

Mayor or acting Mayor of the said Town Council of the overcharges complained of and the same shall be tried by the said Town Council at such times and meetings of the Town Council as the members composing the same shall direct and appoint, reasonable notice of such times and meetings to be given to the complaining party, and after hearing the said party and his, her or their witnesses upon oath or affirmation as the case may be, the said Town Council shall by a majority of voices or votes finally decide and determine upon such complaint, and affirm or amend the return of such Assessor accordingly : Provided always, that if the said complaining party shall neglect to appear at such meeting of the said Town Council, he or she having had reasonable notice thereof as aforesaid, the said Town Council shall proceed to make their final decision without hearing such party, and in case it shall appear to any two or more members of the said Town Council that the value has in any case been given in or returned by the assessor or assessors too low, they shall cause a notice to be served upon the person so rated as aforesaid and on any person who made such rate, of the time and place of the meeting of the said Town Council at which the said matter shall be heard, and the same shall be finally determined by the said Town Council in like manner as aforesaid, after hearing the said parties and their witnesses upon oath or affirmation as aforesaid; and that the said Town Council shall have power to adjourn as they shall see fit.

Provision with respect to summoning witnesses and penalties for not attending.

XXX. And be it enacted, That any Member of the said Town Council shall have full power to administer such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, and that the Mayor or acting Mayor, or any one of the said Town Council, shall have full power and authority to issue a summons for each witness who shall be required to attend before the said Town