveying infection, contagion, or of creating sickness brought into or conveyed from this town, to make regulations regarding such matters, and does hereby adopt and make, in accordance with the provisions of the statutes, the following special regulations to secure the public health and safety, and order the same to be published for the information of the public.

ARTICLE VII. The Board of Health may from time to time make and give such instructions in cases of any emergency for the purpose of controlling contagion as shall be deemed expedient and proper, which shall be published for the information and guidance of the inhabitants.

ART. VIII. The foregoing rules and regulations may be altered and amended and additional rules and regulations may be adopted by the Board of Health at any meeting thereof. But such rules and regulations, with all the alterations, amendments, and additions, shall be recorded and kept together so that the same may be referred to separate and distinct from the records of the meetings of the Board.

ART. IX. The clerk of the Board shall not only keep a faithful record of all meetings of the members as aforesaid, but also record all their orders, decrees and proceedings in a book for the purpose, and discharge such duties as may be imposed upon him.

PRIVIES ETC.

RULE I. Every tenement in this town used as a dwelling house within any of the villages shall be furnished, when ever practicable, and when it can be done without unreasonable expense, with a sufficient drain underground to carry into a common sewer, reservoir, or cesspool, located as herein provided, and with suitable water closets or with a privy, the vault of which shall be underground, built and kept in the manner prescribed in these regulations, and of sufficient capacity for the number of occupants of such tenement.

RULE II. Every vault or privy shall be so constructed that the inside shall be at least three feet distant from the line of every adjoining lot, unless the owner of such adjoining lot shall consent or agree otherwise; and three feet also from every street, lane, passageway, or public place; and every such vault or privy shall be built in a thorough and substantial manner and kept water-tight, and its contents shall never be within eighteen inches of the surface of the ground. Whenever any vault or privy shall become offensive the same shall be cleansed, and in case the condition or construction of any vault or privy shall be different from the requirements of this rule the Board of Health, after forty-eight hours' notice to the occupant requiring him to cleanse the same, may have the same cleansed, repaired, altered, or removed, as they judge necessary, and shall charge the expense incurred by so doing to the owner or person occupying the premises whereon such vault or privy is located.

RULE III. No privy or water closet not having a water tight vault shall be maintained without a tight drain to carry the contents thereof to a common sewer, or proper reservoir or cesspool, and no such reservoir or cesspool shall be established within twenty feet of any well, spring, or source of water used for domestic purposes; provided, however, that earth privies or closets when dry earth or ashes are daily added to the deposit vault in sufficient quantities to absorb all moisture, and the contents thereof are removed weekly, may be established.

RULE IV. No vault or privy shall be opened at any time, or in any manner other than such as the Board of Health may direct. No person shall remove the contents of any vault, or privy, except in a water-tight cart, wagon or box, and no person conducting such cart, wagon or box, shall leave or permit the same to stop, stand or pass through the streets, ways or public places in the villages aforesaid, at any other time than during the night, between the hours of nine o'clock p. m. and five o'clock a. m., unless licensed so to do by the Board of Health.

RULE V. No person shall remove, or carry through any public street, way or place, in the villages aforesaid, the contents of any vault or privy, unless the person removing the same, and the cart, wagon or other conveyance in which the same is carried, shall be licensed for that purpose by the Board of Health.

RULE VI. No person shall bury the contents of any vault, or cesspool, upon the premises occupied by him, or allow any filthy or bad-smelling water to run out or be thrown upon the surface of the ground on his said premises, provided, however, the Board of Health may grant permission to use such contents in such quantities and in such a manner upon the lands used for cultivation, as it may prescribe.

DRAINAGE.

RULE VII. No privy vault, cesspool, or water from any sink, pipe or drain, shall be permitted to overflow or run upon the surface of the ground, or upon any street or sidewalk, or into any street gutter, or into the stream of water running from the reservoir through the center village and emptying into the Quinebaug river near the Central Mills. All such vaults shall be thoroughly cleaned out and the contents thereof removed at least once each year, and oftener if the Board of Health do direct.

RULE VIII. No sink or sewer drain not water tight, shall be allowed to pass within twenty feet of any well, spring or source of water

used for culinary purposes, and no person shall allow any pool or stagnant water to be or remain upon his premises, after notice from the Board of Health to remove the same.

RULE IX. When it shall appear to the Board of Health that any cellar, lot or vacant land is a nuisance, or in such a condition that it may become dangerous to the public health, such Board may, after notice, and forty-eight hours thereafter allowed to the owner or occupant thereof, cause the same to be drained, filled up, or otherwise prevented from becoming or remaining a cause of nuisance or sickness, and shall charge all the reasonable expenses of so doing to owners or persons occupying such cellar, lot, and vacant land.

RULE X. When the public health and safety in the opinion of the Board of Health require that the drainage from any premises shall be turned into any common sewer, or to be otherwise disposed of in such a manner as to prevent nuisance, the Board shall so order, and the owner or occupant shall at once turn said drainage into said sewer, or otherwise dispose of the same as the Board shall order, and if such owner or occupant refuses or neglects so to do after notice of such order, the Board of Health may enter upon the premises and do the same, and charge the expense thereof to the said owner or occupant.

The owners or occupants of estates abutting on a public sewer, shall cause such estates to be connected by proper drains with such public sewer.

Whoever neglects or refuses to comply with such regulations, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each day that such neglect or refusal continues.

ANIMALS, ETC.

RULE XI. No animals affected with an infectious disease shall be brought within the limits of this town; no diseased animal or its flesh shall be sold or offered for sale, and no decayed, diseased or unwholesome meat, fish, vegetables, fruit or other article of food shall be sold or offered for sale in this Town.

RULE XII. No person shall in the populous or business parts of any village in this Town, keep any swine and goats, except the keeper thereof be licensed by the Board of Health, and when so licensed said animals shall be kept in the manner prescribed by the said Board.

No person shall keep any fowl or animal in any part of a dwelling house or in any place in the Town when the Board of Health may deem such keeping detrimental to the health or comfort of the residents of the neighborhood, or to those who may pass thereby.

RULE XIII. All putrid, decaying or decayed animal or vegetable matter shall be removed from cellars and out-buildings on or before the first day of June in each year. No fish, slaughterhouse offal or other decaying animal matter shall be left or permitted to remain upon land for the purposes of fertilization within any village in this Town, without being ploughed in or otherwise rendered inoffensive.

HOUSE OFFAL.

RULE XIV. Each family in any village in this Town shall have a properly covered receptacle for swill and house-offal until the same is removed.

RULE XV. Every occupant of any building within any village in this Town, shall so far as it is within his control, keep such building and the yard or grounds belonging thereto free from all filth and substances liable to produce offensive odors.

RULE XVI. No person within any village in this Town shall burn on premises occupied by him, any garbage, refuse woolen, silk, leather or india rubber goods or other substances, so that the same shall while burning evolve or emit offensive gasses or odors.

RULE XVII. No person within any village in this Town shall deposit, or permit to be deposited by any one occupying his premises, any house-offal, brine, bones, dead animals, old leather, decayed fruit or vegetables, or any other rubbish in any catch basin, street, lane, alley or public place. And no person shall clean, scale or wash fish or meat upon any such street, lane, alley or public place.

RULE XVIII. No person shall within any village of this Town, transport any fat, bones, or any decayed, putrid, or vile smelling animal or vegetable substances through any streets, lanes, alleys or public places, except in water-tight and securely covered vessels or carriages, from which no odors can escape.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES, ETC.

RULE XIX. No slaughter house or abattoir shall be established or used within the limits of any village in this Town, and none elsewhere within the Town unless kept free from obnoxious smells, and all offal shall be daily removed therefrom or properly secured from emitting such smells. No melting or rendering house shall be established or used as such within such limits except by permission and location of the Board of Health.

RULE XX. No manufacturing or other business giving rise to obnoxious and injurious odors shall be established or continued within the limits of any village in this Town, except in such locations as the Board of Health shall assign, and all persons having control of existing manufactories, stables and fish markets, shall use all means available to render them inodorous, and to keep them free from all obnoxious smells.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

RULE XXI. A householder who knows that a person in his family or house is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Board of Health, and shall not permit any clothing or any other property that may have been exposed to infection to be removed from such house, nor shall any occupant of such house take up a residence elsewhere without the consent of said Board.

RULE XXII. If a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit, is infected with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing over his own signature to the Board of Health.

RULE XXIII. All persons, infected with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other infectious or contagious disease, dangerous to the public health, and all articles infected with the same, shall be immediately separated from all persons liable to contract or communicate the disease, and none but nurses and physicians shall be allowed access to persons sick with said disease, and no person sick with any of said diseases shall be removed at any time except by permission and under the direction of the Board of Health, but all persons infected with either of said diseases, who cannot be properly quarantined, may be removed according to law to such hospital or place, as the Board of Health direct, and no person shall obstruct, hinder or oppose such removal. And when any person dies of either of said diseases, the body shall be buried under the direction of the Board of Health, and no person shall obstruct, hinder or oppose such burial.

RULE XXIV. When a person is infected with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, in any house or hospital, the said house or hospital shall be duly quarantined, and no person who is an occupant of said

house or hospital, or connected therewith, shall be allowed to leave the premises of said house or hospital, and no other person, except the physician or physicians in charge of such infected person, shall be allowed to enter upon said premises without permission of the Board of Health, until all danger of infection or contagion is past, and the house or hospital has been properly disinfected.

RULE XXV. All bedding and personal clothing or other personal property affected with contagion or infection, shall be disinfected, treated or disposed of as the Board of Health may direct.

RULE XXVI. All bedding or other personal property liable to propagate any disease, named in Rule XXI, shall be at once properly cleansed, disinfected or destroyed, and the Board of Health may cause the same to be so cleansed, disinfected or destroyed, as they shall deem it most expedient and safe.

RULE XXVII. No person or article liable to propagate a dangerous disease shall be brought within the limits of this town without the special consent and under the direction of the Board of Health, and whenever it shall appear to any person that such person or article has been brought into this town, immediate notice thereof shall be given to such Board, and specification of his or its location.

VACCINATION.

RULE XXVIII. Parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be vaccinated before they attain the age of two years, and to be revaccinated after five years from the last vaccination, and whenever the Board of Health require it.

RULE XXIX. All the inhabitants shall be vaccinated, or revaccinated, whenever the said Board require it, as provided in the statutes relating to this subject, and the town shall furnish the means of vaccination to such of its inhabitants as are unable to pay for the same. Incorporated companies for manufacturing shall cause all inmates and workmen thereof to be vaccinated upon their entrance thereto, unless they produce sufficient evidence of previous successful vaccination within five years. Children before entering the public schools shall be vaccinated and revaccinated as required by the provisions of the statutes, and the School Committee shall enforce this regulation.

RULE XXX. Each person neglecting to comply with the requirements of Rules XXVIII and XXIX shall forfeit the sum of five dollars, as provided in the statutes relating to vaccination.

GENERAL AUTHORITY.

RULE XXXI. The Board of Health of this town shall have authority to use and may use any and all of the powers vested in such Board under the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth relating to the preservation of the public health, as occasion may require, and make such orders and decrees as shall be necessary to carry such provisions into effect.

PENALTIES.

Whoever violates in any way any of the foregoing rules regarding the public health and safety, except as provided in said rules, such persons so offending shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Engineers shall, as soon as practical after their appointment, organize by the choice of a chief, a clerk and such other officers as they may judge necessary.

The Chief Engineer shall examine, or cause to be examined, all places where any explosive, inflammable or combustible fluids or materials are deposited, and whenever in his opinion, the same are dangerous, shall direct the owner, tenant or occupant, of such places, to remove the same forthwith. He may also examine, or cause to be examined, any chimney, hearth, oven, stove or stove pipe, fire frame or other fixture, to ascertain if the same are defective, and may also examine, or cause to be examined, any deposit of ashes, boxes, paper, rubbish or whatever else may give just cause of alarm or be the means of kindling or causing fires, and if any of the above are found to be defective, or unsafe, order such changes, repairs or removals, as he shall judge best and necessary for the safety of the premises, and in case of neglect or refusal so to do, the Chief Engineer shall cause the same to be changed, repaired or removed at the expense of the owners, tenants or occupants. No person shall obstruct the Chief Engineer, or any one acting under his direction or by his authority, in making such examinations or in carrying out the provisions of this article. Any person failing to comply with the orders of said Chief Engineer, served upon him in writing, or left at his last and usual place of residence in said town, within ten days of the time of such service, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, for each offence, to be recovered in an action of contract, in the name of the town.

The rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Engineers in the year 1896, shall be the rules and regulations of the department until otherwise ordered.

The foregoing is a copy of the By-Laws of the Town of Southbridge which have been adopted by the Town, and which have been approved and published in accordance with the requirements of the Laws of the Commonwealth. Also the several rules and regulations duly adopted by the Cemetery Committee, Sewer Commissioners, Board of Health and Fire Department of the Town.

G. C. WINTER, Town Clerk.

TOWN OFFICERS.

The following town officers shall be elected :

Town Treasurer.
Town Clerk.
Three Selectmen.
Three Overseers of the Poor.
Three Auditors.
Three Board of Health.
Highway Surveyor.
Six School Committee.
Nine Library Committee.
Six Cemetery Committee.
Seven Constables.
Tax Collector.
Three Sewer Commissioners.
Three Sinking Fund Commissioners.
Tree Warden.
Field Drivers.
Fence Viewers.

All of which shall be elected by ballot.

And the following officers may be appointed by the Selectmen:

One or more Constables.
One or more Police.
A Chief to have charge of the Police.
Five or more Engineers of Fire Department.
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.
Registrars of Voters.
Town Counsel.
Care Town Clock.
Pound Keeper.
Keeper at Lockup.
Janitor of Town Hall.
Cattle Inspector.
Sealer of Weights and Measures.
Fire Wardens.
Public Weighers.
Measurers of Wood and Bark.
Burial Officer G. A. R.

The following officers shall be elected for the term of three years so that the term of one-third of the same shall expire each year:

Board of Health.
School Committee.
Library Committee.
Cemetery Committee.
Sewer Commissioners.
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The School Committee, Library Committee and Cemetery Committee shall serve without compensation.

No elective board shall be paid a salary unless the amount thereof is fixed by statute or a vote of the town, and an appropriation made to pay the same.

The salary or fees of said appointive officers, if any are to be paid, shall be fixed by the Selectmen.

REFERENCES.

The powers and duties of the several Town Officers are to be found in the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, as follows:

MODERATOR—

Chap. 11; Sec. 179, 331, 332, 333, 342, 386.

TOWN TREASURER—

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