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BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS





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Joseph J. Boulet, Council on Aging 2006-2007
William J. Thibault, Board of Selectmen 1988-1991,
Ad Hoc Committee to Study Solid Waste Management 1988, Charter Commission 1996

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OF THE
TOWN OF OFFICERS
OF THE

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS



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THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845
COUNTY: Worcester
POPULATION: 8,883
ELEVATION: 200' to 490' above sea level

The topography ranges in elevation of 200' in the Elm and Mendon Streets areas to 490' above sea level on "Southwick Hill" off Milk Street. Several brooks and rivers flow through to also scattered ponds. The Blackstone River flows through the Southwest portion of Town.

ABUTTING TOWNS: Bellingham, Mendon, Millville, Massachusetts and North Smithfield and Woonsocket, RI DISTANCE: approximately 37 miles (southwest of Boston) approximately 30 miles (from Worcester) approximately 22 miles (north of Providence) NEAREST DISTRICT COURT: Rte. 122 Uxbridge, Mass. REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES: offices in Milford, N. Attleboro & Worcester, MA. FY 2010 TAX RATE: \$14.05. FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Town Meeting, 5 Member Board of Selectmen, appointed Town Administrator. NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO: (local) WNRI (1380), WWON (1240) both in Woonsocket, RI; The Blackstone Enlightner, a monthly newspaper published in Blackstone; The Woonsocket Call, a daily newspaper published in Woonsocket; Local cable access; The Milford Daily News, a daily newspaper published in Milford; The Blackstone Valley Tribune, a weekly published in Northbridge, Massachusetts. MEDICAL FACILITIES: Landmark Medical Center-Woonsocket Unit, Cass Ave., Woonsocket, RI & Fogarty Unit, Rte. 146, North Smithfield, RI; Milford Hospital, Rte, 140, Milford, MA CHURCHES: (LOCAL) St. Paul's Church, St. Paul St.; St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Rathbun St.; Christ Community Church, Church St.

HOUSING

There are approximately 3,380 housing units in Blackstone. The Blackstone Housing Authority directs Fox Brook Manor, a developed Housing structure 56 units for the elderly. The Blackstone Housing Corporation, a non-profit group similar to the Housing Authority directs the elderly and handicapped complex containing 48 units at the Joseph D. Early Village on Blackstone Street.

ORGANIZATIONS

Blackstone offers its residents a variety of Civic Organizations. Many are political, religious, recreational, or service oriented. In addition, there are those that cater to primarily senior citizens or area youth.

Most of these groups often have articles published in local newspapers, which relate their activities and also make mention of time and place when future meetings will be held.

Listed are below are several civic organizations. Information on Church organizations may be obtained by contacting each Church rectory.

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 17
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Blackstone Police Youth Center Association
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts of America
Brownies
Girl Scouts of America
Democratic Town Committee
Republican Town Committee
Lion's Club
Senior Citizens Drop-In Center
B-M Music Association
Blackstone-Millville Youth Baseball
Blackstone-Millville Athletic, (BMAA), Inc.
Farm League
Men's Basketball League
Blackstone Rod & Gun Club
Youth Basketball League
Blackstone Housing Authority
Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club

Roster of Elected Officials 2010

Position	Name
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena B
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	GILBERT, ROBERT A
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	WHITELEY, CAROLE A
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	OLIVEIRA, LISA
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	ROBIN, DIANE C
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	ELDRIDGE, JOHN J
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	BUCKLEY, MICHAEL J
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	SINGLETON, CHARLES K
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	LESPERANCE, ANN M
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	TRINGALI, STEVEN J
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	ROBINSON, CATHERINE A
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KELLENBERGER, GARY
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	TELLIER, ADAM PETE
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	MORIN, LYNN J
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	DRAINVILLE, ROBERT A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	MORIN, ARTHUR E, JR
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	GAUTREAU, JOAN A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HANRATTY, CHESTER P
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	FINN, GERALD M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PETERSON, MICHAEL D
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	SWIFT METCALF, ROBERT
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	INTINARELLI, MITCHELL A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PEDERSEN, KENNETH M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HARVEY, E KEVIN
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	LAVIN, JOHN C, III
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	YITTS, ANTHONY M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BAKER, DANIEL L
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PONTES, WILLIAM J
COLLECTOR TREASURER	WARREN, DIANE A
CONSTABLE	RIVET, RYE
CONSTABLE	KOSIOR, EMIL J
CONSTABLE	STONE, FREDERICK J
CONSTABLE	BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E
CONSTABLE	MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL A
HEALTH/BOARD OF	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, PETER C, SR
HEALTH/BOARD OF	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MODERATOR	STONE, FREDERICK J
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	COX, DONALD C
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LAREN, JAMES A
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	SERGI, KAREN A
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	MARTINELLI, PAUL J, SR
PLANNING BOARD	RIVET, GERALD P
PLANNING BOARD	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
PLANNING BOARD	KERTTULA, KEVIN E

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Position	Name
PLANNING BOARD	VAN DYKE, KIRK
PLANNING BOARD	MARVELLE, PAUL E
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	PERREault, CONSTANCE D
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	SAWYER, CHARLES J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	MARCHAND, JOSEPH
TOWN CLERK	STAPLES, MARIANNE E

Roster of appointed officials

Position	Name
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	GOMES, RANDALL M
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	LANDRY, PETER L
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	SAWYER, CHARLES J
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
B M REG DIST SCH/D-COUNSL	GOULD, HAROLD D JR
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	BERGERON, NORMAND A
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	MERCIER, PAUL E
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	MULLER, PAUL
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	ANDREWS, MARK J
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	BOUVIER, ERIC R
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	FOX, EDWARD V
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	GAUTREAU, RONALD P
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	SULLIVAN, CHARLES F, JR
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	KEEFE, ROBERT A
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	VIEIRA, THOMAS G
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS M
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	SERGI, GEORGE J
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	GIGUERE, RODNEY R
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	MINER, JACALYN G
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	GILCHRIST, MARYLEE
BURIAL AGENT	STAPLES, MARIANNE E
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	KELLETT, JAMES E
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	NOBLE, CYNTHIA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	CARTIER, FRANCIS E
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	CARTIER, LESLIE A
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	KUBASKA, DAVID
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	WALSH, WILLIAM T
C M R P C/DELEGATE	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, EVELYN
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WARREN, DIANE A
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	KERTTULA, KEVIN
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARVELLE, PAUL E
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, JOSEPH

Roster of appointed officials

Position	Name
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/DEPUTY	TARTAGLIA, RICHARD
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	TARTAGLIA, RICHARD
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER	L'ETALIEN, STEPHANIE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, JAMES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PITLER, JAMES P
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	HEISELMEYER, TAMARA M
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	BRITA, LISA M
COUNCIL ON AGING	GRUMBACH, HELEN M
COUNCIL ON AGING	
COUNCIL ON AGING	DILIBERO, JAMES
COUNCIL ON AGING	SUSS, DORIS
COUNCIL ON AGING	CLIFFORD, DOROTHY
COUNCIL ON AGING	COLLIN, JUDITH C
COUNCIL ON AGING	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR
CULTURAL COUNCIL	MARCOUX, CYNTHIA
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PISANI, WARREN M
CULTURAL COUNCIL	HENNEDY, JANE M
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ARNOLD, RUSSELL P
CULTURAL COUNCIL	COTE, DANIEL
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	WILSON, BRUCE E
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	MANCINI, DAVID
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	COTNOIR, DENIS
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	LOVEJOY, DANA
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	POIRIER, MARK
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	POIRIER, MARK
FINANCE COMMITTEE	CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WELLS, RUSSELL L, SR
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
FINANCE COMMITTEE	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, EVELYN
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ENSKO, NICHOLAS
FINANCE COMMITTEE	FORGET, NORMAND E JR
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BERGERON, NORMAND
FIRE CHIEF/FORREST WARDEN	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
HEALTH AGENT	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HEALTH INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WESTBERG, DONALD J
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEACON, JESSE E
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	GILLIS, KELLY L
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	POWERS, CAROLYN
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR

Roster of appointed officials

Position	Name
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	SANTOS, SHARON
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	WERNER, CHARLES H, JR
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	ARSENAULT, HUBERT
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	PELOQUIN, KIMBERLY D
INSPECTOR OF BLDG/ASST	VATER, EARL J
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	LEPORE, JULIE
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	JALBERT, WADE J
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	HEMPHILL, LINDA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
MEAT INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SULLIVAN, JAMES
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ELDRIDGE, JOHN J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	JACOB, PAUL
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	PATERSON, DONALD
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MARK N
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
MILK INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MUNICIPAL INSP/BLDG COMM	LECLAIR, STUART
PARKING CLERK	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
PLANNING BOARD/ASSOC MEMBER	WESTBERG, DONALD J
PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR	WALSH, WILLIAM T
POLICE MATRON	WEBER, BETTINA A
POLICE MATRON	FARRINGTON, SANDRA M
POLICE MATRON	ALLARD, AMY F
POLICE/CHIEF OF	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
POLICE/LIEUTENANT	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HOLLAND, JOSHUA M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	MOWRY, WAYNE D
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	GIARDINO, DANIEL C
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUIS, KEVIN
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	MANTONI, MATTHEW S

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Position	Name
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HURWITZ, MAXWELL
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/SERGEANT	RYAN, RICHARD A
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	GREENWALD, MARC J V
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	MERCIER, SUZANNE M
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	STAPLES, MARIANNE E
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	JALBERT, HEIDI A
STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	ANTONELLIS, CATHERINE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	ENGLUND, MAUREEN
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/INTERIM	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
TOWN COUNSEL	COSTELLO, PATRICK J
TOWN COUNSEL/ASST	CARUSO-MUNOZ, JENA
TREE WARDEN/MOTH SUPT	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	PERREAULT, CONSTANCE D
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	COSTELLO, PATRICK
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	VACANT
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	DOLINSKI, ALLAN J
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, JOSEPH
VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF	GREENHALGH, ROBERT W
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	KLUCHEVITZ, ROBERT J
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PATERSON, R BRUCE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PARMENTIER, JOHN
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	BOYKO, PAULETTE E
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	CATALANO, MICHAEL
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MCDERMOTT, CYNTHIA G
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE	BOUSQUET, JESSE J
WIRING INSPECTOR	RAY, LAWRENCE I, JR
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	ETHIER, ROMEO G
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	MARVELLE, PAUL E
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	JOLICOEUR, GARY A
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	PITLER, JAMES P
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	THERRIEN, JOHN H
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	MILLER, WENDY M
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	GREGOIRE, MARC
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	BELROSE, JOSEPH

OFFICIALS WHO RESIGNED IN 2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>
Cyndee J. Marcoux	Librarian	May 10, 2010
Bruce E. Wilson	Water & Sewer Comm.	May 12, 2010
Gary James DelGizzi	Parks & Recreation	July 2, 2010
Jeffrey P. Highcove	Parks & Recreation	July 20, 2010
Adam R. Rollins	Police Department	August 11, 2010
Jeanie Pytel	Asst. Town Accountant	September 10, 2010
Marylee Gilchrist	Blk. Housing Authority	October 4, 2010
Lynn M. Landry	BMR Dist. School Comm.	October 15, 2010
Daniel Gagnon	Council on Aging	October 28, 2010
Jesse J. Bousquet, Jr.	Conservation Commission	October 25, 2010
Denise J. Delaney	Memorial Day Parade Com.	December 3, 2010
Kenneth M. Bianchi	Town Administrator	December 8, 2010

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 2010 was one in which the Town of Blackstone once again experienced a reduction in local aid. The Board submitted a budget with a 5% reduction across the board. In spite of this, we were able to reorganize our Municipal staff structure as recommended by our auditors. Some of the changes involved the restoration of a full time secretary for Inspectional Services and the Board of Health. In addition, positions were restored in the Collector/Treasurer's office, and a new Assistant Town Accountant was hired. Additional help for the collection of outstanding water and sewer fees was also implemented. The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Bruce Wilson as the new Highway Water and Sewer Superintendent, replacing the retired Thomas F. Devlin. Mr. Devlin served the Town for many years and we wish him the very best. In April, the Board welcomed new Selectmen John F. Wozniak. Selectmen Wozniak is a local attorney who we believe will be objective and decisive in his decisions regarding the Town.

The Board successfully accomplished many projects in 2010. The Industrial Development Commission and Cable Access Commissions were reestablished, along with the Emergency Management Team, with the appointment of Mark Poirier as Director of Operations. We supported and improved the Blackstone Valley Recycling Center with the purchase of a new compactor baler. The Board also settled four union contracts (to expire in 2013), with a town vote referendum. In addition, the Board settled the Fire Department's contract, which will restructure manpower with Town Meeting approval. Through the efforts of the Department of Public Works lead foreman James Sullivan, the drainage and paving were completed in the problem areas of Farm Street and Blackstone Street. All in-house work completed by the Department of Public Works saved the Town a great deal of money. Paving on Federal Street and upper portions of Elm Street and Blackstone Street was also completed. I would like to extend a special acknowledgement to Selectman Charles Sawyer, who worked endlessly with the Onyx Corporation to pursue the design and preparation of the future installation of well #8. This well is the future of this town's water supply quantity and quality. Selectman Sawyer was also instrumental in working with the company regarding the installation of over one mile of new water mains. This procedure will increase our water pressure on Edgewater Drive, Castle Hill, and Main Street and up to the High Rocks section of Town. Selectmen Sawyer and the Board also worked with Onyx Corporation to install a new sewer line for the new development at the old railroad bed connecting to Main Street. Because of this infrastructure improvement, The Hamlet (an over 55 development) was able to connect to the Onyx. If not for this effort, the residents of The Hamlet would still be connected to their on-site septic system. The Board also carried out water improvement projects for well #4, #5, #6 and #7. We have solved the problem regarding the draw down of well #6, which was the Old Red Morse parcel. Confidence from residents has improved regarding the well's production. The inspection and flushing of all four water tanks was completed. The Town now has an inspection report for maintaining these tanks. The Board, with the cooperation of the School Department, implemented water saving improvements and roof repairs for the JFK and AFM elementary schools. In addition, we have supported a maintenance account for both schools. N. David Bouley was hired as the Town's grant writer. As this report is being written, a new CDBG economic and solar farm energy grant is being completed. Mr.

Wilson is presently working with the Charles River Watershed to improve the area in back of the Municipal Center.

In December, the Board accepted the resignation of Town Administrator, Kenneth M. Bianchi. He served the Town with great distinction for close to four years. We wish him and his family well and thank him for all that he has done to assist in making Blackstone a great Town.

I would like to commend two individuals who have been a great asset to the Board of Selectmen; Constance D. Perreault and Joseph Marchand. Both have always attended all scheduled meetings and have brought their expertise to the Board via research and knowledge. I believe that the Board has worked very well together given the very difficult issues at hand and differences of opinions. I want to thank them all for a very successful 2010; we have accomplished a great deal. In conclusion, we would like to thank all of those who volunteer their time to serve on various boards and commissions. Most of all, we would like to thank all department heads and employees for their service. It is only through their continued efforts that the Town of Blackstone is a great place to live.

THE BLACKSTONE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

Constance D. Perreault, Member

Charles J. Sawyer, Vice-Chairman

Joseph Marchand, Member

John M. Wozniak, Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2010, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court proceedings, attended meetings with and provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officers, boards and agencies on matters relating to municipal contracts/ agreements, leases/ real estate, zoning/building code enforcement, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, collective bargaining negotiations, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings and other general legal issues.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2010 to the present is set forth below.

Blackstone Smithfield Corporation v. Town of Blackstone, et al.

Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. WOCV2008-01211B

This Complaint in this case asserted two counts. The first is a Declaratory Judgment action filed by the Blackstone Smithfield Corporation in response to the Town's decision to discontinue the public water supply to the corporation's property located in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. On May 13, 2009, the Court issued a Decision allowing Blackstone Smithfield Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Declaratory Judgment count. According to the Court's Decision, the Town is obligated to provide water to the Blackstone Smithfield Corporation at "reasonable rates." The second count is for intentional interference with a contractual obligation and was asserted against the Town and the former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Court granted partial summary Judgment in the Town's favor on the tort claim, and the remaining claim as against the former Chair has since been voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff. The entry of final judgment in this matter has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the Town's negotiations with Blackstone Smithfield Corporation relative to a water service agreement.

Blackstone Board of Health v. Boulevard Collision, et al.

Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 2010-0834

This is an enforcement action filed by the Board of Health pursuant to G.L. c. 111, §122 and the Town of Blackstone Bylaws whereby the Board of Health is seeking an Order of the Court requiring the Defendants to comply with the Town's Cease and Desist Orders issued on October 30, 2009 and December 17, 2009. The Complaint was filed on April 14, 2010 and the Town thereafter filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction with the Court. The Court allowed the Town's Motion for Preliminary Injunction on September 23, 2010. The Defendant filed a Petition for Appellate Review of the Preliminary Injunction, which has been denied by the Appeals Court. We are awaiting the scheduling of a trial in this matter.

Cornell v. Zoning Board of Appeals et al.

Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 05-CV-2265B

This is an abutter's appeal of a Zoning Board of Appeals' decision denying revocation of a building permit and order to remove buildings located at Lot 48 Edgewater Drive. A trial was held in Worcester Superior Court on May 14-16, 2007. The Court issued a decision on July 21, 2008 requiring the structure erected on the property to be torn down. Michaud appealed this decision to the Appeals Court, arguments have been made, and we are currently awaiting a decision.

Einis v. Panning Board, et al.

Land Court, Misc. Case No. 265537

This is an appeal of the Planning Board's denial of a special permit for a back lot subdivision on Florence Drive. The Complaint was filed on July 31, 2000 and a Motion to Give This Matter Precedence was filed on May 1, 2002. This matter has been dormant since that time.

Marchand v. Town of Blackstone

Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. WOCV2005-01571

The Complaint in this action was filed on March 15, 2005 asserting a claim for damages as a result of the taking of a utility easement in and over the real property located at 25 Elm Street and property damage resulting from construction of public improvements relating to the taking. The *pro tanto* damage award tendered by the Town at the time of taking was rejected by the plaintiff, and no damages had been paid as of the date of trial. A jury trial in this matter was held on November 11-14, 2009 and the jury awarded the Plaintiff \$70,000 in aggregate damages. Upon filing of a Notice of Appeal by the Town, the case was settled in January 2010.

Pepin v. Planning Board

Land Court Case No. 08-MISC-381291

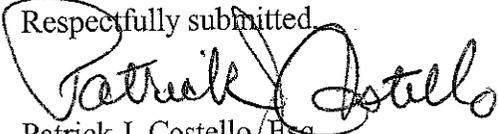
This is an abutter's action appealing the Planning Board's grant of a special permit to the property owner varying the number of parking spaces required by the Town of Blackstone Bylaws for operation of a commercially zoned property. A trial was held in this matter on July 20, 2010 and we are currently awaiting the Court's decision.

Richardson, et al. v. Town of Blackstone

Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 05-1952-C

This case involves claims by alleged former owner/interest holders to a damage award for the Town's December 9, 2003 eminent domain taking of property (2 parcels) located on Bellingham Street in Blackstone. A bench trial was held in this matter on October 14-15, 2009. The Court issued a decision in May, 2010 awarding the Plaintiffs a one-half interest in the property and \$125,000.00 in land damages. The Court did, however, state that the Judgment should be offset by the amount owed in outstanding real estate taxes due with respect to the property. Both parties have appealed this decision and the appeal is currently pending.

We are honored to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone, and we remain committed to providing the Town with high quality, cost-effective and timely legal advice and representation. We look forward to working with the Town Administrator, the Selectmen, and other officers, boards and agencies of the Town to secure and advance the interests of the Town in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Costello, Esq.
Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP
Town Counsel

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Superintendent of Schools

Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood

Superintendent's Office Staff

Donna M. Scungio, Office Manager

Tina M. Lacroix, Financial Assistant

Patricia A. Robinson, Secretary to the Superintendent

Jill A. Rondeau, Secretary to the Superintendent

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Blackstone Members

Michael J. Buckley

John J. Eldridge

Lisa C. Oliveira

Diane C. Robin, Assistant Treasurer

Term Expires

2014

2013

2012

2011

Millville Members

Charles K. Singleton, Chairperson

Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson

Catherine A. Robinson, Treasurer

Steven J. Tringali, Secretary

2012

2011

2014

2013

Assistant District Treasurer

Donna M. Scungio

District Counsel

Harold D. Gould, Jr., Esquire

The Chairperson, Charles K. Singleton, and Vice Chairperson, Ann M. Lesperance, were elected at the Committee Organizational Meeting held at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 8, 2010 in accordance with Section 1 (E) of the Agreement as amended.

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2010 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Community Members,

The Blackstone/Millville Regional School District remains extremely fortunate for the support and encouragement which is received from the citizens of both towns. All members of our school community strive to provide a high quality educational experience which our schools are highly recognized in providing for our students. This high caliber education would not be possible without the generous support by the members of both towns.

The District believes in and practices the following CORE values:

- Every member of our school community is treated with dignity and respect.
- All children have a right to a flexible, supportive, and responsive learning environment characterized by high expectations.
- All members of the school community are entitled to intellectual, physical and emotional safety.
- Every member of our school community is committed to professional collaboration and collegiality.

The focus of our District continues to be on curriculum and technology. Providing a course of study which meets the Massachusetts frameworks as set by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is the most important thing we do as educators.

As well, it is the responsibility of the District staff to prepare our students for the world they will enter as they leave our District. The integration of technology into our classrooms has been and continues to be a high priority in our District. We believe it is our duty as educators to prepare our students with the skills needed to compete in the twenty-first century.

During the past year the district growth was seen in the various energy conservation projects.

The high school installed new dual fuel burners. The purchase and installation of these burners was made possible as two grants were secured.

New lighting in the high school gymnasium was also partially funded through an energy grant.

Millville Elementary continues to be energy efficient as major energy saving measures were installed within the last several years. These include new lighting throughout the building, new burners as well as several other measures.

We are very proud of our students and of our staff. I would like to thank members of the District School Committee for their support as well as members of the two towns.

I hope you will read the following reports from the Principals and will be inspired to visit our schools to see the great teaching and learning which is going on for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood
Superintendent of Schools

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School

2010 Report of the Principal

The 2010 school year was highlighted by the June 4, 2010 Commencement Exercise. The one hundred thirty eight graduates along with friends and family basked in the beautiful early evening sun during the ceremony. Newly appointed Superintendent Kim Shaver-Hood presented the diplomas to the newly minted graduates. Class Valedictorian and President Ethan Hardy led the class along with the other class officers Vice President Ethan Budnick, Secretary Danielle Poirier and Treasurer Courtney Mercandante. The class of 2010 distinguished themselves academically with 88% of the graduates planning to further their education. Harvard, West Point and Rice University are among other the prestigious colleges and universities that the graduates will attend.

The Blackstone-Millville Regional Music Department had another banner year in 2010. The Marching Band performed in the Apple Blossom Parade in Washington D.C., received a Gold Medal at the State Marching Finals, placed 2nd at the New England Marching Band Championships and placed 2nd at the United States Scholastic Band Association Championships in Annapolis, Maryland. The Wind Ensemble took top honors at the Rhode Island Concert Band Festival receiving a Superior Award. The Jazz Band received a Gold Medal at the Central District Jazz Festival and a Silver Medal at the State Finals. The Winter Guard won their 4th consecutive NESBA Championships while the Winter Percussion Ensemble placed 2nd at the NESBA Championships.

The high school Student Council actively worked in the school and community during the school year. The council assisted the school's advisory group with the incoming freshman tours in August. The Homecoming dance and homecoming day athletic events were a highlight of the school year. The council ran a canned food drive, a hat and mittens drive and the school spirit week. The spirit week was capped off by the Pep Rally.

National Honor Society members actively promoted leadership during the school year. They provided volunteer work in the Blackstone Food Pantry, the Blackstone Nursing Home and the Verry Family Cemetery. The fourth annual Empty Bowls Dinner raised over \$1,000 dollars which was donated to the local food pantry. Additional activities of the NHS were the October Character Counts Week, Student Athlete Week and Honor Roll student recognition breakfasts.

BMR athletic teams continue to be strong competitors in the Dual Valley Conference. The girls' softball team competed in district tournament play. The boys' tennis team qualified for district tournament play for the first time. The track and field teams instructed by long time coach Kevin Maloney set multiple team and personal records. Both the girls and boys soccer teams also had strong seasons and qualified for district tournament play.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard Porter
Principal

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School

2010 Report of the Principal

We opened our doors on September 2, 2010 to mark the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

As of November 19, 2010 the student enrollment was 180 students in grade 6; 167 students in grade 7; 144 students in grade 8 for a total of 491 students.

F.W. Hartnett Middle School is proud to support a developmentally appropriate academic program for all students. Students in grade 6 are placed on teacher "teams". These teams explore core classes in the areas of Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies. Students also have exploratory classes in the areas of Study Skills, Developmental Guidance, Art, Physical Education, Technology Education, Library/ Media and Wellness on a rotational basis throughout the year. In addition, students have Reading and Math Skills. Band is an elective class.

Students in grade 7 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra, World History and Life Science. They also have exploratory classes in the areas of Physical Education, Art, Wellness, and Technology Education on a rotational basis throughout the year. In addition, students have Math Enrichment, Math Skills, Service Learning, Science/ Technology, Creative Writing and Virtual Middle School that they can elect along with band.

Students in grade 8 are enrolled in ELA, World History, Physical Science, Extended Algebra or Algebra. They have exploratory classes in the areas of Physical Education, Technology Education, Art and Wellness on a rotational basis. In addition, students have Science Technology, Math Skills, Virtual Middle School and Creative Writing. Students can also elect Chorus, Band or Jazz Band.

Students at the F.W. Hartnett Middle School engage in a number of community service projects through participation in Student Council, the National Junior Honor Society and Yearbook staff. The students also have opportunities to participate in BMR sports including soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country and track and field. HMS is proud to host its own Boys' and Girls' Cross Country and Basketball programs.

The PTO continues to be an incredibly hard working organization at our school. The group meets monthly and helps fund various activities throughout the year such as assemblies, honor roll breakfast and incentives, and the Scholastic Book Fair.

Our students are privileged to have dedicated teachers and staff working with them on a daily basis. We believe that all students deserve a quality education and we are committed to providing this for our students.

We offer sincere appreciation to the parents, our community, the School Committee and District Administration for their help and support of our students.

Mr. Warren White

Interim Principal

John F. Kennedy and Augustine F. Maloney Schools
2010 Principal's Report

648 students in kindergarten through grade 5 were welcomed on their first day of school, September 2, 2010 by 111 members of the faculty and staff at the Complex. For the first year, both the Kennedy and Maloney Schools are following the same time schedule, with the arrival of students at 8:40 and a 3:05 dismissal time.

The beginning of the school year brought a change in leadership to the Complex. Ms. Carol Costa was named new principal and Mr. John Staples was hired as the full-time assistant principal. Funding through the Federal government (Education Jobs Fund) enabled the Complex to hire a full time music teacher. This allowed for the scheduling of weekly Vocal Music classes for all students. A technology teacher was also hired and students K-5 receive technology instruction every other week. Title 1 funding led to the hiring of two reading teachers. As a result, the Complex was able to provide early intervention for Kindergarten and First Grade students and targeted reading instruction for identified students in grades three, four, and five.

With the support of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, Smart Boards are being installed in all first and second grade classrooms, joining those who have Smart Boards in grades 3, 4, and 5. This year all teachers are participating in a one-year math piloting program, Think Math! (School Specialty Math) or Math Expressions (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Teachers continue to participate in training sessions offered by both companies and an informed decision will be made at the conclusion of the school year. As a result of the anti-bullying legislation, a working committee comprised of the Superintendent, School Committee members, administrators, teachers and community members was formed. The result was a draft of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. The ultimate goal is one of prevention: to address and avert bullying.

Our commitment here at the Complex is to foster the growth of Professional Learning Communities. During this time teachers focus on student learning, while working collaboratively to support the growth of all students. Response to Intervention (RTI) time has been built into the daily schedule. This allows for targeted instruction for all students. National Honor Society students from the High School have volunteered their time to work with teachers and students during the scheduled RTI time. The adoption of the BMRSD Core Values (displayed throughout the Complex and on the schools' website) defines how we work and conduct ourselves.

The Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) is acknowledged and thanked for their continued support of our students. This dedicated group of volunteers, led by President Kerri Olson, continues to provide our students with enrichment programs and extracurricular clubs. On any given day parent volunteers are found in classrooms supporting our teachers and students. BEPO is instrumental in organizing our volunteers and activities for students and cannot be thanked enough for their efforts.

Finally, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Superintendent, Ms. Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood and the School Committee for their leadership and support. It is an honor to have been chosen as Principal here at the Complex. I look forward to building a collegial relationship with the community of Blackstone.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Costa, Principal

Millville Elementary School
2010 Report of the Principal

Millville Elementary School proudly opened its doors for the eighteenth year on September 2nd, 2010, welcoming 322 students in grades preschool through five. On the heels of last year's successful implementation of full-day kindergarten, this year the district expanded its preschool program. Parents of four year-old students may now opt for the traditional two half-day per week program, or the expanded four half-day offering. Nearly 85% of our four year olds currently attend preschool four half-days per week.

This year the district adopted Core Values. These are beliefs and assumptions that are central to our mission. Our Core Values are 1.) Every member of our school community is treated with dignity and respect. 2.) All children have a right to a flexible, supportive, and responsive learning environment characterized by high expectations. 3.) All members of the school community are entitled to intellectual, physical and emotional safety. 4.) Every member of our school community is committed to professional collaboration and collegiality.

Millville Elementary School is committed to the concept of Professional Learning Communities. This is a method of working collegially to analyze student work and to provide interventions that are specific to the needs of individual students.

Our students were very successful on the Spring, 2010, MCAS test. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 took the tests, and made "Adequate Yearly Progress" in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. The "Performance Rating" in ELA was "Very High" and in Math it was "High." Consequently, we are rated by the state as being "On Target" in our "Improvement Ratings."

Parents and community continue to be an integral part of our school. Volunteers help us through their regular assistance in classes, on special occasions, through projects, fundraising and by offering enriching activities. Due to the efforts the Millville Elementary School Parents Association, our students have opportunities for after school clubs and activities, field trips, special programs, and more. We appreciate the commitment, dedication and support Millville families offer our school each day.

We remain grateful to the Millville Board of Selectmen for their continued efforts to resolve the drinking water issues at the school.

Our students continue to thrive under the leadership of Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Shaver-Hood and the District School Committee, chaired by Mr. Charles Singleton. The community's continued support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Tetreault, Principal

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Curriculum and Professional Development
2010 Annual Report

The Curriculum and Professional Development Office adheres to the district's core values and works diligently to meet our fundamental objective, which is to improve student academic achievement. To achieve that objective we must manage the complex task of meeting the diverse academic, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students. Meeting those needs each year is an ongoing challenge and success relies upon the collective efforts of school staff, parents, and the community. It takes a talented and dedicated staff to ensure that each of our students experience success at school daily, and to ensure that we are preparing them to be successful life-long learners. Educators in Blackstone-Millville are eager to participate in a wide range of rigorous, high quality professional development opportunities that strengthen their understanding of current research about teaching and learning and that encourages them to implement those research-based instructional strategies into their classroom practice. Support from parents and family is a vital component in the educational process. We acknowledge and value their support and involvement in the education of their children. We also recognize the key role the communities of Blackstone and Millville play in educating our children when they demonstrate pride and support for the schools and for the many accomplishments of our students.

The curricula for every grade level are well established and are reviewed and revised by teaching staff on a regular schedule. The curricula not only teach children the basics, but also how to think critically and creatively. The instructional program in the district features a broad array of course offerings, including honors and advanced placement courses, as well as a special education program to meet the range of needs of our students. The district also employs an experienced team of specialized school personnel who provide essential support services to meet the needs of students and families.

The demand for change and improvement in schools is increasing as specific requirements included in the federal *No Child Left Behind* law mandate increased student academic achievement each year. To help meet these achievement goals, the district has focused attention on curriculum and professional development. The focus on curriculum is to ensure that the district's curriculum is rigorous and aligned with the state's Curriculum Frameworks. The school district implemented a new reading program in the elementary grades and a new math program at the middle school within the past two years. As these programs become fully integrated into our schools, the district is looking carefully at student performance data results from these new programs. To ensure that our teachers and students in the elementary grades have the necessary tools and resources to continue to increase student achievement in math, the elementary teachers are exploring new and updated math programs this year that are rigorous and research-based. The use of technology to support teaching and learning in our classrooms continues to be a priority. Technology provides our students access to and engagement with content and resources that are only available electronically.

Research shows that professional development is an essential component of effective curriculum and instruction and that there is a direct correlation to improved student achievement. The district's focus on professional development encourages our teachers to participate in training to continue to strengthen their content knowledge and to develop a deeper understanding of those instructional strategies that will improve student academic achievement. Teachers attended training on a wide variety of topics including Professional Learning Communities, 21st Century Skills, Bully Prevention, Psycho-Social Issues, Math Coaching, Observation and Evaluation, Online Learning, SmartBoards, Streaming Video, etc.

Our goal is to work collaboratively with teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, and members of the community to maximize student success and achievement in our schools and to develop our students into knowledgeable and productive citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Tessier
Curriculum Consultant

Technology Department
2010 Report

The year 2010 saw several enhancements and improvements in the educational technology department of the Regional School District.

First of all, in the area of network operations, the district upgraded their Internet access bandwidth from T1 lines to cable modems in each of the 5 schools. Speeds of 16Mbps/5Mbps replaced the slower 1.54 Mbps of prior years. Each school has a direct cable connection to the Internet and each is part of the wide area network covering the district.

Secondly, in the area of classroom technology, SmartBoard presentation set-ups were installed in 14 high school classrooms and each Grade 5, grade 4 and Grade 3 classroom in both towns. These allow for more diverse instruction, with multi-media capabilities. Training and support for the teachers was provided in small classes year-round and in a summer workshop. Computer workstation upgrades occurred at Hartnett Middle School and the Regional High School. The district also purchased its first Apple iPads.

Thirdly, in the area of staffing the district was able to restore an elementary technology integration specialist position allowing all students in grades K-5 to once again have regular, scheduled classes in computer basics and computer applications.

Fourthly, professional development was the focus of a Summer PD Institute in August 2010 which held classes in Discovery Education Streaming Video, SmartBoard use, the Moodle classroom management program and the Houghton-Mifflin Reading Series in use in grades K-6 in the district.

Other developments include the district's first use of a mass, automated telephone calling system called OneCallNow, utilized at no cost to the district due to our membership in the French River Education Collaborative. Also, the X2 student information system software enabled us to generate elementary report cards with grade entry occurring on-line, full gradebook application use by our secondary level teachers and a very popular parent portal with 690 parent accounts currently in use. The technology department also assisted in the implementation of the NutriKids POS cafeteria software in use in all schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford A. Monroe

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report

Avenue to the Future - Pointing the Way

Students find opportunity at Valley Tech, where their career path to a potentially bright future begins.

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, which receives continuing support from its thoughtful partners in households and workplaces, firmly believes today's youth can meet or exceed the expectations and demands this century will present. Valley Tech prides itself on being a system that, despite its successes, undergoes constant evaluation and demonstrates a willingness to adjust and improve.

Valley Tech students, staff, and administrators advanced their record of noteworthy accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) and this report highlights that value-added aspect of the Valley Tech experience.

As the nationwide economic recession continued to affect the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during FY10, Valley Tech officials reduced expenditures while protecting our hallmark high quality vocational-technical education for our increasing student population. In fact, Valley Tech's FY10 budget, unanimously approved by each of its 13 district member towns, reflected an overall increase of just 1.99 percent.

Your vocational-technical system is proud to hold your trust. Valley Tech provides a rigorous academic curriculum that integrates the competencies students gain from their sophisticated vocational-technical instruction.

Our Mission

To provide, in a safe learning environment, integrated academic and vocational-technical skills, empowering each student to achieve world-class educational excellence, diverse career opportunities, and individual success in an ever-changing global society.

Valley Tech offers employees and students equal opportunities without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, nature or status of residence, or disability.

Our District

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, proudly serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge.

A Letter from the Superintendent-Director

During my 16-year tenure as superintendent-director of Valley Tech, we have witnessed a dramatic transformation in vocational-technical education and the delivery of your nationally recognized system. We have also experienced unprecedented growth, in overall student population and in the methodology we employ to prepare students for a myriad of career pathways.

Our students face a literal world of competition for employment and we remain steadfast in our mission to prepare them for the challenges awaiting them. As a stakeholder of our District, the yearly financial commitment you make to your vocational-technical school supports the growing student body, and it provides substantial return on that investment with remarkable accomplishments.

Since 1993, Massachusetts has made great strides in education reform and students have reached levels of performance that equal or surpass those in most other states and even other countries. At Valley Tech, each successive class consistently raises the bar for those who follow. We know our stakeholders expect results, and we take great pride in the achievements of our students. We hope you do, too.

I am honored not only to serve as Superintendent-Director of Valley Tech, but to represent this system on the state and national level as well, in particular as the President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. As more practitioners come to understand the significant benefits of integrating vocational and life skill training with an academic curriculum, systems like Valley Tech are drawing greater attention. The rigorous practices implemented at high quality vocational-technical schools are now considered a model for all systems to incorporate in teaching.

During FY10, we once again responded to the demands of this District by increasing the overall student enrollment and establishing a post-secondary Licensed Practical Nursing program. To support all of our students with alternative educational opportunities, we remain committed to pursuing any non-taxpayer revenues available. These are some of the most difficult economic times for all of public education and we seek to reduce our member town assessments with creative and innovative methods.

We thank you for your interest in our 2010 Annual Report and hope that the prominence of your vocational-technical system earns your pride.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Valley Tech Opens Post-secondary LPN Program

Thinking ahead to ensure eligibility for as many funding sources as possible in the coming years, Valley Tech aggressively secured full approval of its post-secondary Licensed Practical Nurse program, which opened in the fall. The expedited application and approval process, achieved through impressive cooperation from officials of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), positioned Valley Tech for more state aid eligibility during Fiscal Year 2011.

“This important new Practical Nursing program will help to address the nursing shortage,” said JC Considine, spokesman for the DESE. “Staff from the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District worked diligently with Department staff to ensure a thorough, expedited review, and to secure approval of this program.”

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick said the “total team effort,” including DESE State Director of Career/Vocational Technical Education Jeffrey Wheeler and DESE district liaison David Edmonds, enabled Valley Tech to include the 22 enrolled post-secondary LPN students among the system’s Chapter 74 approved program offerings, in turn driving potential additional state assistance.

The program is under the direction of Kathleen Ashe, MSN, and in late FY10, Ms. Ashe and her staff were recruiting students for the second cohort of LPN students, slated to begin in January 2011.

Dr. Fitzpatrick lauded the cooperation and efforts of Valley Tech’s legislative representatives, Senators Richard Moore and Michael Moore, and Representatives Jennifer Callahan, John Fernandes, George Peterson, Paul Kujawski, and Paul Frost in positioning Valley Tech for grants and resources to support the tuition-based nursing program.

Students are doing their clinical studies at St. Camillus Health Center in Whitinsville, Beaumont Rehabilitation and Nursing of Northbridge, and the Geriatric Authority of Milford.

Students Respond to High Expectations

The accomplishments of our students reflect the Valley Tech commitment to learning:

- The Class of 2010 became the seventh class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests.
- For the third straight year, the maximum number of seniors from Valley Tech were declared eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, awarded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Elementary and

Secondary Education. The 70 seniors hit the threshold of the top 25 percent of the students in the District. The scholarship program was introduced by the Governor's

Test Date	Class YOG*	Math A/P*	Math NI/F*	ELA* A/P	ELA NI/F
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office and the DESE for the Class of 2005. Twenty members from that class at Valley Tech were eligible. The number of qualifiers rose to 37 for the Class of 2006, to 42 for the Class of 2007 and to the maximum 56 for the Class of 2008, and 70 for the Class of 2009.

- Students at Valley Tech realize the importance of finishing their secondary careers if they hope to find success in post-secondary institutions or in the workforce. They have consistently responded by remaining in school throughout their four years at Valley Tech. The school has one of the lowest dropout rates in the Commonwealth, according to statistics compiled by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. For the Class of 2009, Valley Tech had a 2.0 percent dropout rate, contrasted to the state average of 2.9 percent. Valley Tech was also among the leaders for the highest four-year graduation rate among district high schools. Valley Tech's graduation rate was 96.8 percent. The state average was 81.2 percent.
- The results from the spring 2009 administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests to members of the Class of 2011 showed that for the ninth straight year Valley Tech students made noteworthy gains in reaching proficiency on the MCAS. Federal legislation requires all students to reach Advanced or Proficient in mathematics and English language arts by 2014. Eighty-four percent in math and 86 percent in English reached that level on the first attempt in Valley Tech's Class of 2011. The data reflected a six percent increase in math and seven percent increase in English proficiency over Valley Tech's Class of 2010. The percentages of students who scored at Advanced or Proficient levels are well above the state averages of 75 percent in math and 81 percent in English. On the science and technology/engineering test, which the DESE has made a third requirement to receive a high school diploma, Valley Tech's Class of 2011 reached a proficiency percentage of 75, well above the state average of 61.

Spring 2009	2011	84%	16%	86%	14%
Spring 2008	2010	78%	22%	79%	21%
Spring 2007	2009	74%	26%	73%	27%
Spring 2006	2008	70%	30%	66%	34%
Spring 2005	2007	62%	38%	55%	45%
Spring 2004	2006	55%	45%	58%	42%
Spring 2003	2005	36%	64%	42%	58%
Spring 2002	2004	34%	66%	34%	66%
Spring 2001	2003	34%	66%	29%	71%

**YOG – Year of Graduation*
**A/P – Advanced/Proficient*

**ELA – English Language Arts*
**NI/F – Needs Improvement/Failure*

- The 16th Annual Superintendent’s Dinner, a seven-course gourmet meal planned and prepared by the Culinary Arts students, staff, and alumni, was once again a rousing success. The funds raised by the enjoyable evening support various student initiatives. The dinner, which draws regional stakeholders and numerous state officials, highlights the contributions and talents of several vocational-technical programs in addition to Culinary Arts. Those programs include students from Painting and Design Technologies, Carpentry, Electronics, Graphics Communications, and Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration.

Valley Tech Awarded State Clean Energy Grant

Valley Tech was one of six organizations named by Governor Deval Patrick to receive a Clean Energy Workforce Development Grant, worth some \$151,000, in recognition of the global need to seek alternative energies and educate staff and students in these new clean energy technologies.

Valley Tech was the lead applicant and has acted as the fiscal agent for the EnSAVE Program (Energy Solutions Accentuating Vocational Education). EnSAVE trains an established network of vocational-technical teachers in building science/weatherization, solar photovoltaic panels, and solar domestic hot water systems. These instructors in turn teach vocational students and adult evening students the same technologies and the skills that may lead to certification in these newer technology areas.

The EnSAVE program involves a consortium of Massachusetts vocational-technical high schools, post-secondary partners, cooperative business alliances, trade unions, and employment training agencies.

Named by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust as a “Green School,” Valley Tech’s campus features numerous alternative energy and conservation measures. The school benefited from a 2003-2006 \$36 million expansion and renovation. The project included the installation of a photovoltaic panel system for harnessing electricity, a solar pre-heating hot water system, refracting daylight tubes to bring natural light into interior spaces, and numerous other energy and water-saving features.

The five other organizations in the Commonwealth to be awarded funding were: Western New England College in Springfield, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, the Asian American Civic Association in Boston, Bristol Community College in Fall River, and Nuestras Raices in Holyoke.

Lt. Gov. Murray, Commissioner Chester Visit Campus

One of the benefits of career and technical education is the fact that applied learning is built into everyday curriculum. Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray witnessed examples of that first-hand during a visit to Valley Tech.

“There is such a vast array of activity going on here,” Murray said as he went through one of the system’s seventeen vocational-technical training areas. Lt. Gov. Murray also joined us at the annual Superintendent’s Dinner.

Education has been one of the top priorities of the Patrick-Murray Administration, and Governor Deval Patrick signed in January the state’s first major education reform legislation since 1993. Murray, the former mayor of Worcester, pledged to visit regional vocational-technical schools throughout the Commonwealth. In his capacity as Lieutenant Governor, Murray serves as Chairman of the Regionalization Advisory Commission and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Council.

The regionalization commission is exploring potential opportunities, benefits, and challenges to regionalizing services among municipalities. The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics council is seeking to ensure that students in Massachusetts are educated in the STEM fields, better preparing them for post-secondary education or careers in these areas.

Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Education, also visited Valley Tech during the school year. Commissioner Chester spoke with many students while touring the vocational-technical laboratories.

“I am impressed by the exceptional enthusiasm and total focus of the students here,” Commissioner Chester said.

In May, Valley Tech also underwent an extensive Coordinated Program Review by the DESE. Such intense visits are routinely conducted by the DESE to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services.

The on-site team reviewed all academic and vocational-technical programs, student and financial records; interviewed administrators, teachers and parents; and made instructional site observations. The final report from the review has yet to be received, but all indications are that the findings would be extremely positive.

Dr. Fitzpatrick said reviews of this type are useful for staff members and that the report will be welcomed in planning for continued improvement of educational services.

State Championships Find Home at Valley Tech

For the fourth straight year, Valley Tech was recruited to host the annual SkillsUSA Massachusetts state championships for more than 640 students competing in some 50 vocational-technical trade and employment contests. SkillsUSA Massachusetts is New England's largest educational organization, providing opportunities for students to develop leadership and teamwork skills through education, training, service, and competition.

We were pleased to partner with Milton-CAT of Milford and the Upton Highway Department for two contests. Milton-CAT generously donated staff, time, and space for Diesel Equipment Technology participants to undergo technical written and practical tests. The Upton Highway Department hosted the Brick Masonry competition.

In partnership with a sizable number of businesses and industries, the SkillsUSA championships and conference have evolved into a nation-wide multi-million dollar event with major non-tax support and donations.

At the prestigious national SkillsUSA championships in Kansas City, Missouri, Valley Tech recorded podium finishes for the seventh time in the last eight years and the Community Service team successfully defended its gold medal. More than 5,000 students from across the country competed in 91 trade and technical fields at the conference.

Valley Tech won three gold medals as the Community Service team, under the direction of English and History Team Leader Rosemary Quirk, won the gold for its school year-long cancer awareness campaign in memory of Valley Tech coach and teacher Edward Waters. The three-person team included Elizabeth Belanger of Northbridge, Lacey O'Neil of Milford, and Erica Poirier of Blackstone.

Alysa-Rae Mello of Northbridge won a silver medal in Food & Beverage Service.

The other students from Valley Tech finishing well were Haley Beaudoin (Northbridge) fourth in Technical Computer Applications; Christopher Delmore (Milford) and Joshua LaBonte (Milford) sixth in 3-D Visual Animation; Riley Jordan (Grafton) 14th in Cosmetology; Christopher Downing (Millville) 25th in Auto Service Technology, and Andrew Cardin (Sutton) 27th in Welding.

The school-wide integrated initiative of our U.S. FIRST Robotics team once again performed well in contests throughout New England. The Valley Tech Team 61 Shifters combined their creative thinking, problem-solving, and engineering talents in competing against some of the top teams in the country at regional events. Valley Tech constructs a robot each year as an integrated project across several vocational-technical programs. Drafting students design and engineer the parts, while the Manufacturing Technologies students manufacture them. Carpentry students produced the base and design prototypes. Electronics students support the project with the wiring and Auto Body students paint the parts. Information Technology students handle programming issues and Graphic Communications students design and print spirit-building team T-shirts.

Valley Tech also once again hosted the FIRST LEGO League competition for middle school students learning science, technology, and engineering through the intensity and fun of hands-on contests. A full field of 64 teams competed with students, aged 9-14, from across the Northeast.

Thanks to plain hard work, Valley Tech athletic teams continue their remarkable streak of winning ways in the Colonial Athletic League, as well as in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) district and state playoffs. After a slow start, the football team captured its first State Vocational Super Bowl title. The 2007 team won a Division 3A Super Bowl at Westfield State College's new field. The girls softball team, which won a Central Mass. Division 3 title in 2006, found its way back to the District final. Families and fans are eager to monitor the promising future of these young competitors. Valley Tech also won state vocational titles in girls soccer and girls cross country. Student athletes are asked to support their teams through numerous fund-raising activities. Valley Tech's athletic records and win percentages have brought several Boston Globe awards.

Class of 2010: The Class of 2010 included the following members from Blackstone (National Honor Society members are indicated by NHS in parentheses): Codey R. Girard, Automotive Technology; Caitlyn L. Edwards, Business Technology; Erica V. Poirier (NHS), Business Technology; Jonathan M. Esperian, Carpentry; Tesia E. Stanasek, Culinary Arts; Leo R. Martinelli, Drafting; Jacob R. Deguire (NHS), Electronics; Kyle A. Harrington, Electronics; Karyn M. Werner, Graphic Communications; Erin C. Kent, Health Services; James R. Beach, Information Technology; Vincent T. Peloso, Information Technology; Jacob M. Eknaian, Manufacturing Technologies; William L. Hannan III, Manufacturing Technologies; Amber E. Laplante, Painting & Design Technologies.

Numbers Reflect Conservative Approach

The success of our student body continues to be measured by 100% competency determination, high career placement rates, and high college matriculation rates for our graduates. This in turn inspires confidence in our stakeholders that Valley Tech is succeeding in its mission to prepare the students of Blackstone Valley with a world class education. The District's FY10 total operating budget was \$18,455,211. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$7,072,673 and Minimum Contributions from the 13 member towns totaled \$8,128,008.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$466,894 for transportation costs and \$780,839 for retiree medical coverage while deferring the acquisition of capital assets. This was offset by \$552,557 in regional student transportation funds received from the Commonwealth. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns unanimously supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, and retiree medical. This investment was designed with sensitivity to the financial challenges faced by our 13 member towns, but more importantly to provide the

fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of our student body which grew by 5.5 percent over FY09.

In response to continued weakening economy and lower than expected tax collections, the Commonwealth was forced to reduce the District's Chapter 70 & 71 allocations by \$325,331; however, those funds were completely restored with funding from American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (State Fiscal Stabilization Funds). Given the ongoing fiscal constraints and the likelihood of a continued economic slump, the District continues to search out greater efficiencies in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology, and other contractual services requirements. Bolstered by prudent budget management practices, the District utilized unreserved fund balance in the amount of \$287,500 to offset member town assessments. The District also secured an additional \$1.9 Million in grants and private donations to fund educational investments and vocational instructional equipment.

BUDGETED REVENUES	Original	Actual
Member Town Assessments:		
Minimum Contribution	8,182,011	8,182,011
Transportation (Over State Aid)	466,894	466,894
Capital Equipment	-	-
Retiree Medical	780,839	780,839
Member Credits	(37,500)	(37,500)
Debt Service	671,557	671,557
Total Member Assessments	10,063,801	10,063,801
State Aid:		
Chapter 70 - Regional Aid	7,222,279	7,072,673
Transportation Reimbursement	728,282	552,557
Total State Aid	7,950,561	7,625,230
Other Revenue Sources:		
Miscellaneous Income	153,349	118,310
Unreserved Fund Balance	287,500	287,500
Total Other Revenues	440,849	405,810
GRAND TOTALS	18,455,211	18,094,841

Researching and Earning Grants/Awards/Rebates

Always, Valley Tech aggressively pursues any non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations. These dollars provide additional support for expanded learning, programs, and services for students. The funds also assist in reducing member town assessments. The District welcomes additional suggestions regarding untapped sources or funding opportunities. Grants secured during the past fiscal year are:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(Stimulus Funds)	Title I ARRA	19,708.00

ARRA			
ARRA	ARRA IDEA		219,504.00
ARRA	SFSF		553,185.00
(Federal Entitlement)			
Fed	Title I		81,580.00
Fed	Title I FY09 Carryover		20,402.00
Fed	Title II A		25,171.00
Fed	Title II D		1,128.00
Fed	Title IV		2,861.00
Fed	SpEd 240		271,859.00
Fed	Perkins		145,831.00
(State Entitlement)			
State	Collaborative Ac. Support		1,300.00
State	Academic Support		19,000.00
(Competitive/Private)			
Comm. Corp.	Clean Energy Grant		150,000.00
NMSI/MMSI	AP Training & Award Program		391,400.00
State/Fed	Perkins Equipment		38,695.00
State/local	LCC Cultural Grant Grafton		150.00
State/local	LCC Cultural Grant Milford		500.00
State/local	LCC Cultural Grant Northbridge		500.00
State/local	LCC Cultural Grant Sutton		500.00
VTEF	Rachel's Challenge		1,000.00
VTEF	HSTW Incentives		1,000.00
VTEF	Watch your Mouth		500.00
VTEF	COPD Simulator		878.00
VTEF	DECA Blazers		936.00
VTEF	Project Smile		1,000.00
VTEF	Aviation Club		1,000.00
BVCC	Workforce Grant		4,500.00
Federal	Pathways out of Poverty		2,000.00
Total:			\$1,956,058.00

School Committee Provides Experience, Expertise

Our School Committee comprises 13 dedicated individuals, and their expertise proves invaluable in overseeing District operations. Committee members are elected to four-year terms in voting across the District. Our students benefit from their experience base representing an array of industry occupations, which improves Valley Tech.

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon

Chairman

Gerald M. Finn, Millville

Vice Chairman

Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge

Secretary

Paul M. Yanovitch, Hopedale

Assistant Treasurer

Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham

William J. Pontes, Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III, Douglas

Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury

Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge

Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton

Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Superintendent-Director

Barbara Auger

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2010

The values for Fiscal 2011 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed January 1, 2011.

Fiscal 2011 is an interim year; therefore, the Board of Assessors will not be going through a revaluation year with the state Department of Revenue until the next revaluation year Fiscal 2014.

The Blackstone Board of Assessors' is composed of three members:

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis is continuing to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Assessors. She has served on the Board since July 2002.

Robert A. Gilbert is continuing to serve on the Board as Vice-Chairman and has been a member since his election in April 2005.

Carole Whiteley is continuing to serve on the Board of Assessors and has been a member since her election in 2007.

The entire Board of Assessors, the Assistant Assessor, Patricia Salamone, and the Assistant Administrative Assessor, Rachel Campopiano are all committed to serving the Town of Blackstone residents and hope to keep the residents informed of the assessing process. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors or the Assistants with any questions or concerns.

In 2008 the Board of Assessors voted to readjust the exemption amount for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under general Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C. They voted to increase the exemption from \$750 to \$1,000, the maximum allowed by law. This recommendation was placed on the agenda for the 2008 Blackstone Town Meeting and passed. If you have any questions about this exemption, or any other exemptions, please contact our office.

Fiscal year 2011 began on July 1, 2010 and runs to June 30, 2011. Adjustments have been made to the assessments to reflect the changing market. These adjustments were based on the market value of property as of January 1, 2010. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2009 market sales, Marshall Swift Cost Publications, and on income and expense information received from commercial and industrial properties. The Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides detailed guidelines to assist assessors to plan and perform an interim year adjustment program necessary to achieve full and fair cash value assessments, in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 and Chapter 58, Sections 1, 1A, and 3.

The residential values are being reviewed "in house" while the commercial, industrial, and personal property valuations are sub-contracted to experts in the field. To insure that

the information on file concerning 2009 sales is accurate, the Assistant Assessor has inspected all of the sales. After the inspections she reviews the information and makes corrections to the data bases that influence assessment levels. To determine the proper assessment, the Assessment to Sales Price Ratios are studied to insure they are within acceptable Department of Revenue standards. The Department of Revenue requires our department to do a number of stratification studies of the 2009 sales prior to any changes and adjustments to land values, cost factors, and depreciation tables. The changes made after these studies will bring the assessment of the general population of residences in line with the sales. The "actual" tax bills that were mailed on January 1, 2011 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in 2011 is \$882,550,766. This reflects a negative 8% change from the previous year.

The Fiscal 2011 tax rate is \$15.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Abatement forms are accepted by the Board of Assessors up to 30 days from the billing date of the "actual" tax bill. Applications for abatement may be picked up at the Assessors' Office during regularly scheduled office hours and they are also available on line.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/14/2010. The meeting was advertised and opened to the public. The Assessors presented information on how a split tax rate would impact the Residential, Commercial, & Industrial properties. The Board of Selectmen voted on maintaining a single tax rate.

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The goal of the Assessors' Office is to inspect approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of all of the properties in the Town of Blackstone every year, thus inspecting 100% of the Town every four years. The inspectors will knock on your door and request both an exterior and an interior inspection of your home. If it is not convenient for the resident at that time for an interior inspection, a later appointment may be made, at the resident's convenience. If the resident is not at home, a door hanger is left with instructions on how to schedule another appointment.

These property inspections will insure current and accurate data in our files. The goal of the Assessors' Office is to appraise every parcel of real estate in the community at its Market Value, resulting in an equitable ad valorem distribution of the tax burden. As a property owner in the town, your cooperation with these ongoing inspections will allow the Assessors Department to do our job with fairness and equity to all concerned.

Assessors' property record card information has been available on line for the past five years and this is the forth year that the Assessors' office has made the Assessors' Map Data available on line. Assessors' Maps and Property Assessment Data Information is available on the Town of Blackstone Website by clicking on the links located on the Assessors' page. The information currently available on line is updated annually. If you need more current information, you are invited to come into the Assessors' Office.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents of Blackstone for their cooperation during the inspection process. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment.

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman

Robert A. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman

Carole Whiteley, Member

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2010 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2010 there were 248 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	17
Additions/Garages	05
Re-roof	42
Remodel	30
Sheds	07
Porches/Decks	25
Vinyl Siding/Replacement Windows	28
Pools/ Spas	07
Demolition	01
Foundation	10
Repairs/Renovations	15
Pellet Stoves	08
Wood Stoves	02
Miscellaneous	09
Insulation	30
Fences	12

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	<u><u>\$3,550,334.00</u></u>
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department	\$ 46,496.36
Plumbing/Gas Department	\$ 9,500.00
Electrical Department	\$ 13,562.50
Recycling Center	\$369,684.00
Board of Health	<u>\$ 17,480.00</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	<u><u>\$456,723.00</u></u>
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I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector, Lawrence I. Ray, Electrical Inspector, Romeo Ethier, Assistant Electrical Inspector and William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart S. LeClaire
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2010 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2010 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 187 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	17
Additions/Garages	05
Service Entrance and Temporary Services	36
Water Heaters	01
Fire/Security Alarm	10
Swimming Pools	16
Boiler	22
Vinyl Siding	05
Service Panel	09
Septic Pump Units	02
Generators	01
Meters	03
Furnace	02
Wood Burners	01
Fixtures	14
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	29
Remodel	10
Sign	01
Hot Tub	01
Solar panel	02

We have found work being done in accordance with the Massachusetts State Electrical Code. Again, I want to remind residents that swimming pools and spas shall be wired by a licensed electrician.

We want to thank all departments for their help throughout the year, especially Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Romeo Ethier, Assistant Electrical Inspector, Stuart S. LeClaire, Building Commissioner, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector and William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department \$ 13,562.50

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence I. Ray
Electrical Inspector

Capital Outlay Committee 2010 Annual Report

The Capital Outlay Committee was established to review and make recommendations on the Capital project that are greater than a fifteen dollar value and have a life expectancy of five years or more. The Capital Investment Fund has been in existence since its legislation in 2001. The revenue in this fund is obtained from the ANP pilot agreement of which 90% is solely for capital expenditures. Previously approved expenditures and infrastructure improvements have obligated many funds for this year and several years to come. These improvements for the town and its future will be lone lasting but their debt will impact the available monies in the Capital Investment Funds for many years to come.

The Capital Outlay Committee recommended the following Articles during FY2010:

Article 10: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Capital Trust the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a baler for the Blackstone Valley Recycling Center Enterprise. (Vote Passes Yes 160 No 9)

Article 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to change the purpose for which the remaining balance of the funds borrowed for the Millerville Sewer Project, in the amount of \$1,108,127, which funds are no longer needed to complete the project for which they were initially borrowed, may be expended to include payment of costs and expenses relating to the design and construction of the Well #8 Project, so-called, including any ancillary improvements related thereto, and to appropriate the balance of said borrowed funds for said purpose pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20; and, further, that the sum of \$245,173 be appropriated from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to fund the balance of the Well #8 Project costs. (Vote Passes Yes 160 No 15)

We would like to express our gratitude to all Committee members past and present for all their time and effort spent on the Committee during a time when schedules seem so busy. It is because of a good foundation, good direction, and a common sense approach to spending that the Town, through the recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee, can purchase items we need and can afford.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Marchand, Finance Committee
Steve Salois, Finance Committee
Charles Sawyer, Board of Selectmen
Joseph Marchand, Board of Selectmen

Diane Warren, Collector/Treasurer
Kevin Kerttula, Planning Board
Paul Marvelle, Planning Board

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR / TREASURER
FISCAL YEAR 2010

Greetings:

The office of the Collector of Taxes is responsible for the collection of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Water/Sewer fees. Office hours are 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday and Tuesday extended hours 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. We also open our office on Saturday's four times a year to accommodate everyone to meet the deadline date on Real Estate and Personal Property.

In late January we received our first motor vehicle commitment from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and mailed the bills on February 5, 2010. All of the information on the bills comes right from the Registry. The first commitment is always the largest and people who keep the same vehicle year after year will find themselves receiving an excise bill at this time. We get other commitments throughout the year. People who trade up vehicles or buy new ones will get a bill for their new vehicle. That happens usually a month after they have registered the new one. This year we sent out approximately 7802 excise bills for the first commitment totaling \$618,565.00

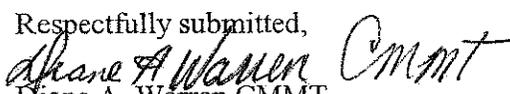
Fiscal year 2010 real estate and personal property tax bills were mailed on June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2010. We have approximately 3,247 real estate parcels and 119 personal property bills. We will continue to have our bills printed by an outside vendor. Many people took advantage of the lockbox by using the envelopes provided and Uni-pay Gold online. Our drop off box is located just outside the double doors for your convenience.

Our collection rate for Real Estate was 97%, Personal Property was 99.9%, Excise was 92% and Water/Sewer was 87%.

Our office also does Municipal Lien Certificates. Anyone buying a home in Blackstone should request a certificate. For twenty-five dollars you will be told how much money is owed on real estate taxes, water, sewer, etc. We collected \$6100.00 in lien certificates.

I would also like to say that our Bond Rating of AA- has not been affected through this tough fiscal year.

In closing, I would like to welcome our new addition Cathy Muller as our Payroll Clerk Aide/ Ambulance Billing to our office. I would like to thank my staff members Stephanie L'etalien, Marianne Mulholland and Cathy Muller for their unending patience, hard work and dedication to their very demanding jobs. I thank you for re- electing me as your collector/treasurer for another three terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane A. Warren CMMT
Collector/Treasurer

Blackstone 2010 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

The Blackstone Senior Center and Council on Aging is located at 15 St. Paul Street, Blackstone MA 01504 a department of municipal government, authorized under Chapter 40 Section 8B of the Massachusetts General Laws. The law states that a Council on Aging may be established for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the needs of the aging in conjunction with programs of the Office of Elder Affairs. Members of the Council on Aging are responsible for identifying the needs of all people over the age of 60, to act as a unified body for advocacy and service to the aging.

The Senior Community Center Council on Agings' bold mission is to provide identify the needs of elders and their caregivers to help maintain their health and well being and preserve their independence. In addition, to end elders' financial insecurity and hunger through innovative solutions.

As we reflect on the previous year's successes including the completion of the Senior Center kitchen renovations, ascertaining the new Senior Van and develop new programs such as the Matter of Balance Program-Evidence Based Program, Free Hearing Screening, Wii Bowling and other Wii Games, Cinema World Movie Day, Road Wise Monitor Your Driving Health, Easter Seals presentation, AAA Getting Around-Alternatives for Seniors Who No Longer Drive, Diabetes Awareness & Prevention, Red Sox Game Day and much more, we know how much more the services we provide will be needed in the future given the increasing demographic and economic needs of low to moderate-income seniors in Blackstone.

There are currently 1558 people over 60 living in town. In addition, there are 928 citizens aged 55 - 59 in town, who will be eligible for services in the coming years. For elders, quality of life is often related to the quality and continuity of relationships. The Senior Center provides a "welcoming destination" that accepts you regardless of financial status, race, creed, medical condition, or mobility. Many seniors see the Senior Center as a "home away from home". This is where they see old friends or meet new ones. In addition to the social impact, the Senior Center is a resource center. This is the only social service agency in town where seniors can find nutritional, physical, and educational activities created to assist a diverse demand of elderly needs and interests while attempting to foster independence and community interaction.

In the year 2010 the Council on Aging formed a research committee to start the "**Project 2020**" to actively plan and research avenues for a new senior center in the year 2020. We have outgrown our space in the Blackstone Municipal Building lower level. We need more space in order to accommodate the growing number of seniors and to expand current services to meet their needs.

The Blackstone Council on Aging served 2,426 unduplicated residents, their caregivers and others needing additional assistance. To recap the programs, services and activities

conducted by the COA listed below are the reported annual statistics provided to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for 2010:

- Outreach/Advocacy (Client Finding, General Information, Health Benefits Counseling, Case Management) – 2,905 unduplicated clients for a total of 5,305 duplicated units of service.
- Professional Services- (Legal Assistance, Financial Management, Mental Health, Health Insurance Presentations, Group Support)- 219 unduplicated for a total of 738 duplicated units of service.
- Support Services- (Food Shopping, Social day care, Friendly visiting, Telephone Reassurance, Employment Services, Intergenerational, Minor Home Repair, Newsletter, Durable Medical Equipment loan) – 1,902 unduplicated clients for a total of 18,531 duplicated units of service.
- Wellness- Congregate Meals Served – 170 clients for a total of 3,304 units of service; Home Delivered Meals- 63 clients for a total of 4,935 units of service; Health Screening- 94 clients for a total of 96 units of service; Flu Clinics (2) 368 clients served; Fitness/exercise- 64 clients served for a total of 864 units of service; Health education- 38 clients served for a total of 191 units of service
- Recreation/Socialization– (Grandparents Day, Trips to various places)1,715 units of service
- Cultural Events- (French Market, Claflin Orchestra, etc.) 118 clients for a total of 525 units of service
- Community Education- (Mass Elder Law)- 90 clients served for a total of 121 units of service
- Supportive Services – 1,558 clients for a total of 18,531 units of service
- Transportation for Blackstone and Millville– 175 clients for a total of 8,332 units of service
- **NON-ELDERS** Served (General Information, Transportation (under 60), Family Assistance, Fuel Assistance, Financial Management)- 273 for a total 1,559 units of service

The Center is wheelchair accessible and open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. You can reach the Council on Aging director at (508) 876-5135 or by visiting the website at <http://www.townofblackstone.com/depts/pages/council-on-aging.php> or by email at kalbright@townofblackstone.org

The Senior Center is the hub of activity and strives to provide a healthy social environment for all ages. The staff provided a high quality of service to more than 50 people weekly. The residents participated in Yoga, Arthritis and Strength Training exercise programs and line dancing with Mary Ryan, Tai Chi with Larry O’Leary, Sit and Be Fit chair exercises, and the Walking Group. The craft class meets every other week on Thursdays. The computer class is run by various volunteers. The seniors donated blankets, hats, ponchos, scarves and booties to the local hospitals. There is a warm friendly environment at the Senior Center and all ages are welcome.

The Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging, Inc. a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization produced 12 monthly newsletters, "A River Runs Through It" and mailed or delivered 500 newsletters per month to residents in Blackstone. The Friends have 250 members to include Kevin Sullivan, President; Shirley Bradley, Treasurer; Marcia MacDonald, Secretary, Marie Lewis, Vice President, Doris Suss, Dottie Clifford, Pat Rivard, Karen Truglio and many others. Through the generous donations and membership in the Friends group they were able to renovate the kitchen, purchase computers, help seniors with food and other supplies, provide the Christmas Baskets and plants and contributed money to the craft and knitting groups at the Center for the purchase of supplies and yarn.

Outreach is a vital part of the Senior Center. Jean Doiron is tasked with identifying the needs of elders and their caregivers. She links the area agency services and programs to help improve the quality of life for the elder and their families. She is available five days per week. Jean visits with the homebound elder and their caregiver whenever needed. She can be reached at (508) 876-5134 or at jdoiron@townofblackstone.org

Fuel Assistance through SMOC for FY 2010, the Outreach department served 198 residents for a total of \$196,686.02. The South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC) has had a long standing relationship and connection with the Council on Aging in Blackstone. Through the Outreach and Director's efforts many disadvantaged and disabled families and individuals receive Fuel Assistance benefits. It is noteworthy to mention that many of the applications processed by the Council on Aging are not necessarily those of senior citizens. Our staff has gone above and beyond their mandate in assisting the residents of Blackstone. Many of those non-senior citizens' households continue to be some of the most at risk in our community, specifically single parent households with infants and minor children, disabled households and the working poor.

Gail LeClair, Nutrition Site manager, works closely with the Uxbridge Senior Center staff to coordinate the Meals on Wheels and senior center meals. Gail works with forty-eight (45) volunteers who are Blackstone/Millville residents to deliver 4,935 meals to homebound residents. In addition, Gail works with the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program and Strength Training for over 23 attendees on a daily basis. We also provide Tai Chi and the Walking Club for meditation and aerobic exercise. This year we introduced the Wii exercise program.

Dennis Pimenta, the Blackstone/Millville Handicapped Elder Van Transportation coordinator focuses on transporting elders 60 years or older or handicapped residents of any age to medical appointments, to the pharmacy, to grocery and other stores in the area. Dennis oversees the part-time van drivers, coordinates their schedules and communicates with residents of Millville and Blackstone to provide a high quality transportation service to all. Dennis can be reached from 8 am to 3:30 pm coatransport@townofblackstone.org or call (508)876-5133. The part-time drivers are Dennis Bouvier, Kevin Sullivan, Nancy Davidson, Robert Greenhalgh, David Ceolinski and Therese Cardinal. Paul Moran, Anna Atchison and Norman Marcotte are our caring, generous and reliable volunteer drivers. Also, the COA board extends their thanks all the drivers for their dedication, time and

efforts they give to the residents of Blackstone and Millville. The van drivers are dedicated caring residents who go out of their way to assist for all their transportation needs.

Our Volunteers

We have 75 volunteers who donated 5,155 hours of community service to the Blackstone Senior Center. A good portion of the hours are donated to serve the homebound frail seniors who require a hot meal daily. The Meals on Wheels drivers and runners are essential to the health and welfare of the community. The meals are prepared by Chartwells sponsored by the Tri-Valley Nutrition Program (800) 286-6640. Volunteers also help provide many other services such as coordinating and preparing the birthday card mailing of about 130 cards per month, the kitchen is manned by volunteers who help serve the daily lunch meal, make friendly visits and calls to seniors. Volunteers work with the outreach program coordinator and director to contact seniors to complete the File of Life cards. Volunteers provide entertainment monthly. If you wish to volunteer your time and talents, please call the Center at 508-876-5151.

Operation A.B.L.E. providing training and employment services for mature workers age 50 or older provides services through the two workers Marie Lewis, Arthur Rittwager and Phyllis Proia. These two workers help with data entry, volunteer coordination, newsletter preparation, receptionist assistance, kitchen help and many other areas of need at the Center. We are happy to accept the free services from Operation A.B.L.E. and also help the employees gain training, and knowledge to enter the employment world armed with new experiences taught at the Center.

The S.H.I.N.E. (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) program is affiliated with Central Mass Agency on Aging in West Boylston. The residents of Blackstone are fortunate to have two very dedicated volunteers, Judy and Lee Katz, who provide monthly one-on-one services to assist elders with various health insurance questions and make referrals as needed. This year Judy and Lee served 162 elders in Blackstone providing information and referral for Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage enrollment.

COA Board Members

The Council on Aging is comprised of seven (7) members, James DiLibero, Chairperson, Dorothy Clifford, Vice Chairperson, Helen Grumbach- Secretary, Doris Suss, Assistant Secretary, Arthur Rittwager, Judy Collin and one open position.

The COA wishes to thank Daniel Gagnon for his long public service as a member of the COA.

The Senior Center is a multi-service activity center. We collaborate with numerous local agencies such as Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Massachusetts Council on Aging, Transitional Assistance, Food Stamps, SMOC-Fuel Assistance, Visiting Nurses of Greater Milford (VNA), Tri-Valley, Inc.

It is important to note that we serve as the community link and local governmental department. We work in partnership with many town departments including Police, Fire, DPW, Board of Health, Veteran's Agent, the Assessors Office, the Treasurer/Collector and the Town Clerk.

Thanks to the volunteers who provide the AARP Free Tax Aide Program, they prepared 102 tax returns and saved the residents \$47,000 for the Massachusetts State Senior Circuit Breaker program.

We are able to provide additional programs such as:
Intergenerational programs through the Hartnett Middle School and the J F Kennedy Elementary School, Prescription Advantage application assistance 25 served, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid assistance 129 served, Fallon and Blue Cross-Blue Shield information seminars, Blood Pressure 142 served and Flu Clinics 368 served.

In April we had our Volunteer Recognition breakfast at the Pines. Forty volunteers attended the luncheon. Tri Valley, Inc. provided an educational seminar regarding the Nutrition Program offered through their service providers.

This year the seniors attended the 6th Annual "Tribute to Seniors" Picnic sponsored by Sheriff Guy W. Glodis and the Worcester County Deputy Sheriff's Association. The picnic was held at SAC Park in Shrewsbury. The seniors enjoyed a free barbeque, raffles, music and bingo.

We want to thank the members of the community for their many generous gifts and donations to our Center. Our Senior Center is enriched by your special kindness. We send a big "thank you" to the dedicated volunteers for sharing their time, energy and true capacity for caring for others. Thanks to each and every one of you for your friendship and for offering up your personal best efforts to help others in need.

As Senior Center Director, I wish to convey a special note of thanks to the Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging, Inc., for sponsoring the monthly newsletter, "A River Runs Through It", and for their kind donations. Your continued support and time donated is greatly appreciated.

Also, a very extraordinary and big "Thank You" to all the staff, our drivers, Council on Aging Board members, Friends group members, Senior Bingo members, Nutrition site volunteers, escort volunteers, computer training volunteers, Operation A.B.L.E. staff. We could not do it without all of you. Your many hands, long hours spent to cheer the residents and also volunteer hours bring special life to our Center.

We want to extend our sincere appreciation and many thanks to Kenneth Bianchi, Town Administrator and Margo Bik for their strong support and generous donations to the seniors.

We are confident that our coordination across services will continue to make the Blackstone Senior Center a great place for all people of all ages.

We look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and suggestions as we strive to provide high-quality services to the residents of Blackstone.

In 2011, look for the Blackstone Council on Aging on Facebook, Twitter and our own COA webpage.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Karen Albright, COA Director
Blackstone Senior Center



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DETECTORS
SAVE
LIVES

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MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

2010 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2010 calendar year.

The annual toys for tots program was once again a huge success despite the sluggish economy. The Blackstone Fire Department would like to thank all the Town businesses and residents who donated gifts and money to our worthy cause. Without your help this event would not take place. I would personally like to thank the members of my department for their support and Cathy Muller for all the help in the paper work department. I would especially like to thank Dean Bank, Uni Bank, Stephanie Anderson and her team of students at the Blackstone Millville Regional High School. Without there efforts and generosity this event would be impossible.

Fire prevention and education programs were taught in our schools once again due to the generosity of our town businesses. The Blackstone Fire Department endorses the S.A.F.E. program (student awareness of fire education), which is held in April and the Fire Fighter Phil program for all the J.F.K and A.F.M students, which is held in October. I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses for their continued support of these programs.

The department applied for and has received the following grants totaling \$54,298.00 in 2010. Grant funds are extremely competitive and I feel fortunate to have received this money. It will go a long way to off set the drastic budget cuts.

Fred Tiberio trust fund	\$2000.00
D.C.R. Forestry Grant	\$2,000.00
S.A.F.E. Grant	\$4,815.00
D.H.S. Equipment Grant	\$45,483.00

The department took in \$4,700.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting and storage tanks.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2010 were \$261,625.77. This money is used to fund the ambulance budget and for the purchase of any equipment that is needed for the ambulance.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2010

Total calls.....	914
Transports.....	658
No Service.....	43
Refusals.....	157
Fire Assist Calls.....	11
Cancelled Enroute.....	12
Treat/No Transport.....	12
Assistance.....	27
False Calls.....	3

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Landmark Medical Center.....	283
Milford Regional.....	333
Fatima.....	5
Rhode Island Trauma.....	13
Hasbro Children's.....	6
Providence Veterans.....	1
Brigham & Woman.....	0
Woman & Infants.....	0
Miriam.....	3

The Fire Department would like to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and townspeople for their support throughout the year

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2010

Rescue.....	914
Building Fire.....	19
Appliance Fire.....	5
Brush Fire.....	13
Outside Fire.....	19
Vehicle Fire.....	2
Fire Alarms.....	128
Investigations.....	93
Accidents.....	75
Gas Leaks.....	8
CO Investigations.....	26
Rescue Assists.....	130
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	3
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	38
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	77
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	100
Service Calls.....	133
Drills.....	7
Meetings.....	31
Burning Permits.....	415
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	173

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J Sweeney
Fire Chief

2010 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected William T. Walsh as Chairman, Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Vice-Chairman and welcomed back Michael A. Catalano who was elected to the Board of Health in the spring of 2010.

The Board of Health continues its affiliation with the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Milford who provides home health care services, blood pressure clinics and flu clinics for the seniors and handicapped residents of our community. Senior participation in the blood pressure clinics and flu clinics have also increased for the second year. In addition, the Board of Health hosted several H1N1 Clinics for the Blackstone Residents and will continue to monitor the need for future H1N1 Clinics in our community. The Board would like to thank all the Visiting Nurse Association, municipal departments and Blackstone residents who assisted the Board of Health with the H1N1 Clinics. This year the Board of Health also hosted a Drug Take Back Day which was very successful. The Board of Health acknowledges the importance of proper disposal of medications and will host another Drug Take Back Day this spring/summer.

The Blackstone Regional Recycling Center continues to work towards our goal of making recycling collection self-supporting, providing greater services to the Town of Blackstone with no burden to the taxpayers for the services, providing benefits to the businesses and providing our residents with a trash program that is self-sustaining. We thank the local businesses and schools for their paper products and cardboard and the residents of Blackstone for their recycling efforts.

The Board of Health would like to thank James F. Malley, P.E. and Stephen Garabedian for their services to the Board of Health. We also thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Stuart S. LeClaire and Earl J. Vater for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the public and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Walsh, Chairman
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Vice-Chairman
Michael A. Catalano, Member

2010 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Commenting on the completion of the sixth year of operation since the opening of Blackstone's first Historical Museum, Curator Richard Ryan has made known that with the close of 2010 the visitation numbers to this venue have once again shown dramatic growth. This success could not have been accomplished without the complete cooperation of the various town departments whose members regularly render welcome assistance when called upon, town officials, and ultimately the entire citizenry of the community who regularly contribute in their many ways to ensure that our significant collection of items worth remembering from our town's past can be made secure and displayed tastefully in an interesting and enlightening manner for generations to come. Historical Commission members genuinely thank you for this combined effort.

Onlookers who viewed this year's Memorial Day parade saw the Historical Commission's contingent with, in the lead, Uncle Sam attired in full patriotic regalia astride a flag decked motor scooter. Marching behind in concert with the combined presentation was a contingent of Girl Scout leaders along with some thirty Cub Scouts, carrying the customary fully outstretched Old Glory. Bringing up the rear of the parade entry was a team of horses drawing an authentic stagecoach carrying as passengers costumed ladies of the Commission.

Though at the moment the effort remains in a fledgling stage, a new DVD museum library has been established to maintain a permanent in-house record of historical events. Spawned by the unearthing of a number of antiquated home movies filmed at former East Blackstone Fairs during the 1950's-60's, the Commission has had the entire footage of this trove transferred to a compact disk for preservation as well as viewing enjoyment of museum visitors upon request.

Following a lengthy review and approval procedure the Commission's nomination of the historic 1700's Benjamin Thayer House (198 Farm Street) to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, ultimate certification by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, was received during the year. As is the Commission's custom, upon the designation of such, a cast bronze plaque delineating the history of the historic farmstead and its new found recognition was commissioned and upon completion affixed to the dwelling. To commemorate this prestigious status in September a dedication ceremony was hosted by Commission members on the lawn of the property. State and town officials, members of the Leclaire/Verhulst families, and Charles Dunford of Ashburn VA, great grandson of a once resident and owner of the then sprawling farmstead, Judge Francis Nicholas Thayer, participated in a brief speaking program..

The event which attracted a number of interested visitors was then the scene of a continental breakfast served beneath a tent, all of which was culminated by a guided tour through the venerable structure led by Leclaire family members.

For its Fall open house observance of the annual John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor's Footsteps in History and the Valley's own Heritage Homecoming combined events the Commission brought to the Museum as a feature Weddings Unveiled, a factual, rollicking, family oriented farce tracing the origin of nuptial customs through the centuries on into modern day betrothal arrangements.

Assisted by a selection from those attending the gathering, Pat Perry, producer/presenter, and owner of Sneak Peek Productions, never lacked for comedic fare throughout the skit and was very well received by a capacity audience

Once again the Museum's prelude to a festive holiday season got off to an appropriate start with a morning of Christmas caroling by Girl Scout troop members accompanied by the antique pedal pump organ.

Operating concurrently and as has been a longtime yuletide decorating favorite our annual Boughs and Bows all day Christmas workshop presentation once again proved a significant draw. Visitors from this and surrounding communities patiently awaited their turn to learn the art of creating wreaths, centerpieces, and sprays for their home decorating. Greens and ribbon material are made available at the museum.

We continue to be blessed by the presence of members professionally trained and their willingness each year to share that required skill which brings a bit more holiday cheer into so many area homes.

During the year an attractive informational graphics laden Museum brochure was produced for marketing purposes and is being made available at a number of area distribution points. Also newly created note paper with a striking cover page image of the Museum in full color is currently available.

For any Blackstonian who has not already done so the Historical Museum is a must see. A plethora of interesting artifacts and memorabilia awaits your viewing. Admission is free. Doors are open every Thursday Noon to 4pm and on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10am to 4pm And - - - to make it a tad more enticing the coffee pot is always on with baked goods available.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gillis, Chairman
Carolyn Powers, Vice Chairman
Jesse Deacon
Helen Murray
Richard Ryan

Lawrence Weber
Donald Westberg
Thomas Marchand (Alt.)
Sharon Santos (Alt.)
Mark Ryan (Hon.)

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Blackstone Housing Authority was created to provide housing for people of low income. Its powers, duties, etc. are defined in Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as amended, which is known as the Housing and Urban Renewal Law. The Authority's office is located at Fox Brook Manor, Blackstone, MA. As of January 1, 2011 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Adam J. Tellier 545 Summer Place Blackstone, MA 01504	Chairman	April, 2011
Robert A. Drainville 12 Raynor Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Vice-Chairman	April, 2014
Gary Kellenberger 549 Summer Place Blackstone, MA 01504	Treasurer	April, 2015
Lynn Morin 48 Mendon Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Asst. Treasurer	April, 2013

OFFICER

Carrie A. Caouette 8 Windsor Road Blackstone, MA 01504	Executive Director
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The Blackstone Housing Authority meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the community room at Fox Brook Manor. The meetings are open to the public as prescribed by the Municipal Open Meeting Law, Chapter 372, of the Acts of 1972. Elderly or handicapped persons of low income who wish to submit an application for an apartment may do so Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the office at Fox Brook Manor.

Carrie A. Caouette is the Executive Director of the Blackstone Housing Authority and may be reached by calling 508-883-1515. If you do not call during office hours, your message will be recorded and answered as soon as possible.

Other personnel at the Authority include Peter Ryan, Maintenance and Elaine LeClerc, Bookkeeper.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie Caouette
Carrie A. Caouette, MPH
Executive Director



Blackstone Public Library

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2010 Annual Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Library services continue to be in great demand as the Blackstone Public Library stays true to its mission to "provide materials and services to the citizens of Blackstone in their pursuit of recreational, educational, informational, and cultural interests." Amid the programs and services offered throughout the year, the library experienced a change in leadership. In February 2010, after more than 17 years of commendable service to the library patrons of Blackstone, Cyndee Marcoux left her position as library director. The library staff, trustees, and citizens of Blackstone appreciate her long-term commitment and dedication to our library community. In June 2010, a warm welcome was extended to our new director, Julie Lepore.

The library is open 35 hours each week: Monday 9-8, Tuesday 12-8, Thursday 12-8, Friday 10-2 and Saturday 10-2. There are 3,517 Blackstone residents with valid library cards and a total of 5,047 registered borrowers. The library collection contains 49,624 volumes, and is comprised of books, large type books, books on cassette, books on CD, music CDs, DVDs, videos, magazines and video games. Also available through the library's catalog are downloadable e-books, audio books and videos provided to our library patrons through our membership in the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc., a library consortium dedicated to efficient resource sharing and rapid access to information.

The library circulated 144,856 items throughout the past year. In addition, library staff answered 6,388 reference questions, held 147 programs for children, with 3,308 in attendance, and 21 programs for young adults and adults with 303 in attendance. The library's meeting room, historical room and quiet study rooms were utilized 680 times for a wide variety of activities. On average, more than 30 patrons walked through our doors every hour the library was open, which amounted to over 51,159 visitors last year.

Due to the current economy, we have experienced a continued and steady increase in internet usage – both at our stationery public computers and through the free wireless access provided. The 22 computers available for public use were utilized approximately 21,944 times throughout the year. The library's website (www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org) provides unlimited availability of library information and access to the catalog, searching and placing requests for materials as well as means to contact the staff.

For the second time in as many years, the Blackstone Public Library has needed to apply for a waiver in order to remain certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Without this waiver, the library will not be eligible for state grant funds and would lose certification. This would result in the inability to borrow from and loan materials to other libraries in the state, which would have an immediate and detrimental impact for all our patrons.

The Friends of the Blackstone Library meet regularly at the library. New members are always welcome! For information about the next meeting and for contact information, check the library's website (www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org). The funds raised by this hard working and dedicated group of volunteers provide the library with financial support for a variety of services not covered in the library's budget. These services include children's performers, museum passes, craft supplies, and prizes for the summer reading program. The Friends' efforts are greatly appreciated by patrons, library staff, and the Board of Library Trustees.

Trustees: Mary Lou Branchaud, Chair, Jean Alexandrowicz, Vice-Chair, Linda Hemphill, Secretary, Patricia Guzinski, Wade Jalbert, and Debra Ristaino.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Lepore".

Julie A Lepore,

Director

2010 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Calendar 2010 was another productive year for the Planning Board. Due to budgetary cuts back in 2009, the Planning Board continues to work without a Town Planner. The Planning Board is currently working with Consultant Gino Carlucci from PGA Associates which is funded through the Planning Board's Professional and Technical budget. Mr. Carlucci has been instrumental in updating the Town of Blackstone's Rules and Regulations along with the Town of Blackstone's Zoning maps.

Meetings: The Planning Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center.

Members: In 2010, the Planning Board was Chaired by Paul Marvelle who was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke, Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Gerry Rivet and Kevin Kerttula and alternate member Donald Westberg. Amy Sutherland served as the Board's secretary.

Memberships: The Town of Blackstone is a member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and was represented by Joseph Belrose. Both Kevin Kerttula and Paul Marvelle also serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

Project Reviews: The Onyx development has started construction. The Board had an increase in the Form A submittals..

Regulatory Changes: The Board worked diligently back in 2009 to update the Subdivision Rules and Regulations by adopting of a fee regulation under Chapter 44 Section 53G. The adoption of this has assisted in providing the Board peer review at the expense of the applicant.

During the year, the Board received the generous assistance of many Town departments and officials. We appreciate those contributions and look forward to another year where these collaborative efforts will continue to guide the Town's future growth and development.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Marvelle
Chairman

Kirk VanDyke
Joe Belrose
Kevin Kerttula

Gerry Rivet
Don Westberg



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Blackstone Police Department FY/2010 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2010.

During FY2010, the Blackstone Police Department applied for and received the following grants. The funding from these grants enables us to provide better services for the town and the residents of Blackstone. Grants often allow us to promote and provide safety programs in an effort to better protect our children. These grants included:

1.	Governor's Highway Safety Bureau Traffic Grant	\$ 3,600.00
2.	State 911 Support Grant	\$23,673.00
3.	State 911 Training Grant	\$ 5000.00
4.	Federal/State Bulletproof Vest Grant	\$ 1300.00
5.	Child Bicycle Helmets	75
6.	Military Grade Night Vision Lens	1

Another important program that our department continues to provide is the Child ID Program. Along with the organizers of the Public Safety Day, we ran another successful workshop this year. This program included fingerprinting, photographs, wallet ID's, and take home computer disks with the entire child's information safely stored for future reference. It was a great program that we hope to continue to offer.

Officer Mantoni and Officer Niemczyk continue to be active as child car seat safety technicians. They are available during the week or on weekends. Officer Niemczyk works the day shift and Officer Mantoni works evenings so this allows a wide range of days and times to get a car seat checked for proper installation.

Blackstone Police was again awarded with several outstanding achievement awards during FY 2010. Lt. Gilmore submitted our agency's achievements in the areas of public safety, training, public information and community involvement, enforcement activity and effectiveness to the state for review. We were one of only a handful of agencies throughout the commonwealth to receive recognition in this competitive challenge, called the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge. AAA of New England also awarded our department with a bronze achievement award for traffic safety enforcement and awareness.

Here is a breakdown of our enforcement and traffic activities for the past year:

Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	16461	+5
Arrests:	265	+82%
Protective Custody:	22	+100%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	195	-4%
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.		
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	44	-6%
Domestic Violence Calls:	45	-32%
Incident Reports Investigated:	744	+6%
<u>Breakdown:</u>	205:	open
	194:	closed
	35:	arrested
	329:	no crime
	0:	suspended
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	4/2	
Field Interviews:	62	-40%
Missing/Runaways:	6	-33%
Accidents Investigated:	129	-1%
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	1784	-15%
- Civil	471	+4%
- Complaint	222	+15%
- Warnings	388	-50%
- Arrests	182	+44%
- Verbal Warnings	521	-5%
Parking Tickets Issued:	77	-33%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	86	+41%
- License to Carry	80	+70%
- FID Card	6	-57%
Civil Possession of Marijuana	31	+210

The Blackstone Police Department began a training program for all dispatchers in 2010 in reference to "Emergency Medical Dispatch". It is a program provided by the state and paid for with grant monies. The dispatchers are trained in providing pre-arrival medical instructions to callers which potentially provide life saving directions while the caller awaits arrival of rescue personnel. Rescue personnel, upon arrival, are better informed of the situation and the patient is better prepared for the steps that follow. We anticipate all dispatchers to be trained by FY 2011 and any new dispatchers that are hired will be required to take this comprehensive training.

In the year 2010 there were several personnel changes within the police department. Two of the department's officers transferred to Woonsocket Police Department, leaving the department shorthanded. We immediately began a search to fill both positions and have done so. The first opening was filled by Officer Kevin Luis. Blackstone Police sponsored Officer Luis to attend the police academy at his own expense. Officer Luis attended the full time police academy in 2009. He successfully completed his training and when the opening arose he accepted the position. The second opening was filled by Officer Maxwell Hurwitz. He is a fully trained officer that was working as a patrolman for the Berlin Police Department. Both officers have fit in very well the department and look forward to long and productive careers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that help make the Blackstone Police Department one the Town of Blackstone can be very proud of. The professionalism that the officers and dispatchers exhibit each and every day is something I am very proud of. Without their dedication, commitment, and hard work this department would not function as well as it does. I would also like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and all the department heads, with whom I work with on a daily basis. I appreciate their input and look forward to another successful year.

Lastly I would like to thank the citizens of Blackstone for their support and understanding. My first concern has always been the safety and well being of the town, it's residents and all the members of police department. Therefore I welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the department, traffic or motor vehicle issues, or any matter of public safety. We will continue to strive to be the best department we can be, and it is with your help and contributions that this will happen. Please feel free to contact me anytime at (508) 883-1212 x 138 or via email at blackstonepd@earthlink.net.

Once again thank you for your support and please keep the safety of all the officers in your thoughts throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Ross A. Atstupenas
Chief of Police



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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2010 Annual Report Department of Public Works

As Director of the Department of Public Works I hereby submit the annual report for the Department of Public Works year ending December 31, 2010.

Water Division

DPW personnel continue to operate and maintain five pumping stations that pump water from seven wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The water distribution system includes four water storage standpipes and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of our population. The Town is currently permitting a new well site (Well # 8) with the aid of Weston & Sampson Engineering, Inc. This well is projected to be online in August or September of 2011. The property for the well site was donated by Onyx Corporation as part of an Open Space Development project. The Developer in conjunction with the DPW water department installed 7000 feet of 12" diameter high density polyethylene water pipe and 3 additional hydrants which will greatly increase the networking of the water distribution system providing better flow and serviceability.

During the summer months of 2010 the town experienced a water shortage due to drought conditions and the temporary loss of Well 4. The Water Department at the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection instituted a phase 3 mandatory water ban as part of an effort to conserve water and provide adequate fire protection. I would like to thank the residents for their corporation and efforts during that time.

Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month we collect bacteria samples from nineteen locations throughout the water distribution system. During the year, we also sampled for contaminants such as: Carbon based products called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Disinfectant Byproducts such as Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acids and others such as Nitrate, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese, asbestos, lead and copper.

Fire hydrant's were checked for operation this past summer and then winterized in the fall to protect them from freezing and insure proper operation during the winter months. During the spring/summer of 2011, painting and routine maintenance will be performed on all fire hydrants.



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Sewer Division

The DPW currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water pump stations throughout the town. These pump stations are checked daily by DPW employees. We experienced trouble with the Pump Station located at Shore Drive where there were articles of clothing that were flushed into the system. This caused the pumps to jamb and require costly repairs to the pumps at the station. I would like to ask that all residents refrain from flushing unsuitable materials down the drain to avoid costly repair to our pumps.

Highway Division

In the spring the highway division started and completed its annual clean-up season. All streets were swept, street lines and cross walks were painted.

The DPW continued to improve the towns through fares by repaving portions of Blackstone Street, Elm Street and Farm Street. Also drainage improvements were made to Lower Blackstone Street and Farm Street.

In addition the Department of Public Works was able to assist other town departments, Parks & Recreation and the Recycling Center with their various projects or requests.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all other boards or departments that assisted us in any way this past year.

To the residents of Blackstone, we ask for your patience and support as we continue to strive to improve our level of service with our water, wastewater and highway infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce E. Wilson, Jr., PLS., CSE.
Director of Public Works



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BLACKSTONE DPW STATISTICS 2010

Monthly Water Pumping Records for Wells # 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Month	Gallons Pumped
January	13,343,300
February	11,277,400
March	12,671,100
April	12,055,400
May	16,517,700
June	15,374,254
July	18,099,862
August	16,324,455
September	13,690,404
October	13,078,600
November	13,040,700
December	12,975,152
TOTAL	168,448,327
Average Daily Flow	461,502 gal
Average Monthly Flow	14,037,360 gal

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2010

The Board was established on January 26, 1966 in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act, Chapter 40 A and Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The members which serve on this board are Chairman, Paul Marvelle, Vice Chairman Jim Pitler, and members, John Therrien, Gary Jolicoeur, Joe Belrose along with alternates Wendy Miller and Marc Gregoire.

During the 2010 fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals applications decreased. . These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws.

The Zoning of Appeals spent time last spring looking at the Zoning Bylaws and has received recommendations from Graves Engineering. In 2011, the Board will continue to look at how the Zoning Bylaw and definitions can be improved.

The current application fee remains at \$300.00, which became effective September 2001. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

We cordially invite the residents of the town to attend our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to thank the town residents, town officials, and the Board of Selectmen for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Marvelle
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN CLERK OF BLACKSTONE
YEAR ENDING 2010

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2010 calendar year.

As an ongoing effort to bring all unlicensed dogs current, the Town Clerk's Office brought in over \$11,000.00 in dog licenses, fines, late fees and kennel licenses. Working in cooperation with ACO Kevin Sullivan and Police Chief Ross Atstupenas, we were able to pursue outdated dog licenses and bring them current.

As a result of the 2010 annual census, the population of Blackstone is 8,883. The census is one of the biggest tasks of the Town Clerk's office with over 4000 households to update. At this time, I would like to remind residents the importance of returning the census because the information gathered through the census is used in attaining an accurate town population which is used in obtaining grants for the town of Blackstone for things such as schools and road improvements. In addition, in an emergency when seconds count, the census is just another way of helping our public safety personnel do their job. It is also helpful to list the number of dogs when responding to the census form. This year, we were again very fortunate to have Kasey Bik, a member of the BMR National Honor Society serve hours of community service to help us with this tremendous duty of the Town Clerk's office.

Our vital records from the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845 to the present date, total the following: Births-18,410; Deaths-11,053; Marriages-9,881.

In addition to the three scheduled elections this year, a Special State Election was added and held in January due to the death of Senator Edward Kennedy. The poll workers did an excellent job with both and my thanks go out to them for their diligence working long hours to man the polls. Also, I give merit to the many voters who braved the long lines, weather conditions and traffic to get to the polls to do their civic duty on Election Day. The Town of Blackstone has approximately 6,158 registered voters. Party totals are as follows: 1,783 Democrats; 640 Republicans; 3,701 Unenrolled and 34 of all other parties and Political Designations

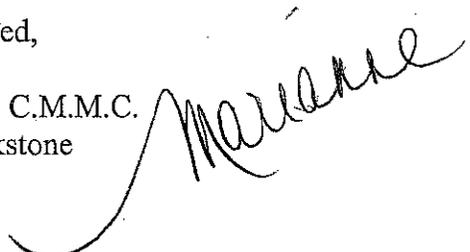
During 2010, a newly implemented Open Meeting Law has had a tremendous impact on the workload in my office. Every meeting that is posted now must be accompanied by an agenda and the number of boards required to post has increased greatly as well. Nonetheless, the boards, commissions and committees have been very willing in acclimating themselves to the new laws and I am very appreciative of that.

At this time, I would like to offer my thanks to all other Municipal Departments in Blackstone for their cooperation in working with our office because without it, the town hall would not function as it should. In addition, I would like to express gratitude to the other members of the Board of Registrars, Heidi A. Jalbert, Marc J. V. Greenwald, and Suzanne Mercier for their commitment to the Town of Blackstone. I'd also like to acknowledge the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for their assistance this year in conducting the joint town-school census.

It is with sincere admiration for Assistant Town Clerk, Claudette C. Dolinski and Office Assistant, Donna M. Bik that I am appreciative for yet another year of loyal support to this office and to this town. This office continues to progress with the utmost integrity and prudence which is something that I believe are essential components of the Town Clerk's office and the Town of Blackstone.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone



**Services of the Town Clerk
Town Report 2010**

Accepts Zoning Variance Applications
Administers Oath of Office to Appointed and Elected Officials
Certifies Copies of Records
Certifies Initiative Petitions
Certifies Nomination Papers
Conducts Voter Registration Sessions
Court Appearances Representing the Town
Distributes Town Reports
Distributes Warrants for Town Meeting
Executes Elections and Recounts
Generates the Annual Town Census
Issue Bazaar and Raffle Permits
Issue Business Certificates
Issue Dog licenses
Issue Fish and Game license
Issue Marriage intentions
Issue Burial Permits
Issue Nomination Papers
Issue Open Meeting Laws
Issue Street List Books
Issue Subdivision Books
Issue Town Maps
Issue Voting Lists
Issue Zoning Books
Keeper of Campaign Finance Reports
Keeper of General bylaw Information
Keeper of the Town Seal
Keeper of Town Audit Reports
Maintains and Issues Public Records
Massachusetts General Laws Accepted/Rejected
Microfilms annually all Town Records
Notary Public Services
Party Enrollments/Changes
Posts Civil Service Notices
Posts Meetings
Produces Elderly Lists
Receives Appointments & Resignations
Receives Attorney General Disapproval/Approvals of Town Meeting Votes
Receives Referendum Petitions
Records Auctioneer Licenses
Records Birth, Death & Marriage Records
Records Board & Committee Meeting Minutes
Records Claims & Legal Action Against the Town
Records Current Jury List
Records Federal and State Tax Liens
Records Historical Information
Records Joint Pole Locations
Records Street Acceptances
Records Town Deeds
Records Town Meeting Votes
Releases Town Meeting Information
Reports to Secretary of State
Submits Press Releases Regarding Dog Licenses, Town Meetings, & Elections
Time Keeper to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone.

GREETINGS:

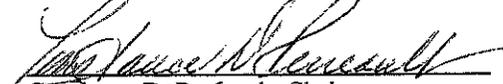
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Blackstone who are qualified to vote in the Special State Election to vote at: Precinct 1. -Senior Center, Municipal Center (Lower Level), St. Paul St.; Precinct 2.-St. Theresa Parish Hall (Lower Level) 630 Rathbun St.; Precinct 3.-Main Conference Room, Municipal Center (Upper Level), St. Paul St. on **TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF JANUARY, 2010**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

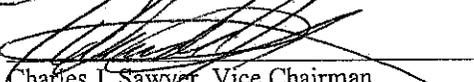
To cast their votes in the Special State Election for the following office:

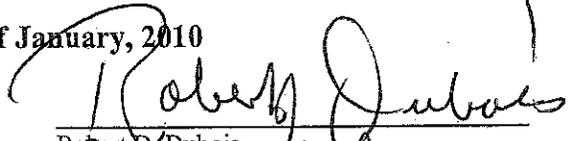
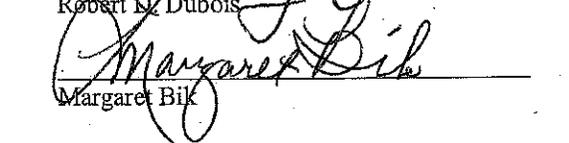
SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of January, 2010


Constance D. Perreault, Chairwoman

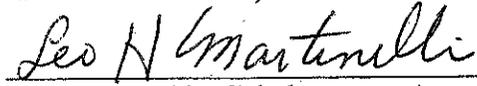

Charles J. Sawyer, Vice Chairman


Robert D. Dubois

Margaret Bik

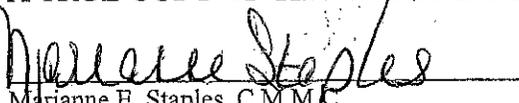
Selectmen of Blackstone

Joseph Marchand

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 12th day of January, 2010 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St; at the Fire Station # 2 on Rathbun St; and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.


Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN


Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
January 19, 2010

WARDENS:

Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan
Precinct #2: Gloria M. Morin
Precinct #3: Charles L. Swenson II

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	940
Prec #2	1034
Prec #3	1220
Total	3194

PRECINCT 1 PRECINCT 2 PRECINCT 3 TOTAL

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

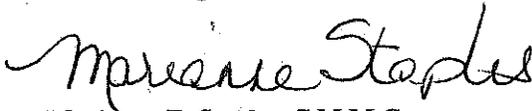
Scott P. Brown	590	662	850	2102
Martha Coakley	343	355	354	1052
Joseph L. Kennedy	7	17	16	40
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6037

Total voters--3194

53% of the eligible voters cast ballots.



Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

Town of Blackstone
Warrant for the Annual Town Election
April 5, 2010

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at the following places on Monday the 5th day of April, 2010.

Precinct #1-Senior Center (Lower Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

Precinct #2-St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street

Precinct #3-Main Conference Room (Upper Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

The polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purposes:

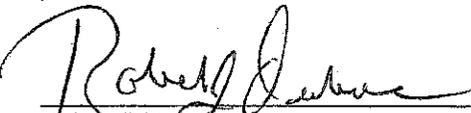
To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following:

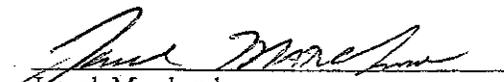
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year term; One Member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year term; One Collector/Treasurer for a 3-Year term; Five Constables for a 3-Year term; One member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year term; Two members of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-Year term; One member of the Planning Board for a 5-Year term; Two members of the Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year term; One Town Clerk for a 3-Year term..

Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

Given under our hands this 16th day of March, 2010.


Constance D. Perreault


Robert J. Dubois


Joseph Marchand

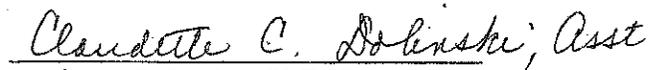

Margaret Bick


Charles J. Sawyer

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 17th day of March, 2010 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Cheryl Norma Page
Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


Claudette C. Dolinski, Asst
Marianne E. Staples, CMMC
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 5, 2010

WARDENS:

Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan
 Precinct #2: Gloria M. Morin
 Precinct #3: Charles L. Swenson II

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	472
Prec #2	465
Prec #3	547
Total	1484

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS)				
*Robert A. Gilbert	356	352	383	1091
Others	2	0	1	3
Blanks	114	113	163	390
BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YRS)				
*Gary D. Kellenberger, Jr.	343	344	387	1074
Others	0	1	2	3
Blanks	129	120	158	407
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Michael J. Buckley	293	279	314	886
Others	15	8	18	41
Blanks	164	178	215	557
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Millville Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Catherine Robinson (write-in)	1	3	7	11
Others	12	6	11	29
Blanks	459	456	529	1444
COLLECTOR/TREASURER (3 YRS)				
*Diane A. Warren	351	341	387	1079
Others	4	7	2	13
Blanks	117	117	158	392
CONSTABLE (3-YR) Five Positions				
*Emil J. Kosior	240	249	269	758
*Cheryl A. Marino-Page	224	235	280	739
*Rye Rivet	226	241	283	750
Paul G. Beaulieu	229	211	204	644

*Joshua Edward Benjamin	270	205	303	778
Frederick S. Gremza	132	136	177	445
Gerald G. Lapierre, Sr.	172	210	186	568
*Frederick J. Stone	252	239	297	788
Others	4	0	1	5
Blanks	611	599	735	1945

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)

Frederick S. Gremza	171	185	212	568
*Michael A. Catalano, Jr.	234	222	272	728
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	67	58	63	188

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YRS) Two positions

*Celeste M. Langlois	245	276	304	825
*James A. Laren	323	295	349	967
Karen A. Sergi	200	183	238	621
Others	1	0	0	1
Blanks	175	176	203	554

PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)

*Kirk A. VanDyke	325	327	371	1023
Others	2	1	1	4
Blanks	145	137	175	457

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS) Two positions

Margaret Bik	177	157	182	516
*Joseph Marchand	177	166	199	542
Jesse James Bousquet, Jr.	89	72	89	250
Paul S. Haughey	138	161	161	460
Kimberly D. Peloquin	78	55	101	234
*John Matthew Wozniak	217	233	263	713
Others	3	0	0	3
Blank	65	86	99	250

TOWN CLERK (3 YRS)

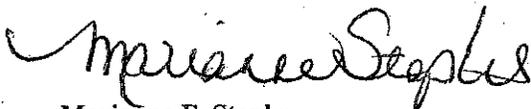
*Marianne E. Staples	377	381	426	1184
Others	0	0	2	2
Blanks	95	84	119	298

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6106

Total voters--1484

24% of the eligible voters cast ballots.



Marianne E. Staples
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 25, 2010

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

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 Maloney-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Tyler Technologies for on-site training, requiring a 9/10 vote, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Accountant)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds for the sum of \$27,272.00 to pay the current year Snow and Ice deficit or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Public Works Department)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Capital Trust Fund \$20,000, which represents the unexpended funds originally budgeted in Article #3 of the May 26, 2009 Annual Town Meeting for short-term interest cost (01752-59250) or take any other action in relation thereto.

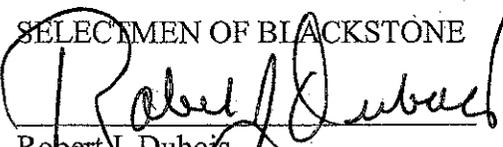
(Submitted by the Town Accountant and Collector/Treasurer)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

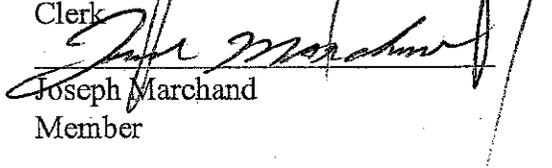
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town .

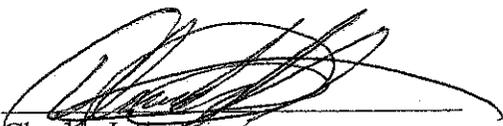
Given under our hands this 4th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.

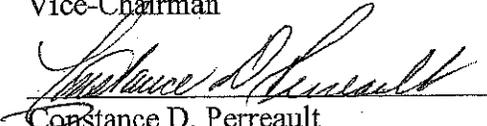
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois,
Chairman

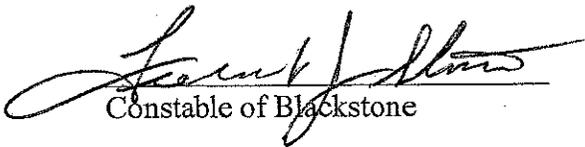

John Wozniak
Clerk


Joseph Marchand
Member


Charles J. Sawyer
Vice-Chairman

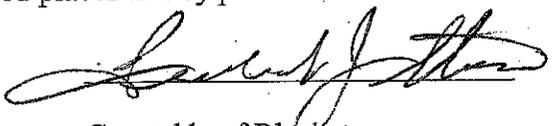

Constance D. Perreault
Member

A true copy attest:

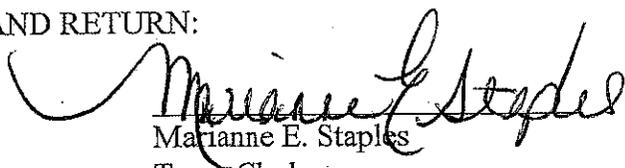

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 5th day of May, 2010 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

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Marianne E. Staples
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 72 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Merrick, Louison & Costello, LLP; and Catherine Antonellis, Town Accountant;

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,000 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Tyler Technologies for on-site training, requiring a 9/10 vote.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

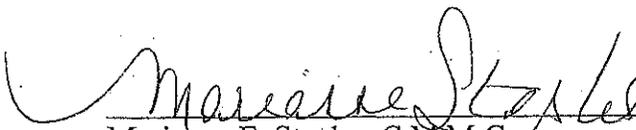
ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$27,272.00 to pay the current year Snow and Ice deficit.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to reimburse the Capital Trust Fund \$20,000, transferred from Free Cash, which represents the unexpended funds originally budgeted in Article #3 of the May 26, 2009 Annual Town Meeting for short-term interest cost (01752-59250)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Mariabne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 25, 2010

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Greetings:

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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)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. 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, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) 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 various Boards and Committees (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 if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 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 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 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) 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 Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen with Type I mix, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. 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 roadway, 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)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 13 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2008 funding of \$123,471 to be placed back into the Capital Trust.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a baler or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for a new or used midsize vehicle for senior transportation services to be provided by the Council on Aging, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose for which the remaining balance of the funds borrowed for the Millerville Sewer Project, in the amount of \$1,241,800, which funds are no longer needed to complete the project for which they were initially borrowed, may be expended to include payment of costs and expenses relating to the design and construction of the Well #8 Project, so-called, including any ancillary improvements related thereto, and to appropriate the balance of said borrowed funds for said purpose pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20; and, further, that the sum of \$136,192 be appropriated from the Water & Sewer Enterprise to fund the balance of the Well #8 Project costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 40, Section 42A through 42F, relative to the collection of delinquent water charges and rates, and the provisions of General Law Chapter 83, Section 16A through 16F, relative to the collection of delinquent sewer rates and charges, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Counsel)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15A to transfer the purpose for which it holds the Town owned real property located at Rayner Street, identified on Blackstone Assessors Plat 6, Lots 95 and 103, from general municipal purposes to the purpose of development of affordable housing or age-restricted/senior housing; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to said property for affordable/age restricted/senior housing, including the execution of such deeds, restrictions, covenants, agreements or other instruments as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue a release deed on behalf of the Town of Blackstone releasing any and all interest of the Town in a parcel of real property known and numbered at 12 Arnold Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts, shown on Assessor's Map 5, Lot 29 and referenced in a Town of Blackstone Land of Low Value Treasurer's Deed date December 26, 1958 and recorded at the Worcester County of Deeds at Book 3995, page 393, or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Provisions under MGL Ch. 94C entitled "Controlled Substance Act" and incorporate into the By-laws of the Town of Blackstone the following:

Public Consumption or Use of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol.

- A. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle, conveyance, or on foot, shall burn, smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any area owned by or under the passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, school, school grounds, cemetery, or parking lot; or in or upon any place to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees.
- B. Any marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol burned, smoked, ingested, or otherwise used or consumed in violation of this by-law shall be seized, held, and disposed of in accordance with G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 47A.
- C. Whoever is found in violation of this bylaw shall, when requested by an official authorized to enforce this by-law, state his true name and address to said official.
- D. This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to enforcement by criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer.
- E. The fine for a violation of this by-law shall be Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars for each offense. A penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 32L.

(Submitted by Police Chief)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Agreement executed as of March 15, 1967 providing for the establishment of a Regional School District for the Towns of Blackstone and Millville, as amended, as follows: By adding to section XIII the following new Subsection (D):

Anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Committee may assign or reassign (1) to the Millville Elementary School pupils from the Town of Blackstone scheduled to attend or attending the John F. Kennedy Elementary School and/or the Augustine F. Maloney Elementary School and (2) to the John F. Kennedy Elementary School and/or the Augustine F. Maloney Elementary School pupils from the Town of Millville scheduled to attend or attending the Millville Elementary School in order to utilize more efficiently and in a more cost effective manner the physical and educational resources of all of said schools provided, however, that the Committee shall not implement any such assignment or reassignment except upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Parents and guardians of pupils assigned and reassigned pursuant hereto for a particular school year shall be notified, in writing, of such action by June 1 immediately proceeding said school year.

(Submitted by Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee)

ARTICLE 18. 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.

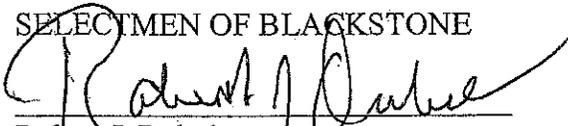
(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

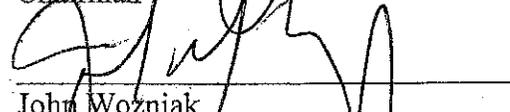
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than seven (7) days before the days fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

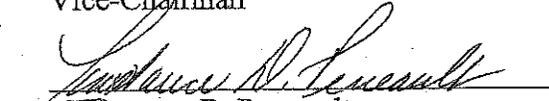
Given under our hands this 4th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

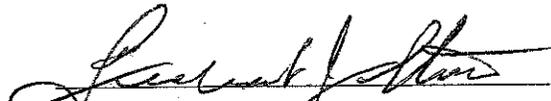

Charles J. Sawyer
Vice-Chairman


John Wozniak
Clerk


Constance D. Perreault
Member

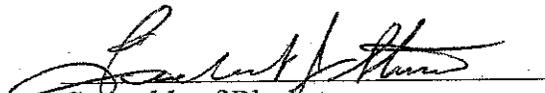

Joseph Marchand
Member

A true copy attest:

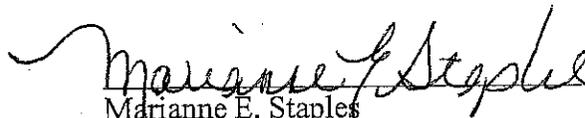

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 5th day of May, 2010 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

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Marianne E. Staples
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 155 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting. A total of 183 registered voters checked in prior to the end of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Merrick, Louison & Costello, LLP; Harold Gould, Esq.; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Catherine Antonellis, Town Accountant; Karen Albright, COA Director; Philip B. Herr, Philip B. Herr Associates; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District; Jeffery W. McClure, PE, Weston & Sampson; Lynne Foster, Unibank.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take Articles 10 and 12 out of order.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Capital Trust the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a baler for the Blackstone Valley Recycling Center Enterprise.

SECRET BALLOT
YES 160 NO 9

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to change the purpose for which the remaining balance of the funds borrowed for the Millerville Sewer Project, in the amount of \$1,108,127, which funds are no longer needed to complete the project for which they were initially borrowed, may be expended to include payment of costs and expenses relating to the design and construction of the Well #8 Project, so-called, including any ancillary improvements related thereto, and to appropriate the balance of said borrowed funds for said purpose pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20; and, further, that the sum of \$245,173 be appropriated from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to fund the balance of the Well #8 Project costs.

SECRET BALLOT
YES 160 NO 15

A motion was duly made and seconded to take Article 17 out of order.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Agreement executed as of March 15, 1967 providing for the establishment of a Regional School District for the Towns of Blackstone and Millville, as amended, as follows: By adding to section XIII the following new Subsection (D):

Anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Committee may assign or reassign (1) to the Millville Elementary School pupils from the Town of Blackstone scheduled to attend or attending the John F. Kennedy Elementary School and/or the Augustine F. Maloney Elementary School and (2) to the John F. Kennedy Elementary School and/or the Augustine F. Maloney Elementary School pupils from the Town of Millville scheduled to attend or attending the Millville Elementary School in order to utilize more efficiently and in a more cost effective manner the physical and educational resources of all of said schools provided, however, that the Committee shall not implement any such assignment or reassignment except upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Parents and guardians of pupils assigned and reassigned pursuant hereto for a particular school year shall be notified, in writing, of such action by June 1 immediately proceeding said school year.

After discussion on the article, there was a motion made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 17.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$17,587,888 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, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011 and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

That	\$13,471,014	raised from FY'11 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	1,317,812	raised from FY'11 Projected State Revenue Ch 70 Lottery Net Lig Meg

That	831,577	raised from FY'11 Estimated Local Receipts
That	55,184	transferred from Capital Trust
That	200,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	2,623	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	1,135,797	raised from FY'11 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	0	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	277,061	raised from FY'11 Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	0	transferred from Stabilization
That	296,820	use of Free Cash
Total	\$17,587,888	

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the amount of line item #01122-59611, Reserve for Collective Bargaining Agreements, by raising and appropriating the sum of \$100,000, for a total budget line item amount of \$100,000.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$18,764	
EXPENSES	\$33,850	
TOTAL	\$52,614	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$137,005	
EXPENSES	\$9,100	
TOTAL	\$146,105	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,200	
EXPENSES	\$1,635	
TOTAL	\$2,835	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01132 RESERVE FUND		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$600	
EXPENSES	\$6,000	
TOTAL	\$6,600	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$83,212	
EXPENSES	\$2,600	
TOTAL	\$85,812	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$84,808	
EXPENSES	\$45,070	
TOTAL	\$129,878	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$103,139	
EXPENSES	\$36,788	
TOTAL	\$139,927	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$90,000	
TOTAL	\$90,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01155 DATA PROCESSING		
EXPENSES	\$101,100	
TOTAL	\$101,100	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01158 COPIER		
EXPENSES	\$15,876	
TOTAL	\$15,876	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$176,500	
TOTAL	\$176,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$93,885	
EXPENSES	\$7,325	
TOTAL	\$101,210	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$7,800	
EXPENSES	\$19,900	
TOTAL	\$27,700	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$1,850	
EXPENSES	\$2,900	
TOTAL	\$4,750	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
SALARIES	\$3,600	
EXPENSES	\$480	
TOTAL	\$4,080	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01175 PLANNING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$7,996	
EXPENSES	\$18,011	
TOTAL	\$26,007	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01176 ZONING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$4,500	

EXPENSES	\$3,707	
TOTAL	\$8,207	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,121	
TOTAL	\$2,121	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$106,000	
TOTAL	\$106,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$251,000	
TOTAL	\$251,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$996,852	
EXPENSES	\$104,679	
TOTAL	\$1,100,531	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$163,335	
EXPENSES	\$1,050	
TOTAL	\$164,385	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$587,735	
EXPENSES	\$22,100	
TOTAL	\$609,835	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01221 FIRE STATION 2		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01222 FIRE STATION 3		
EXPENSES	\$2,400	
TOTAL	\$2,400	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$27,900	
TOTAL	\$27,900	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$25,459	
EXPENSES	\$21,920	
TOTAL	\$47,379	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$12,200	
EXPENSES	\$1,089	
TOTAL	\$13,289	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$7,295	
EXPENSES	\$606	
TOTAL	\$7,901	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$900	
EXPENSES	\$9,000	
TOTAL	\$9,900	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$15,000	
EXPENSES	\$8,100	
TOTAL	\$23,100	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$5,000	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$23,200	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$6,978,650	
TOTAL	\$6,978,650	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$757,415	
TOTAL	\$758,915	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$247,970	
TOTAL	\$247,970	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01411 CONSULTING		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01412 ENGINEERING		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$21,668	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$21,668	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$227,841	
TOTAL	\$227,841	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$43,950	
TOTAL	\$43,950	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,468	
EXPENSES	\$83,166	
TOTAL	\$110,634	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$85,000	
TOTAL	\$85,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$54,000	
TOTAL	\$54,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$277,500	
TOTAL	\$277,500	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$15,000	
EXPENSES	\$508,857	
TOTAL	\$523,857	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$19,579	
EXPENSES	\$59,120	
TOTAL	\$78,699	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$128,564	
EXPENSES	\$8,847	
TOTAL	\$137,411	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$4,200	
EXPENSES	\$30,870	
TOTAL	\$35,070	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend Article 3 Library Department's budget 01610, to reflect a total department budget of \$327,780, the salary total to be \$176,778, and the operating total to be \$151,002 and the source of funding to be by raising and appropriating the sum of \$32,953.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$154,787	
EXPENSES	\$140,040	
TOTAL	\$294,827	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$50,284	
EXPENSES	\$46,850	
TOTAL	\$97,134	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$5,985	
TOTAL	\$5,985	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
EXPENSES	\$5,600	
TOTAL	\$5,600	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01693 CULTURAL COUNCIL		
SALARIES	\$800	
EXPENSES	\$276	
TOTAL	\$1,076	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$1,014,223	
TOTAL	\$1,014,223	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$599,200	
TOTAL	\$599,200	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$10,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$39,070	
TOTAL	\$39,070	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$6,360	
TOTAL	\$6,360	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$379,298	
TOTAL	\$379,298	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$40,000	
TOTAL	\$40,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$407,400	
TOTAL	\$407,400	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$48,000	
TOTAL	\$48,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES		
EXPENSES	\$30,000	
TOTAL	\$30,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCE		
EXPENSES	\$25,000	
TOTAL	\$25,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01950 STABILIZATION FUND		
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,175,030	
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE		
60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$15,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$15,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$103,125	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$103,125	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$345,500	
TOTAL	\$345,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

TOTAL SEWER	\$463,625	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$25,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$25,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$117,235	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$117,235	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$52,937	
TOTAL	\$52,937	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$410,000	
TOTAL	\$410,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$45,000	
TOTAL	\$45,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$20,000	
TOTAL	\$20,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$672,172	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,135,797	
RECYCLING CENTER ENTERPRISE		
65433 RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$172,275	
EXPENSES	\$104,786	
TOTAL	\$277,061	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS	\$17,587,888	

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; said compensation set by town meeting to

be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) 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 various Boards and Committees (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 if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 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 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 twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case many be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen with Type I mix, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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 roadway, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to rescind Article 13 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2008 funding of \$123,471 to be placed back into the Capital Trust.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for a new or used midsize vehicle for senior transportation services to be provided by the Council on Aging.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 40, Section 42A through 42F, relative to the collection of delinquent water charges and rates, and the provisions of General Law Chapter 83, Section 16A through 16F, relative to the collection of delinquent sewer rates and charges.

55 YES 24 NO

MAJORITY HAND COUNT VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the Finance Committee's recommendations on Article 14 so that action could be taken on that article.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to Take No Action on this article.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
TO TAKE NO ACTION

Original Article To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15A to transfer the purpose for which it holds the Town owned real property located at Rayner Street, identified on Blackstone Assessors Plat 6, Lots 95 and 103, from general municipal purposes to the purpose of development of affordable housing or age-restricted/senior housing; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to said property for affordable/age restricted/senior housing, including the execution of such deeds, restrictions, covenants, agreements or other instruments as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue a release deed on behalf of the Town of Blackstone releasing any and all interest of the Town in a parcel of real property known and numbered at 12 Arnold Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts, shown on Assessor's Map 5, Lot 29 and referenced in a Town of Blackstone Land of Low Value Treasurer's Deed date December 26, 1958 and recorded at the Worcester County of Deeds at Book 3995, page 393.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to revise subsection "D" of Article 16 to read as follows:

D. This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or equity, including, but not limited to enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. C. 40, Section 21D, by any police officer.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the Provisions under MGL Ch. 94C entitled "Controlled Substance Act" and incorporate into the By-laws of the Town of Blackstone the following:

Public Consumption or Use of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol.

- A. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle, conveyance, or on foot, shall burn, smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any area owned by or under the passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, school, school grounds, cemetery, or parking lot; or in or upon any place to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees.
- B. Any marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol burned, smoked, ingested, or otherwise used or consumed in violation of this by-law shall be seized, held, and disposed of in accordance with G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 47A.
- C. Whoever is found in violation of this bylaw shall, when requested by an official authorized to enforce this by-law, state his true name and address to said official.
- D. This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or equity, including, but not limited to enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. C. 40, Section 21D, by any police officer.
- E. The fine for a violation of this by-law shall be Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars for each offense. A penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. Ch. 94C, Section 32L.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED)

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer \$333,705 from Free Cash to the stabilization fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

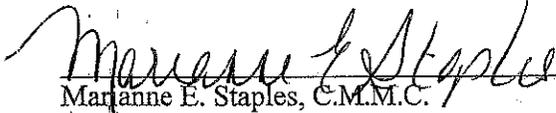
MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Evelyn Marchand	3 years to expire 2013
Normand E. Forget, Jr.	3 years to expire 2013

Paul S. Haughey	Unexpired 3 years to expire 2012
Russell L. Wells, Sr.	Unexpired 3 years to expire 2012
William F. Chaplin, Jr.	3 years to expire 2013

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.



Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS. To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Blackstone who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

- Pct. 1—Municipal Center (Lower Level) 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone
- Pct. 2—St. Theresa Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun St., Blackstone
- Pct. 3—Municipal Center (Upper Level) 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone

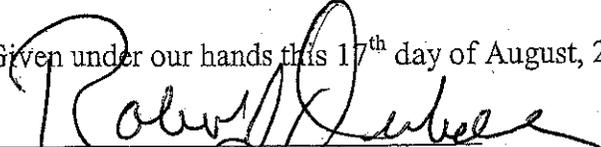
On **TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

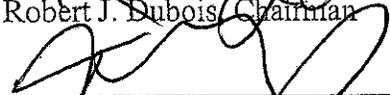
GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LT. GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	2 ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	SEVENTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	18TH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	MIDDLE DISTRICT
SHERIFF.....	WORCESTER COUNTY

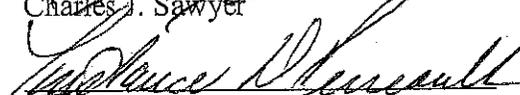
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of August, 2010.


Robert J. Dubois, Chairman


Charles J. Sawyer


John Matthew Wozniak

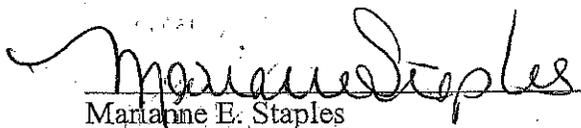

Constance D. Perreault


Joseph Marchand

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 18th day of August, 2010 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun St.; and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.


Cheryl A. Morris-Rice
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Marianne E. Staples
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY
September 14, 2010**

WARDENS:	Precinct #1	Margaret T. Keegan
	Precinct #2	Gloria M. Morin
	Precinct #3	Charles L. Swenson II

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

†Denotes write-in

Prec #1	Democrat	182
Prec #2	Democrat	159
Prec #3	Democrat	117
	Total	458

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL

GOVERNOR

*Deval L. Patrick	120	102	68	290
†Tim Hall	1	0	0	1
†Tim Cahill	3	5	1	9
†Jill Stein	0	1	0	1
All Others	0	0	3	3
Blanks	58	51	45	154

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Timothy P. Murray	138	119	85	342
†Dell Labocano	1	0	0	1
†Charlie Baker	0	1	0	1
†Joe Stein	0	1	0	1
†Tim Cahill	0	0	1	1
Blanks	43	38	31	112

ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Martha Coakley	134	115	81	330
†James McKenna	1	0	0	1
†Jane Henderson	1	0	0	1
†John Wozniak	0	0	1	1
†Guy Glodis	0	0	1	1
†Scott Harshbarger	0	0	1	1
Blanks	46	44	33	123

SECRETARY OF STATE

*William Francis Galvin	133	117	88	338
†Bruce Marshall	0	1	0	1
Blanks	49	41	29	119

TREASURER

*Steven Grossman	72	77	55	204
Stephen J. Murphy	78	63	40	181
†Bill Clinton	0	1	0	1
Blanks	32	18	22	72

AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump	37	27	17	81
*Guy William Glodis	117	105	81	303
Mike Lake	12	19	8	39
Blanks	16	8	11	35

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--**Second District**

*Richard E. Neal	142	123	89	354
†Ralph Lovejoy	0	1	0	1
Blanks	40	35	28	103

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Francis A. Ford	118	110	71	299
†Robert Ethier	0	1	0	1
Blanks	64	48	46	158

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--**Worcester and Norfolk District**

*Richard T. Moore	152	134	101	387
†Wayne Harris	0	1	0	1
Blanks	30	24	16	70

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--**Eighteenth Worcester District**

*Jennifer M. Callahan	154	126	100	380
†Ryan Fattman	3	2	0	5
†Mathew Chamberlin	0	2	0	2
†Robert Dubois	0	1	0	1
Blanks	25	28	17	70

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	139	117	92	348
†Thomas Greene	1	0	0	1
Blanks	42	42	25	109

SHERIFF--Worcester County

Scot J. Bove	59	42	31	132
*Thomas J. Foley	112	108	74	294
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	11	9	12	32

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

†Denotes write-in

Prec #1	Republican	78
Prec #2	Republican	109
Prec #3	Republican	150
	Total	337

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL**GOVERNOR**

*Charles D. Baker	74	92	129	295
†Tim Cahill	0	1	2	3
All Others	0	4	0	4
Blanks	4	12	19	35

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Richard R. Tisei	69	81	109	259
†Brian Cox	0	1	0	1
†Paul Loscocco	0	0	1	1
All Others	0	1	0	1
Blanks	9	26	40	75

ATTORNEY GENERAL

†James McKenna	16	10	0	26
†Jack McKenna	0	0	29	29
†Jack Briggs	0	0	1	1
†Kim Roy	1	0	0	1
†Gerry Carbone	1	1	1	3
†Scott Cousland	0	1	0	1
†Cahill	0	1	0	1
Blanks	60	96	119	275

SECRETARY OF STATE

*William C. Campbell	58	85	108	251
†Cooperman	0	0	1	1
Blanks	20	24	41	85

TREASURER

*Karyn E. Polito	62	83	112	257
†Guy Carbone	0	0	1	1

†Grossman	0	2	0	2
Blanks	16	24	37	77

AUDITOR

*Mary Z. Connaughton	62	87	103	252
Kamal Jain	6	10	22	38
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	12	25	47

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--

Second District

Jay S. Fleitman	9	23	16	48
*Thomas A. Wesley	64	78	127	269
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	8	7	20

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Jennie L. Caissie	57	79	98	234
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	21	30	52	103

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--

Worcester and Norfolk District

†Kimberly Roy	2	1	8	11
†T. Bourgeois	0	0	1	1
†Charles Werner	0	0	1	1
†Kevin Hart	0	0	1	1
†Reid McMullin	0	0	1	1
All Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	76	108	137	321

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--

Eighteenth Worcester District

*Ryan C. Fattman	65	100	128	293
†Mark Poirier	1	0	0	1
†J. Callahan	0	0	3	3
Blanks	12	9	19	40

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

†James McKenna	0	0	3	3
†Carbone	0	0	1	1
†Charles Werner	0	0	1	1
†Susan King	0	0	1	1
All Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	78	109	143	330

SHERIFF--Worcester County

*Lewis G. Evangelidis	63	86	111	260
†Eric O'Connor	1	0	0	1
†Tom Foley	1	2	2	5
Blanks	13	21	37	71

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Libertarian	0
Prec #2	Libertarian	0
Prec #3	Libertarian	0
	Total	0

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL

GOVERNOR

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

SECRETARY OF STATE

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

TREASURER

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

AUDITOR

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--

Second District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--

Worcester and Norfolk District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--

Eighteenth Worcester District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

SHERIFF--Worcester County

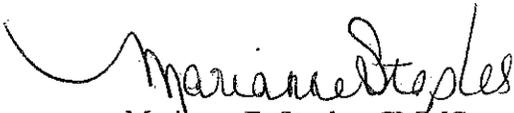
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS-

Total voters--all parties--795

13% of the eligible voters cast ballots.



Marianne E. Staples, CMMC
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

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, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$72,427 for the purpose of paying retroactive wage/salary adjustments to the permanent full-time and part-time employees of the Town of Blackstone as set forth in the schedule appended hereto with \$62,884 of said sum to be raised from taxation and \$4,669 to be transferred from water enterprise retained earnings, \$1,174 to be transferred from sewer enterprise retained earnings and \$3,700 to be transferred from recycling enterprise retained earnings, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15A to transfer the purpose for which it holds the Town owned real property located at Rayner Street, identified on Blackstone Assessors Plat 6, Lots 95 and 103, from general municipal purposes to the purpose of development of affordable housing or age-restricted/senior housing; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to said property for affordable/age restricted/senior housing, including the execution of such deeds, restrictions, covenants, agreements or other instruments as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

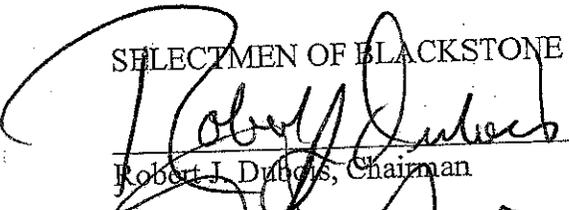
ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$58,200 to account #61452-52400 for unforeseen repair and maintenance expenses related to the water system, including water tank inspections mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, cleaning of Well #6 and Well #6a to improve productivity, installation of a SCADA system for Well #2 as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and repair of Well #4 or take any other action in relation thereto.

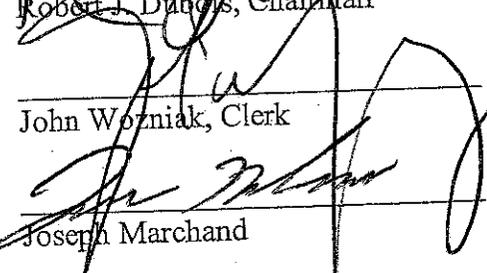
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

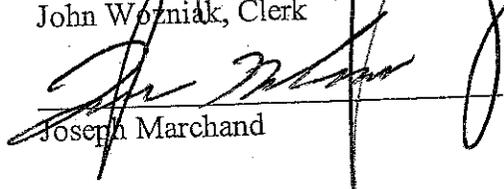
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at St. Theresa's Parish Hall (Lower Level) at 630 Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

Given under our hands this 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.

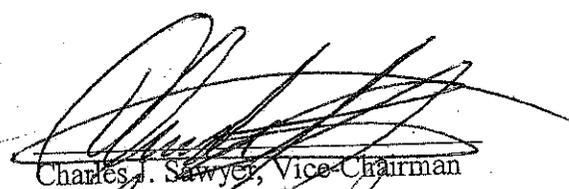
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

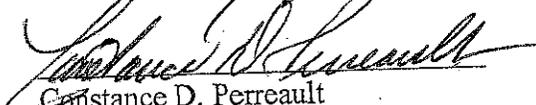

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

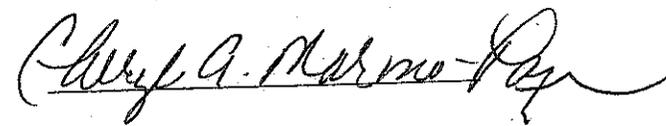

John Wozniak, Clerk


Joseph Marchand

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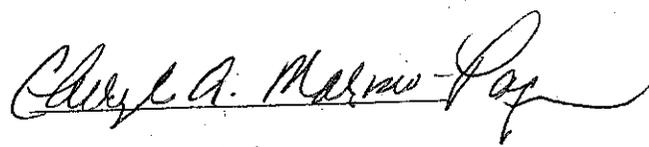

Charles J. Sawyer, Vice-Chairman


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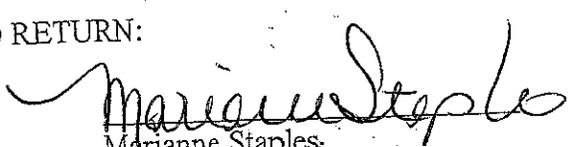

Cheryl A. Marmo-Pay
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 18th day of August, 2010 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.


Cheryl A. Marmo-Pay
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Marianne Staples
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. A total of 82 registered voters checked in prior to the end of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello & Pfaff, LLP; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Catherine Antonellis, Town Accountant; Karen Albright, COA Director; Colleen Strapponi, Building Department; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; Charles Singleton, Chair, District School Committee; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District; Jeffery W. McClure, PE, Weston & Sampson; and Gino Carlucci, Planning Board Consultant.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$72,427 for the purpose of paying retroactive wage/salary adjustments to the permanent full-time and part-time employees of the Town of Blackstone as set forth in the schedule appended hereto with \$62,884 of said sum to be raised from taxation and \$4,669 to be transferred from Water Enterprise line item 61452-53000 to 61451-51120; \$1,174 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise line item 60442-52400 to 60441-51120; and \$3,700 to be transferred from Recycling Enterprise line item 65433-51990 to 65433-51115.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15A to transfer the purpose for which it holds the Town owned real property located at Rayner Street, identified on Blackstone Assessors Plat 6, Lots 95 and 103, from general municipal purposes to the purpose of development of affordable housing or age-restricted/senior housing; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to said property for

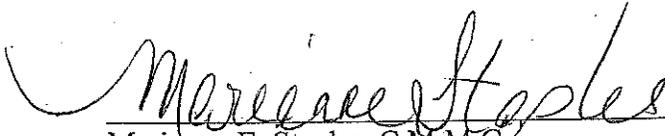
affordable/age restricted/senior housing, including the execution of such deeds, restrictions, covenants, agreements or other instruments as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$58,200 from Water Enterprise line item # 61452-53000 to line item #61452-52400 for unforeseen repair and maintenance expenses related to the water system, including water tank inspections mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, cleaning of Well #6 and Well #6a to improve productivity, installation of a SCADA system for Well #2 as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and repair of Well #4.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT
STATE ELECTION--NOVEMBER 2, 2010

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Election to vote at: Precinct #1. -Senior Center, Municipal Center (Lower Level), St. Paul St.; Precinct #2. -St. Theresa Parish Hall (lower Level), 630 Rathbun St.; Precinct #3. -Main Conference Room, Municipal Center (Upper Level), St. Paul St. on **TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	18 TH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	MIDDLE DISTRICT
SHERIFF.....	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.....	BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would remove the Massachusetts sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol, where the sale of such beverages and alcohol or their importation into the state is already subject to a separate excise tax under state law. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2011.

A YES VOTE would remove the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol where their sale or importation into the state is subject to an excise tax under state law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would repeal an existing state law that allows a qualified organization wishing to build government-subsidized housing that includes lower moderate-income units to apply for a single comprehensive permit from a city or town's zoning board of appeals (ZBA), instead of separate permits from each local agency or official having jurisdiction over any aspect of the proposed housing. The repeal would take effect on January 1, 2011, but would not stop or otherwise affect any proposed housing that had already received both a comprehensive permit and a building

permit for at least one unit.

Under the existing law, the ZBA holds a public hearing on the application and considers the recommendations of local agencies and officials. The ZBA may grant a comprehensive permit that may include conditions or requirements concerning the height, site plan, size, shape, or building materials of the housing.

Persons aggrieved by the ZBA's decision to grant a permit may appeal it to a court. If the ZBA denies the permit or grants it with conditions or requirements that make the housing uneconomic to build or to operate, the applicant may appeal to the state Housing Appeals Committee (HAC).

After a hearing, if the HAC rules that the ZBA's denial of a comprehensive permit was unreasonable and not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to issue the permit. If the HAC rules that the ZBA's decision issuing a comprehensive permit with conditions or requirements made the housing uneconomic to build or operate and was not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to modify or remove any such condition or requirement so as to make the proposal no longer uneconomic. The HAC cannot order the ZBA to issue any permit that would allow the housing to fall below minimum safety standards or site plan requirements. If the HAC rules that the ZBA's action was consistent with local needs, the HAC must uphold it even if it made the housing uneconomic. The HAC's decision is subject to review in the courts.

A condition or requirement makes housing "uneconomic" if it would prevent a public agency or non-profit organization from building or operating the housing except at a financial loss, or it would prevent a limited dividend organization from building or operating the housing without a reasonable return on its investment.

A ZBA's decision is "consistent with local needs" if it applies requirements that are reasonable in view of the regional need for low- and moderate-income housing and the number of low-income persons in the city or town, as well as the need to protect health and safety, promote better site and building design, and preserve open space, if those requirements are applied as equally as possible to both subsidized and unsubsidized housing. Requirements are considered "consistent with local needs" if more than 10% of the city or town's housing units are low- or moderate-income units or if such units are on sites making up at least 1.5% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town. Requirements are also considered "consistent with local needs" if the application would result, in any one calendar year, in beginning construction of low- or moderate-income housing on sites making up more than 0.3% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town, or on ten acres, whichever is larger.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would repeal the state law allowing the issuance of a single comprehensive permit to build housing that includes low- or moderate-income units.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state law allowing issuance of such a comprehensive permit.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use tax rates (which were 6.25% as of September 2009) to 3% as of January 1, 2011. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount to be deposited with the state Commissioner of Revenue by non-resident building contractors as security for the payment of sales and use tax on tangible personal property used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law provides that if the 3% rates would not produce enough revenues to satisfy any lawful pledge of sales and use tax revenues in connection with any bond, note, or other contractual obligation, then the rates would instead be reduced to the lowest level allowed by law.

The proposed law would not affect the collection of moneys due the Commonwealth for sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property or services occurring before January 1, 2011.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would reduce the state sales and use tax rates to 3%.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the state sales and use tax rates.

Question 4-This is not binding

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow patients, with their doctor's written recommendation, to possess, grow, and purchase marijuana for medical use?

Given under our hands this **5th day of October, 2010.**

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

Constance D. Perreault

Charles J. Sawyer, Vice Chairman

John Matthew Wozniak

Joseph Marchand

Selectmen of Blackstone

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this **6th Day of October, 2010**, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St.; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun St.; and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.

Constable

_____, 2010.
(month and day)

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN

Marianne E. Staples, CMMC
Town Clerk of Blackstone

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District

Richard E. Neal	506	523	489	1518
*Thomas A. Wesley	465	528	684	1677
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	34	39	33	106

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Jennie L. Caissie	511	538	690	1739
Francis A. Ford	393	436	407	1236
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	101	116	109	326

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District

*Richard T. Moore	572	594	601	1767
Kimberly B. Roy	398	443	565	1406
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	35	53	40	128

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighteenth Worcester District

Jennifer M. Callahan	522	529	562	1613
*Ryan C. Fattman	476	546	616	1638
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	15	28	50

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	716	772	813	2301
Write-ins	4	5	12	21
Blanks	285	313	381	979

SHERIFF--Worcester County

Lewis G. Evangelidis	362	411	532	1305
*Thomas J. Foley	488	496	504	1488
Keith E. Nicholas	94	102	91	287
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	61	81	79	221

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Bellingham

*Joseph M. Hall	710	757	791	2258
Write-ins	1	1	2	4
Blanks	294	332	413	1039

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Blackstone

*William J. Pontes	750	791	835	2376
Write-ins	0	1	2	3
Blanks	255	298	369	922

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Douglas

*John C. Lavin, III	680	735	759	2174
Write-ins	0	1	2	3
Blanks	325	354	445	1124

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Grafton

*Anthony M. Yitts	642	707	711	2060
Write-ins	0	1	2	3
Blanks	363	382	493	1238

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Hopedale

*Paul M. Yanovitch	633	705	703	2041
Write-ins	0	1	2	3
Blanks	372	384	501	1257

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Mendon

*Michael D. Peterson	637	706	710	2053
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	368	383	495	1246

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Milford

*Arthur E. Morin, Jr.	630	704	710	2044
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	375	385	495	1255

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Millbury

*Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.	618	687	691	1996
Write-ins	1	1	1	3
Blanks	386	402	514	1302

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Millville

*Gerald M. Finn	641	696	725	2062
Write-ins	1	1	0	2
Blanks	363	393	481	1237

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Northbridge

*Jeff T. Koopman	630	693	695	2018
Write-ins	1	1	0	2
Blanks	374	396	511	1281

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Sutton

*Mitchell A. Intinarelli	617	689	688	1994
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	388	400	518	1306

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Upton

*Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr.	624	688	688	2000
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	381	401	518	1300

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone Valley - Uxbridge

*James Ebbeling	381	415	461	1257
David LeFrancois	255	319	280	854
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	369	355	465	1189

QUESTION #1--Remove sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol

*Yes	571	622	748	1941
No	391	415	393	1199
Blanks	43	53	65	161

QUESTION #2--Repeal 40B law for housing that includes low- or moderate-income units

*Yes	452	544	619	1615
No	458	469	500	1427
Blanks	95	77	87	259

QUESTION #3--Reduce state sales and use tax to 3%

*Yes	477	523	620	1620
No	485	509	520	1514
Blanks	43	58	66	167

QUESTION #4--Allow possession, growth, and purchase of marijuana for medical use

*Yes	596	611	660	1867
No	301	358	408	1067
Blanks	108	121	138	367

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

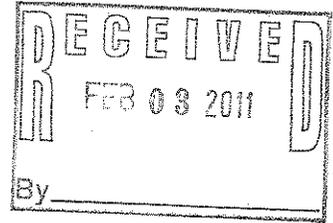
ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6158

Total voters--3301

54% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Marianne E. Staples, C.M.M.C.
Town Clerk of Blackstone

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT



The Town Accountant's office provides accounting support to all departments, board and committees of the Town. Payments to all Town vendors are processed through this department. The office is responsible for budgetary oversight and accurate maintenance and review of all expenditures and financial records pertaining to all Town appropriations.

Budget constraints continued into fiscal year 2010. With the uncertainty of state aid and of the local revenues the budget was prepared with no contract raises and level service of the operating expenses.

State Aid was increased by \$53,966 from fiscal year 2009. The local revenues increased over the forecast due in part to the Federal Government program "Cash for Clunkers". Revenues exceeded the budget in the amount of \$637,195.

To all the department heads, employees, committees and boards I would like express my appreciation for the cooperation and communication with the Accounting Department. The Accounting Department looks forward to working with all in the coming fiscal year.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. The salary/wage listing is for the calendar year 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Antonellis".

Catherine Antonellis
Town Accountant

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Trust & Agency	L-T Debt Account Group	Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Assets						
Cash & investments	2,792,083	793,680	1,569,205	3,998,413	-	10,168,340
Receivables:						
Property taxes	702,282	-	-	-	-	702,282
Motor vehicle excise	201,020	-	-	-	-	201,020
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water	-	-	-	241,345	-	241,345
Sewer	-	-	-	323,823	-	323,823
Other	385,021	143,046	-	-	-	528,067
Special assessments	2,325	-	-	-	-	2,325
Due from Federal	-	47,324	-	-	-	47,324
Due from State	-	271,458	-	-	-	271,458
Due from General Fund	31,635	-	-	-	16,847,722	16,879,357
Loans Authorized	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	4,114,366	1,255,508	1,569,205	3,998,413	16,847,722	29,365,341
Liabilities & reserves						
Warrants & accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payrolls payable & withholdings	(9,275)	-	-	-	-	(9,275)
Other liabilities	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	16,847,722	16,847,722
Loans Authorized and Unissued	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue & provision	547,376	461,828	-	565,168	-	1,574,372
Overlay Balance	825,545	-	-	-	-	825,545
Total liabilities & reserves	1,373,646	461,828	-	565,168	16,847,722	19,248,364
Fund balances						
Reserved						
Encumbrances	44,879	-	-	-	-	44,879
Extra & Unforseen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Continued appropriations	153,667	-	-	-	-	153,667
Expenditures	645,525	-	-	-	-	645,525
Special Purposes	-	793,680	1,569,205	-	-	6,361,298
Undesignated	1,896,649	-	-	1,014,959	-	2,911,608
Total fund balances	2,740,720	793,680	1,569,205	3,998,413	-	10,116,977
Total liabilities and fund balances	4,114,366	1,255,508	1,569,205	3,998,413	16,847,722	29,365,341

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	550	-	-	550	495	-	55
SELECTMEN	52,570	-	40	52,610	50,249	-	2,361
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	142,763	2,319	234	145,316	143,660	-	1,656
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,020	-	42	3,062	2,490	-	572
RESERVE FUND	50,000	(49,979)	-	21	-	-	21
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	6,600	-	1,132	7,732	5,829	-	1,903
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	79,527	-	-	79,527	76,876	-	2,651
ASSESSORS	143,194	-	-	143,194	115,780	2,341	25,073
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	117,893	9,000	-	126,893	123,088	394	3,411
TOWN COUNSEL	90,000	-	-	90,000	80,995	-	9,005
DATA PROCESSING	101,404	6,000	-	107,404	94,039	-	13,365
COPIER	5,600	30	-	5,630	5,519	-	111
BONDS & INSURANCE	166,500	-	-	166,500	141,471	-	25,029
TOWN CLERK	97,602	-	-	97,602	97,314	-	288
ELECTIONS	9,900	1,680	-	11,580	10,284	-	1,296
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	5,250	-	-	5,250	4,669	-	581
CONSERVATION COMM	4,080	-	-	4,080	3,816	-	264
TOWN PLANNER	26,007	-	-	26,007	17,163	-	8,844
PLANNING BOARD	8,207	-	-	8,207	6,962	-	1,245
ZONING BOARD	2,121	-	-	2,121	2,121	-	-
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	124,000	-	480	124,480	94,904	-	29,576
GENERAL	203,000	500	5,504	209,004	205,681	460	2,863
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	4,500	-	-	4,500	2,178	-	2,322
TOWN REPORT							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,444,288	(30,450)	7,432	1,421,270	1,285,583	3,195	132,492
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,106,158	-	-	1,106,158	1,053,665	897	51,596
POLICE DISPATCHERS	162,077	-	-	162,077	144,802	-	17,275
FIRE DEPARTMENT	563,849	-	-	563,849	560,913	-	2,936
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	3,000	4,000	-	7,000	6,778	-	222
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	2,400	-	-	2,400	1,851	-	549
AMBULANCE	23,900	-	-	23,900	23,856	-	44
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	50,164	-	-	50,164	36,406	-	13,758
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	13,289	-	-	13,289	12,892	-	397
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	7,901	-	-	7,901	7,661	-	240
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	4,900	-	-	4,900	1,697	-	3,203

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
ANIMAL CONTROL	34,863	-	-	34,863	14,455	-	20,408
FORESTRY	23,200	-	-	23,200	22,269	-	931
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,997,701	4,000	-	2,001,701	1,887,245	897	113,559
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	6,537,364	-	-	6,537,364	6,537,360	-	4
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE VOCATIONAL TUITION	687,542	-	-	687,542	687,542	-	-
	218,349	-	-	218,349	174,133	-	44,216
EDUCATION	7,443,255	-	-	7,443,255	7,399,035	-	44,220
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	5,000	4,950	-	9,950	5,000	4,950	-
ENGINEERING	15,000	-	-	15,000	10,173	1,578	3,249
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	27,936	(5,000)	-	22,936	16,770	-	6,166
HIGHWAY LABOR	199,760	18,800	-	218,560	218,488	-	72
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	42,900	-	4,290	47,190	36,692	3,858	6,640
SNOW & ICE	110,633	27,272	-	137,905	137,905	-	-
STREET LIGHTING	79,900	10,725	-	90,625	90,625	-	-
MECHANICAL REPAIR	54,000	-	-	54,000	51,732	-	2,268
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	177,500	-	75,000	252,500	129,876	-	122,624
STREET CLEANING	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,356	-	644
WASTE COLLECTION	521,358	-	-	521,358	504,118	-	17,240
PUBLIC WORKS	1,235,987	56,747	79,290	1,372,024	1,202,735	10,386	158,903
BOARD OF HEALTH	65,532	-	1,140	66,672	56,377	7,800	2,495
COUNCIL ON AGING	136,285	-	-	136,285	135,030	-	1,255
VETERANS	35,070	-	-	35,070	29,383	-	5,687
HUMAN SERVICES	236,887	-	1,140	238,027	220,790	7,800	9,437
LIBRARY	287,515	-	-	287,515	279,908	516	7,091
PARKS	107,496	-	2,114	109,610	78,320	22,085	9,205
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	5,985	2,500	-	8,485	8,485	-	-
MEMORIAL DAY	5,600	-	-	5,600	5,592	-	8
CULTURAL COUNCIL	1,076	-	-	1,076	80	-	996
CULTURE & RECREATION	407,672	2,500	2,114	412,286	372,385	22,601	17,300

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
PRINCIPAL	1,015,001	4,194	-	1,019,195	1,019,195	-	-
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	664,519	(4,194)	-	660,325	640,648	-	19,677
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
DEBT SERVICE	1,699,520	-	-	1,699,520	1,659,843	-	39,677
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	5,845	132	-	5,977	5,976	-	1
COUNTY RETIREMENT	394,274	(132)	-	394,142	368,283	-	25,859
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	95,000	-	-	95,000	16,436	-	78,564
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	407,400	-	-	407,400	362,613	-	44,787
LIFE INSURANCE	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,439	-	561
MATCHING MEDICARE	48,880	-	-	48,880	38,872	-	10,008
COMPENSATED BALANCES	55,000	-	-	55,000	42,713	-	12,287
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	42,734	475	-	43,209	43,209	-	-
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,051,133	475	-	1,051,608	879,541	-	172,067
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	15,516,443	33,272	89,976	15,639,691	14,907,157	44,879	687,655
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	173,616	-	-	173,616	173,616	-	-
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	173,616	-	-	173,616	173,616	-	-
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT	142,766	-	-	142,766	28,497	114,269	-
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY	52,926	-	-	52,926	51,189	1,737	-
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS	38,833	-	-	38,833	1,172	37,661	-
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL	234,525	-	-	234,525	80,858	153,667	-
GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS	15,924,584	33,272	89,976	16,047,832	15,161,631	-	687,655

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2010

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20	Federal Grants Fund 21	Other Rpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets					
Cash and investments	\$ (271,458)	114,261	(14,456)	\$ 965,332	\$ 793,680
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	143,046	143,046
Due from Commonwealth	271,458	-	-	-	271,458
Due from Federal Government	-	-	47,324	-	47,324
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	114,261	32,868	1,108,378	1,255,508

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	271,458	-	47,324	143,046	461,828
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	(271,458)	114,261	(14,456)	965,333	793,680
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ 114,261	\$ 32,868	\$ 1,108,379	\$ 1,255,508

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2010**

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20	Federal Grants Fund 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues					
Federal & State Grants	50,448	109,886		-	\$ 160,334
Charges for Services	-	-		-	\$ -
Other	-	-		516,059	\$ 516,059
	50,448	109,886		516,059	\$ 676,393

Expenditures					
General Government	-	(28,246)		133,339	\$ 105,093
Public Safety	-	53,078		5,011	\$ 58,089
Education	-				\$ -
Public works	-			5,641	\$ 5,641
Human services	-	29,728		22,906	\$ 52,634
Culture & recreation	-	19,117		20,887	\$ 40,004
Insurance & other	-			-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	401,879		14,456	-	\$ 416,335
Debt Service	-			-	\$ -
	401,879	73,677	14,456	187,784	\$ 677,796

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	(351,431)	36,209	(14,456)	328,275	\$ (1,403)
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Bond Proceeds	-	-		-	\$ -
Transfers in	-				\$ -
Transfers (out)	-			(204,194)	\$ (204,194)
	-	-	-	(204,194)	(204,194)

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	(351,431)	36,209	(14,456)	124,081	(205,597)
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Fund Balance, 6/30/09	79,973	78,052		841,252	\$ 999,277
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Fund Balance, 6/30/10	(271,458)	114,261	(14,456)	965,333	\$ 793,680
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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2010

		Balance July 1, 2009	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2010
Fund 13 Highway Fund						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	79,973	50,448	401,879	-	(271,458)
Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund						
Federal Grants:						
020-000-126-35000	97-98-99 MCDBG	-	-	-	-	-
020-000-123-57000	FY06 CDBG Grant #00509	(40,515)	-	(40,515)	-	-
020-124-100-35000	2003 CDGB Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (Fed Share)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Federal Grants:		(40,515)	-	(40,515)	-	-
State Grants:						
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	263	12,006	12,269	-	-
020-100-181-35000	Main Street Revitalization Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	-	3,080	-	-	3,080
020-100-201-35000	Byrne Grant	-	10,730	10,730	-	-
020-200-210-35000	DARE Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	304	-	-	-	304
020-200-212-46000	Community Policing Grant	3,660	-	2,647	-	1,013
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	50	325	-	-	375
020-200-218-35000	VV Public Safety Equipment Grant	298	27,386	24,300	-	3,384
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	6,521	3,492	4,750	-	5,263
020-200-220-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	-	4,100	4,100	-	-
020-200-221-35000	Fire Safe Grant	88	-	-	-	88
020-200-223-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	1,774	1,600	2,100	-	1,274
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	2,357	4,100	2,683	-	3,774
020-200-225-35000	Fire Safety Grant	441	-	439	-	2
020-200-226-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	7	-	7	-	-
020-200-227-35000	Homeland Security Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	160	-	132	-	28
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Management Grant	2,790	2,500	5,290	-	-
020-200-295-35000	Heritage Tree Fund Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-400-429-35000	Lake Hiawatha Dam Grant	792	-	-	-	792
020-400-433-35000	FEMA Flood Grant -State/Fed	-	-	-	-	-
020-400-436-35000	Recycling Assistance Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-400-437-35000	Water Emergency Reimb Grant	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
020-400-438-35000	Sewer Rate Relief Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-500-512-53000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	237	-	-	-	237
020-500-513-35000	Emergency Prepare Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-500-514-35000	BOH - PHER Grant	-	17,257	17,257	-	-
020-500-516-35000	BOH - Inspections Grant	-	4,000	4,000	-	-
020-500-541-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	-	8,470	8,470	-	-
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	77,328	11,058	14,874	-	73,512
020-600-611-35000	Library Planning/Design Grant	173	-	173	-	-
020-600-613-35000	Library Match Grant	294	-	-	-	294
020-600-614-35000	Library Equal Access	1,091	-	1,091	-	-
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	-	-	-	-	-
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	4,939	4,052	3,150	-	5,841
Total State Grants:		118,567	114,156	126,327	-	114,261
Total Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund		78,052	114,156	85,812	-	114,261
Fund 21 Federal Grants						
Receipts Reserved						
021-400-429-35600		-	-	14,456	-	(14,456)
Total Fund 21 State & Federal Grant Fund		-	-	-	-	(14,456)
Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue						
Receipts Reserved:						
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,549	-	-	-	2,549
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	4,006	-	-	-	4,006
029-100-121-35600	F/P ANP Gift	-	-	-	-	-

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2010

	Balance July 1, 2009	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2010	
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	4,483	6,967	13,497	-	(2,047)
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	7,183	21,815	28,998	-	-
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148	-	-	-	13,148
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500	-	-	-	25,500
029-100-126-35600	Selectman EOCD Fund	28,048	-	28,048	-	-
029-100-127-35600	Selectmen Gift - Flagpole	-	-	-	-	-
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	64,701	-	-	-	64,701
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise Gift	141,793	90,290	58,821	-	173,262
000-029-135-35600	Compensated Balances	8,910	-	-	-	8,910
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	10,612	365	150	-	10,827
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	3,178	2,000	3,825	-	1,353
029-100-176-35600	Zoning Board Review Fees	-	200	200	-	-
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	-	-	-	-	-
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board - Rolling Brook	152	-	-	-	152
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,021	-	-	-	1,021
029-200-210-35600	Police Crusier	-	-	-	-	-
029-200-208-35600	Police Cainine Donation	1	-	-	-	1
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	8,442	3,192	3,088	-	8,546
029-200-220-35600	Fire Department Gift	253	-	253	-	-
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	353,220	286,085	-	(200,000)	439,305
029-200-241-35600	On-Site Project Rep	34,953	-	-	-	34,953
029-200-243-35600	ANP Local Inspections	-	-	-	-	-
029-200-292-35600	Animal Control Gift	1,670	-	1,670	-	-
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188	-	-	-	188
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58	-	-	-	58
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	26,972	22,572	-	-	49,544
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	7,499	35,125	7,005	-	35,619
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center	3,233	1,530	2,829	-	1,934
029-500-440-35600	Tupper Park Sewer Study	-	-	-	-	-
029-500-510-35600	Compost Bins	-	-	-	-	-
029-500-510-35600	Dumpster Donation	-	-	-	-	-
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	13,337	-	-	(4,194)	9,143
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	390	1,534	1,111	-	813
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	24,222	5,571	13,124	-	16,669
029-500-542-35600	COA Van - Bank of Boston	3,310	29	3,339	-	-
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	17,331	3,366	1,138	-	19,559
029-500-544-35600	COA Public Address System	-	-	-	-	-
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	13,735	19,644	3,396	-	29,983
029-600-613-35600	Public Libraries Fund	2,362	-	1,827	-	535
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Revolving	3,893	1,902	2,000	-	3,795
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	86	-	-	-	86
029-600-690-35600	Historical Gift ANP	823	-	823	-	-
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	5,382	821	493	-	5,710
029-600-692-48300	Parade Donations	1,269	13,250	11,348	-	3,171
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	3,338	-	1,000	-	2,338
29000-20200	Warrants Payable	12,606	-	12,606	-	-
	Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:	853,857	516,258	200,589	(204,194)	965,332
	TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS	1,011,882	680,862	688,280	(204,194)	793,679

**Note: State Reimbursable Grants

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS
June 30, 2010

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33	Millerville Sewer Fund 35	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37	Library Bldg/Arch Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Assets								
Cash and investments	1,693	14,140	396,544	1,108,127	17,993	1,357	29,351	1,569,205
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities & Fund Bal.								
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	1,693	14,140	396,544	1,108,127	17,993	1,357	29,351	1,569,205
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	14,140	396,544	1,108,127	17,993	1,357	29,351	1,569,205

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

Year ended June 30, 2010

	Dept. Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer Eng/Construct Fund 33	Millerville Sewer Fund 35	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37	Capital Projects Fund Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures								
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	111,961	-	-	73,106	15,933	185,067
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,933
Debt Service	-	-	111,961	-	-	73,106	15,933	201,000
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	-	(111,961)	-	-	(73,106)	(15,933)	(201,000)
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	-	(111,961)	-	-	(73,106)	(15,933)	(201,000)
Fund Balance, 6/30/09	1,693	14,140	508,505	1,108,127	17,993	74,463	45,284	1,770,205
Fund Balance, 6/30/10	1,693	14,140	396,544	1,108,127	17,993	1,357	29,351	1,569,205

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

Year ended June 30, 2010

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
Assets				
Cash and investments	123,648	714,494	176,816	1,014,958
Accounts receivable	323,823	241,345		565,168
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-		-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	447,471	955,839	176,816	1,580,126

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable

Accrued Payroll

Deferred revenue

Notes payable

Fund balance - designated

Fund balance - reserved

Unreserved fund balance

	323,823	241,345		565,168
		-		-
	87,642	87		87,729
	51,887	85,468		137,355
	(15,881)	628,939	176,816	789,874
	447,471	955,839	176,816	1,580,126

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Year ended June 30, 2009

Revenues	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL Enterprise Fund
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services			278,323	278,323
Other	481,253	459,884		941,137
	481,253	459,884	278,323	1,219,460

Expenditures				
Personal Services	73,735	153,972	161,801	389,508
Purchase of Services	285,640	400,443	79,412	765,495
Supplies			-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures			-	-
Capital Outlay				-
Debt Service		66,465	-	66,465
	359,375	620,880	241,213	1,221,468

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	121,878	(160,996)	37,110	(2,008)
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Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	121,878	(160,996)	37,110	(2,008)
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Fund Balance, 6/30/09	1,770	875,490	139,706	1,016,966
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Fund Balance, 6/30/10	123,648	714,494	176,816	1,014,958
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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2010 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-BUDGET BASIS

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Fund Balance	Closed to
SEWER ARTICLES								
90903 ATM/5/09 #12 Grinder	21,500	-	-	21,500	21,500	-	-	-
98212 ATM/5/04#16 Scada	3,427	-	-	3,427	3,100	327	-	CapTrust
98214 ATM/05/05#21 Upgrade	8,460	-	-	8,460	-	8,460	-	RetEarm
Total Sewer Articles	33,387	-	-	33,387	24,600	8,787	-	-
TOTAL SEWER	428,915	-	63,886	492,801	359,375	48,787	84,639	
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
RESERVE FUND-WATER	25,000	(24,700)	-	300	-	-	300	-
RESERVE FUND	40,000	(24,700)	-	15,300	-	-	15,300	
WATER LABOR								
WATER ADMINISTRATION	118,815	2,500	-	121,315	121,278	-	-	37
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	40,430	-	-	40,430	32,695	-	-	7,735
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	367,882	22,200	-	390,082	386,396	209	-	3,477
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	45,000	-	-	45,000	45,000	-	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	22,000	-	-	22,000	21,465	-	-	535
WATER	594,127	24,700	-	618,827	606,834	209	11,784	
WATER ARTICLES								
90904 ATM/05/09 #13 Water Meters	22,500	-	-	22,500	-	22,500	-	RetEarm
98009 ATM/05/06#15 YR2	12,232	-	-	12,232	12,232	-	-	RetEarm
98009 ATM/05/07#15 YR3	20,000	-	-	20,000	1,814	18,186	-	RetEarm
Total Water Articles	54,732	-	-	54,732	14,046	40,686	-	-
TOTAL WATER	648,859	24,700	-	673,559	620,880	40,895	11,784	
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION								
Personnel	162,330	-	-	162,330	161,801	-	-	529
Expenses	82,303	-	-	82,303	79,412	-	-	2,891
RECYCLING CENTER	244,633	-	-	244,633	241,213	-	3,420	
RECYCLING ARTICLES								
90800 ATM/5/08#11	1,165	-	-	1,165	-	1,165	-	CapTrust
90801 ATM/5/08#12	42	-	-	42	-	42	-	CapTrust
90802 ATM/5/08#13	123,471	-	-	123,471	-	123,471	-	CapTrust
Total Recycling Articles	124,678	-	-	124,678	-	124,678	-	-
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	1,487,085	-	63,886	1,550,971	1,221,468	214,360	115,143	

Fund	Balance July 1, 2009	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 10
Expendable Trusts:						
#84 - Stabilization Fund	1,326,549	-	23,827	-	173,616	1,523,992
#84 - Law Enforcement	8,276	1,278	-	-	-	9,554
Total Fund #84:	1,334,825	1,278	23,827	-	173,616	1,533,546
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	1,870,458	7,605	32,223	-	(111,551)	1,798,735
Total Fund #85:	1,870,458	7,605	32,223	-	(111,551)	1,798,735
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	3,205,283	8,883	56,050	-	62,065	3,332,281

Agency Funds

	Balance		Deductions	Balance
	July 01, 2009	Additions		
Police Outside Detail	460	57,989	54,216	4,233
Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535	-	-	2,535
ANP Escrow	427,446	39,103	-	466,549
Performance Bonds	153,635	549	-	154,184
Deputy Fees	32,103	20,967	3,634	49,436
Fish & Game - State	225	4,654	4,653	226
Police FID	-	3,875	3,875	-
ANP Sewer Charges	-	-	15,509	(15,509)
Recycling Agency Fund	(3,147)	23,198	15,573	4,478
Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-

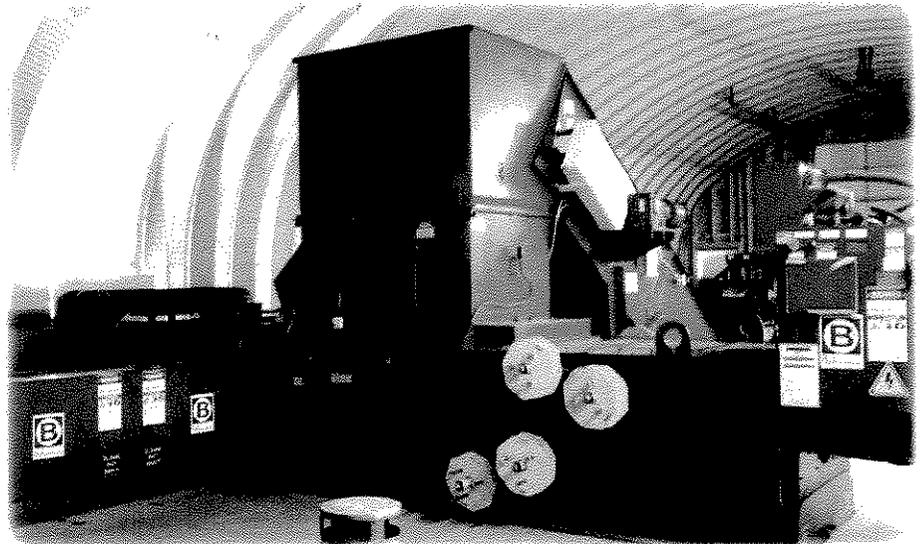
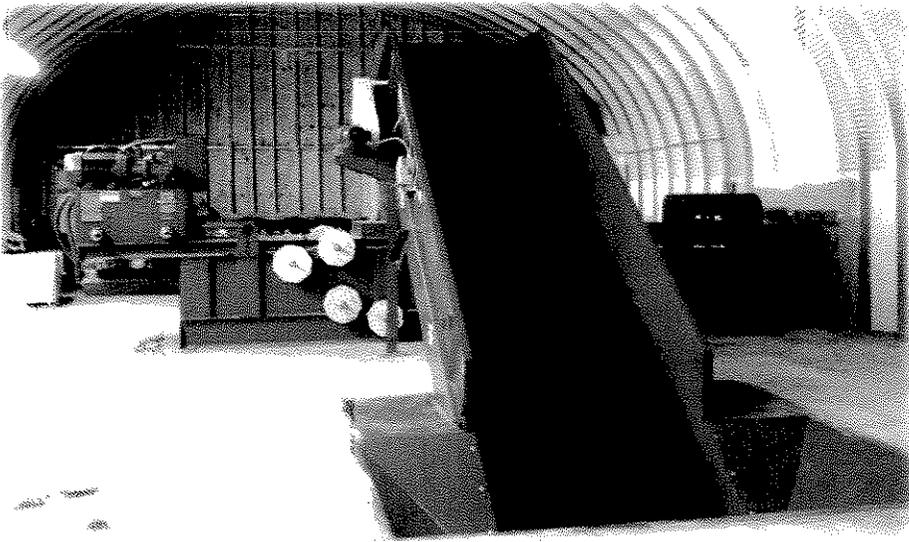
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	613,257	150,335	97,460	666,132
Total Trust & Agency Funds				3,998,413

MUNICIPAL CENTER EXTENSION LIST

<u>EXTENSION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>
113	Town Administrator	
102	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine
101	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Kim Milliken
114	Municipal Clerk	Rita Maloney
116	Town Clerk	Marianne Staples
124	Office Assistant	Donna Bik
146	Assistant Town Clerk	Claudette Dolinski
117	Collector/Treasurer	Diane Warren
118	Assistant Collector	Catherine Muller
119	Clerk/Collector/Treasurer's Office	Marianne Mulholland
120	Assistant Treasurer	Stephanie Letalien
121	Assistant Assessor	Patricia Salamone
122	Administrative Asst./Assessor's Office	Rachel Campopiano
123	Town Accountant	Catherine Antonellis
148	Assistant Accountant	Maureen Englund
165	Accounting Clerk	
126	Community Development	
129	Building Inspector/Board of Health	Colleen Strapponi
130	Municipal Inspector	
168	Conservation Commission	Lisa Larue, Sec.
143	Fire Chief Secretary	
144	Emergency Management Director	Mark Poirier
145	Fire Chief	Michael Sweeney
155	Systems Administrator	
156	Zoning Board of Appeals	Amy Sutherland, Sec.
157	Cultural Council	
158	Finance Committee	Norman Bergeron, Chair
159	Historical Commission	Carolyn Powers, Chair
163	Town Planner	
163	Planning Board	Amy Sutherland, Sec.
265	DPW Office Assistant	Kelly Shea
	SENIOR CENTER:	
125	Intake & Information	
133	Transportation	Dennis Pimenta
134	Outreach Program	Jean Doiron
135	COA Director	Karen Albright
150	Activities Assistant	
151	General Info/Nutrition Site	Gail LeClair

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