

charge upon the revenues of the town, and shall be included in the next annual assessment, and paid over to the party entitled thereto within three months after the levying of the assessment.

90. All fire companies and protection companies now organized in the town shall be subject to the control of the Town Council, save that the said companies shall have power to make all such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be deemed suitable for the internal economy and government thereof, and the election of their own members and officers, and the Town Council shall have power to organize, dissolve or disband companies, for the extinguishment of fires or preservation and protection of property thereat, and to establish and make rules and regulations for the government of companies so organized, and all such companies, whether voluntary companies or companies organized under the power herein contained, shall during the actual progress of a fire be subject to the exclusive and absolute control of the Firewards, provided that the orders and commands of such Firewards shall be communicated to the company through the principal officer of such company present at the fire. Provided, however, that in the absence at any fire of all the firewards, the captains of fire companies, union protection companies and salvage corps shall, until a Fireward arrives, have all the powers of Firewards.

91. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Council may appoint an engineer for the operating of any fire engine or other machine belonging to the town used for the purpose of extinguishing fires, who shall during the continuance of the fire be subject to the orders and commands of the Firewards.

92. Upon an alarm of fire the firemen shall at once proceed to the place of deposit of the implements used for the purpose of extinguishing fires and bring them to the place where the fire shall have been discovered, and shall then diligently use the same under the direction of the Firewards in such way as may be deemed most useful for extinguishing the fire.