

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

The Town has accepted M.G.L. c. 41, § 38, which provides that the Town may authorize its collector of taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed a collector of taxes. These means are dictated by M.G.L. c. 60, § 90, which allows the collector to issue warrants to collect to a deputy collector in the same form and conferring the same powers as warrants by assessors to collectors.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments, including the Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

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Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

Article IX, §C9-14 of the Town Charter provides that “All Town officials who receive remuneration shall be compensated in an amount approved annually by Town Meeting.”

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to compensate the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1,500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who is not in attendance of at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such members due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) months or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

Article IX, §C9-14 of the Town Charter provides that “All Town officials who receive remuneration shall be compensated in an amount approved annually by Town Meeting.”

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Two Thirds Vote Required

Article Summary:

M.G.L. c. 40, § 14 allows the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase or eminent domain, any easement within the town for any municipal purpose. The statute requires Town Meeting to authorize and appropriate funds for the acquisition.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000.00 to fund FY2026 expenses of the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, as established by the vote under Article 29 of the May 28, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Mass General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄, said appropriation to be funded by fees received pursuant to the Town's cable licensing agreement and cable franchise agreement, with the fund to begin operation for FY2026 effective July 1, 2025, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

The Town voted in 2019 to accept M.G.L. c. 44, § 53F³/₄, which authorizes the Town to establish as separate revenue account known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and cable-related revenues. Moneys in the Fund may only be appropriated for cable-related expenses consistent with the franchise agreement, including, but not limited to: (i) support of public, educational, or governmental access ("PEG access") cable television services; (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with the franchise agreement; or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license.

replacement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Administrator)

Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the design services for the replacement of the Saint Paul Street bridge.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$275,000.00 for the replacement of the baler at the Recycling Center and any other related costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Administrator)

Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the replacement of the baler at the Recycling Center.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$57,965.00 for the replacement of the skid steer machine at the Recycling Center and any other related costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Administrator)

Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the replacement of one of the skid steer machines used at the Recycling Center.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of maintaining the flood dikes/levees and Lake Utiyutha dam

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$300,000.00 for pavement reconstruction, paving, and sidewalks on Residential Lane, Crestwood Drive, Federal Street, and Farm Street (from Summer St to Hop Brook Lane, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Public Works Director)

Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for road repair and reconstruction on Residential Lane, Crestwood Drive, Federal Street, and Farm Street (from Summer Street to Hop Brook Lane).

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of \$1,500,000.00 for the water meter replacement program including the upgrade of the water meter software and any other related costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Public Works Director)

Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the water meter replacement throughout Town. This replacement would also include the upgrade of the software to integrate with the new meter system.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 110, the Town's Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance bylaw, where strikethrough text indicates deletions and bolded text indicates new text to be inserted, as follows:

§ 110-1. Purpose.

~~CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (CPESC)~~

A certified specialist in soil erosion and sediment control. This certification program, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, provides the public with evidence of professional qualifications.

~~CLEARING~~

~~Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.~~

~~CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MATERIALS~~

~~Excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality.~~

~~EROSION~~

~~The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.~~

~~EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN~~

~~A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction-related land disturbance activities.~~

~~ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS~~

~~Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).~~

~~ILLICIT CONNECTION~~

~~A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the~~

concern. ~~including rare plant or animal species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special~~

~~MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY~~

~~The policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act MGL c. 131, § 40, and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act MGL c. 21, § 23 through 56. The policy addresses impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.~~

~~MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) OR MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM~~

~~The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Blackstone.~~

~~PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES~~

~~Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.~~

~~RUNOFF~~

~~Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.~~

~~STABILIZATION~~

~~The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods to prevent or retard erosion.~~

~~STORMWATER~~

~~Snowmelt runoff, surface water runoff and drainage.~~

This chapter is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

§ 110-4. Applicability; exemptions.

This chapter shall apply to:

- A. The Town's municipal separate stormwater sewer system as follows:
- (1) Illicit discharges. No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-**stormwater** discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the commonwealth.
 - (2) Illicit connections. No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.
 - (3) Obstruction of municipal storm drain system. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the ~~Director~~ **Superintendent** of Public Works.
 - (4) The following non-**stormwater** discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non-**stormwater** discharges, provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:
 - (a) Waterline flushing;
 - (b) Flow from potable water sources;
 - (c) Springs;
 - (d) Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
 - (e) Diverted stream flow;
 - (f) Rising groundwater;
 - (g) Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;

Superintendent of Public Works as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

B. Land disturbance activities as follows:

- (1) All activities that result in the disturbance of land whose actual dimensions of disturbance total 20,000 or more square feet, or are part of a **larger common plan of development or** phased plan that will ultimately result in disturbance of 20,000 or more square feet and that are associated with a building permit or driveway permit.
- (2) Except as authorized by the Planning Board in a land disturbance permit or as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall perform any activity that results in disturbance of 20,000 square feet or more of land. Disturbance shall be construed to mean the removal of vegetation, mineral substances or other natural or man-made materials that exposes loose soil, making it vulnerable to erosion.

C. The following activities are exempt from the requirement to obtain a separate land disturbance permit:

- (1) ~~(1)~~ Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use, as defined by ~~MGL c. 128, §1A~~ **the Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.04.**
- (2) **Normal maintenance of Town owned public land, ways and appurtenances.**
- (3) **Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas appurtenant to a single family dwelling.**
- (4) **Repair or replacement of an existing roof of a single family dwelling.**
- (5) **Construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns.**
- (6) ~~(2)~~ Stormwater discharges that demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts

disturbance. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Building Inspector or other agent that may be designated, in writing, by the Planning Board.

- C. Rules and regulations. The ~~Director~~ **Superintendent** of Public Works and the Planning Board may each adopt and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Failure to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this chapter. The Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Health shall ensure that their rules and regulations require compliance with the purposes of this section for projects that are within their jurisdiction and exempt from the permitting provisions of this section.
- D. Waiver. The ~~Director~~ **Superintendent** of Public Works and the Planning Board may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this chapter under their jurisdiction or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity, where such action:
 - (1) Is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations;
 - (2) Is in the public interest, and
 - (3) Is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this chapter.

§ 110-6. Land disturbance permit procedure.

- A. Application. A completed application for a land disturbance permit shall be filed with the Planning Board. A permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of land-disturbing activity that may result in the disturbance of an area of 20,000 square feet or more. The land disturbance permit application package shall include: **the items detailed in the Stormwater Rules and Regulations.**
 - ~~(1) A completed application form with original signatures of all owners.~~
 - ~~(2) Seven copies of the erosion and sediment control plan as specified in § 110-7 of this chapter.~~
 - ~~(3) One copy of the application form to be filed with the Town Clerk by the Planning Board.~~

granted by the applicant. Failure to provide comments within the specified time shall be interpreted as no opposition to the application. Each Board and Commission may delegate sign-off authority to its chairman or other designated member.

D. Information requests. The applicant shall submit all additional information requested by the Planning Board as said Planning Board shall deem necessary in order for it to issue a decision on the application.

E. Action by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may:

- (1) Approve the land disturbance permit application and issue a permit if it finds that the ~~proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and~~ **performance standards and requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations have been met.**
- (2) Approve the land disturbance permit application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Planning Board determines are required to ensure that the ~~proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives~~ **performance standards and requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations are met.**
- (3) Disapprove the land disturbance permit application and deny the permit if it finds that the ~~proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives~~ **performance standards and requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations have not been met.**
- (4) **Disapprove the land disturbance permit application “without prejudice” where an applicant fails to provide requested additional information or review fees that in the Planning Board’s opinion are needed to adequately describe or review the proposed project.**

F. Failure of the Planning Board to take one of the above-referenced three actions upon an application within 45 ~~90~~ days of receipt of a completed application shall be deemed an approval of said application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without the Planning Board's action, the land disturbance permit shall be issued

activities, the Planning Board may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving any such change or alteration.

§ 110-7. Erosion and sediment control plan.

A. The erosion and sediment control plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed erosion and sedimentation controls. The applicant shall submit such material and information as the Planning Board shall deem necessary to show that the proposed development will comply with the design requirements listed in Subsection B below **and the Stormwater Rules and Regulations.**

B. **The Erosion and sediment control plan shall be submitted showing the location of all proposed erosion and sedimentation control measures, and such other information as required by the Planning Board. Applications shall provide construction details for all proposed erosion and sedimentation controls. The plan shall be designed in accordance with the Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas, the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Handbook, and if applicable, the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities. The plan shall ensure that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) are met.** ~~The design requirements of the erosion and sediment control plan shall:~~

~~(1) Minimize the total area of disturbance;~~

~~(2) Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance;~~

~~(3) Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy;~~

~~(4) Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction, provided that prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control;~~

habitats of rare species from the proposed activities;

~~(12) Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures, which shall be instituted on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site;~~

~~(13) Properly manage on-site construction and waste materials; and~~

~~(14) Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.~~

C. Unless waived by the Planning Board, plans must be stamped and certified by a qualified professional engineer registered in Massachusetts or a certified professional in erosion and sediment control. ~~Erosion and sedimentation control plan content.~~

~~(1) The Plan shall contain the following information:~~

~~(a) Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the owner, applicant, and person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plan;~~

~~(b) Title, date, North arrow, names of abutters, scale, legend, and locus map;~~

~~(c) Location and description of natural features, including:~~

~~[1] Watercourses and water bodies, wetland resource areas and all floodplain information, including the one hundred year flood elevation based upon the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, or as calculated by a professional engineer for areas not assessed on these maps;~~

~~[2] Existing vegetation, including tree lines, canopy layer, shrub layer, and ground cover, and trees with a caliper 12 inches or larger, noting specimen trees and forest communities; and~~

~~[3] Habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as endangered, threatened or of special concern, estimated habitats of rare wildlife and certified vernal pools, and priority habitats of rare species within 500 feet of any construction activity;~~

- ~~(k) Location and description of industrial discharges, including discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants, which are covered by this permit;~~
- ~~(l) Runoff calculations in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Management Policy;~~
- ~~(m) Location and description of and implementation schedule for temporary and permanent seeding, vegetative controls, and other stabilization measures;~~
- ~~(n) A description of construction and waste materials expected to be stored onsite. The plan shall include a description of controls to reduce pollutants from these materials, including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to weather and persons, and spill prevention and response;~~
- ~~(o) A description of provisions for phasing the project where one acre or greater is to be altered or disturbed;~~
- ~~(p) Unless waived by the Planning Board, plans must be stamped and certified by a qualified professional engineer registered in Massachusetts or a certified professional in erosion and sediment control; and~~
- ~~(q) Such other information as is required by the Planning Board.~~

D. ~~(2)~~ The Planning Board shall have the authority to waive one or more of the above requirements when it deems it to be in the best interest of the Town to do so based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity and upon a finding that the intent of this section is still achieved.

§ 110-8. Inspection and site supervision.

- A. Pre-construction meeting. Prior to starting clearing, excavation, construction, or land-disturbing activity, the applicant, the applicant's technical representative, the general contractor or any other person with authority to make changes to the project shall meet with the Planning Board, or its designated agent, to review the permitted plans and their implementation, the requirements of this chapter and the schedule of required inspections.
- B. Board inspection.

- (2) The Planning Board will make every effort to complete the required inspections as soon as possible following a request. Also, based on the scale, nature and location of the permitted activity, the Planning Board may combine or reduce the number of inspections required as it may deem appropriate.
- C. Permittee inspections. The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports of such inspections to the Planning Board or its designated agent in a format approved by the Planning Board.
- D. Access permission. To the fullest extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Planning Board, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this chapter and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Planning Board deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

§ 110-9. Surety.

Prior to the start of land disturbance activity, the Planning Board may require the permittee to post a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other acceptable form of performance security. The form of the security shall be approved by Town Counsel, and shall be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Planning Board to ensure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Planning Board may release part of the security as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit, but the security shall not be fully released until the Planning Board has received the final report as required by § 110-10 and issued a certificate of completion.

- (2) If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, in the event the violator or property owner fails to promptly abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town may, at its option, undertake such work as may be necessary to abate or remediate such violation, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town's expenses.
 - (3) Within 30 days after the Town's completion of all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town, including administrative costs in furtherance of such abatement and remediation. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of such costs with the Planning Board within 30 days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within 30 days following a decision of the Planning Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction confirming such costs, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 40, § 57, Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in MGL c. 59, § 57, after the 31st day following the day on which the costs became due.
- C. Criminal penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues unabated shall constitute a separate offense for the purposes of this section.
- D. Noncriminal disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the noncriminal disposition procedure set forth in MGL c. 40, § 21D,

and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this chapter.

§ 110-13. Severability.

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this chapter shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Public Works Director)
2/3rds Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would modify the Town's bylaw to update the Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$100,00.00 for two police vehicles and any other related costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Chief)
Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for two new police vehicles. There is a need to decommission several vehicles within the department due to the difficulty to maintain and could potentially jeopardize public safety if use continues.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-2, Administration and enforcement; site plan review; violations and penalties., Subsection C. (2), of the Zoning Bylaw by changing the number "45" to "65", referring to the number of days within

total amount that may be spent from the revolving fund.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of webpage creation and migration and any related work, at the Blackstone Public Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the Library to create a new webpage and migrate information from the current site. The current webpage host has notified the Library that they will no longer be in service so a new vendor is needed.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with M.G.L. c. 203C, the “Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

The FY2024 State Budget amended the Trust Fund law to add a local option change to the standards for the investment of trust funds in municipalities. Amended M.G.L. c. 44, § 54 now includes a local acceptance provision that allows investment in accordance with the “Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act” (M.G.L. c. 203C), which allows for a broader range of investments, than are otherwise allowed under the trust fund law, which are limited.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$40,185.00 for an upgrade to the fire alarm signal box located in the fire department dispatch center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

hawker and peddler, owner or operator of public conveyance, dealer of secondhand articles, ice cream truck vendor. At the time of fingerprinting, the Police Department shall notify the individual fingerprinted that the fingerprints will be used to check the individual's FBI criminal history records.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
2/3rds Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would remove the requirement of a CORI check be performed when issuing both Annual and One-Time Mobile Food Establishment Permits for food trucks. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts performs a CORI check as a requirement for businesses seeking a Hawker and Peddler license; the Town’s requirement of this is redundant.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of \$200,000.00 for the purpose of design, purchase and installation of lighting at Roosevelt Park, and any other related work and/or improvements at Roosevelt Park, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for the design services, purchase, and installation of lighting at Roosevelt Park and other related work. This field and park are the predominant location for the majority of the Town’s events and is seeing increased usage. Any leftover funds from the completion of this project could be used for other necessary repairs and improvements in the park.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5,

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$250,000.00 as the Town's investment into the State Retiree Benefit Trust Fund ("SRBT Fund"), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

The State Retiree Benefit Trust Fund (SRBTF) is an investment vehicle established by Massachusetts law that enables government entities of the Commonwealth to invest funds set aside to fulfill other-post-employment-benefits (OPEB) for retirees such as healthcare or dental coverage in retirement.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

Stabilization funds are in the nature of rainy-day funds typically used for unforeseen or high-cost expenditures, because a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required to later transfer money out of such funds.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 22 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting to allow the appropriated but unexpended balance of \$105,902.65 to be repurposed from the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying Elm St over Quickstream to the rehabilitation of the bridge/culvert on Elm St and any other related site work, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required (2/3rds Vote Required for Borrowing)

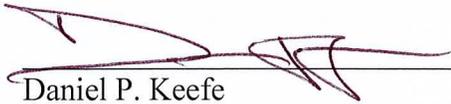
Article Summary:

This article would repurpose the remaining funds from Article 22 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

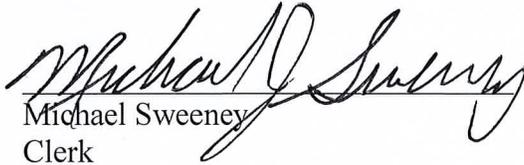
ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the properties recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds as Book 10482, Page 0376, containing 3.79 acres, more or less, and Book 9817, Page 0319 containing 31.00 acres, more or less, from the current municipal custodian to the parks and rec commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes. Furthermore, authorizing the respective governmental bodies to execute any agreements, instruments or take any action in relation thereto ensure protection under the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

(Citizens Petition)
2/3rds Vote Required

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Acting Chairman


Mary Bulso
Member


Michael Sweeney
Clerk

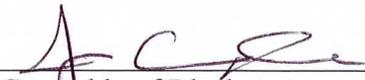

Tanya Mourato Polak
Member

A true copy attest:


Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 26th day of March 2025 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Constable of Blackstone