

*In memory of **Francis J. Collin**, Sealer of Weights & Measures 1982-2002, **Rita Maloney**, Municipal Center Employee 2004-2011, **William F. Maloney**, Town Treasurer 1954-1972, **Rita Manseau**, Council on Aging 2002-2004, **Andree Irene Pontes**, Board of Library Trustees 1982-1985, Bicentennial Commission 1975-1976, Historical Commission 1980-1989, **Robert W. Thibault**, Board of Health 1971-1984, **Alfred Trottier**, Fire Department Designee 1972 and various Boards and Committees.*

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2011

# ANNUAL REPORT

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: 8,900  
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 2011 TAX RATE: \$15.51. 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 3,385 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

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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	FAULKNER, BRIAN T
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	HART, KEVIN M
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	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	SAWYER, CHARLES J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	MARCHAND, JOSEPH
TOWN CLERK	STAPLES, MARIANNE E

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Position	Name
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	SAWYER, CHARLES J
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	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
AD HOC VETERANS PARK STUDY COM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	WALSH, WILLIAM T
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	KEEFE, ROBERT A
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	ANDREWS, MARK J
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	BERGERON, NORMAND A
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	MERCIER, PAUL E
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	SULLIVAN, CHARLES F, JR
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	MULLER, PAUL
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS M
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	MINER, JACALYN G
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	PISANI, WARREN
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	GIGUERE, RODNEY R
BLACKSTONE CABLE COMMISSION	VIEIRA, THOMAS G
BURIAL AGENT	STAPLES, MARIANNE E
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	WALSH, WILLIAM T
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	KUBASKA, DAVID
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	CARTIER, LESLIE A
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	CARTIER, FRANCIS E
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, JOSEPH
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	KERTTULA, KEVIN
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WARREN, DIANE A
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARVELLE, PAUL
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, EVELYN
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/DEPUTY	TARTAGLIA, RICHARD

Position	Name
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	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	HEISELMEYER, TAMARA M
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	BRITA, LISA M
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	WILSON, BEVERLY M
COUNCIL ON AGING	GRUMBACH, HELEN M
COUNCIL ON AGING	GARIEPY, MARY W
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	WALSH, CAROLYN R
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PISANI, WARREN M
CULTURAL COUNCIL	HENNEDY, JANE M
CULTURAL COUNCIL	STONE, MARY BRIGGS
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PARMENTIER, JOYCE T
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ACTING	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	LOVEJOY, DANA
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	MANCINI, DAVID
EMERGENCY MGMT COMMS SUBCOMMITTEE	COTNOIR, DENIS
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, EVELYN
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BERGERON, NORMAND
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ENSKO, NICHOLAS
FINANCE COMMITTEE	CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SALOIS, STEPHEN R
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WELLS, RUSSELL L, SR
FINANCE COMMITTEE	FORGET, NORMAND E JR
FINANCE COMMITTEE	DAVIDGE, BRIAN J
FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
HEALTH AGENT	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HEALTH INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	POWERS, CAROLYN
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEACON, JESSE E
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WESTBERG, DONALD J
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	GILLIS, KELLY L
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	SANTOS, SHARON

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Position	Name
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	PELOQUIN, KIMBERLY D
INSPECTOR OF BLDG/ASST	VATER, EARL J
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	LEPORE, JULIE
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	JALBERT, WADE J
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	HEMPHILL, LINDA
MEAT INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	JACOB, PAUL
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RYAN, PETER C, SR
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	PATERSON, DONALD
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ELDRIDGE, JOHN J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MICHAEL H
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MARK N
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SULLIVAN, JAMES
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR M
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	FARRINGTON, SANDRA M
POLICE MATRON	WEBER, BETTINA A
POLICE/CHIEF OF	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
POLICE/LIEUTENANT	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	GIARDINO, DANIEL C
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	MOWRY, WAYNE D
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUIS, KEVIN
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HURWITZ, MAXWELL

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Position	Name
POLICE/PATROLMEN	MANTONI, MATTHEW S
POLICE/SERGEANT	RYAN, RICHARD A
PROCUREMENT OFFICER	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC WORKS, SUPT OF	SUPRENANT, MICHAEL G
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	STAPLES, MARIANNE E
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	JALBERT, HEIDI A
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	MERCIER, SUZANNE M
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	GREENWALD, MARC J V
STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	MOQUIN, SUZANNE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	ENGLUND, MAUREEN
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
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	VACANT
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	PERREAUULT, CONSTANCE D
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	COSTELLO, PATRICK
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	DOLINSKI, ALLAN J
VERIZON AD HOC COMMITTEE	MARCHAND, JOSEPH
VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF	GREENHALGH, ROBERT W
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	ATSTUPENAS, ERIC R
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	BOYKO, PAULETTE E
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	KLUCHEVITZ, ROBERT J
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PATERSON, R BRUCE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PARMENTIER, JOHN
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE	BOUSQUET, JESSE J
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MCDERMOTT, CYNTHIA G
WIRING INSPECTOR	RAY, LAWRENCE I, JR
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	ETHIER, ROMEO G
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	MILLER, WENDY M
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	JOLICOEUR, GARY A
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	MARVELLE, PAUL E
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	PITLER, JAMES P
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	THERRIEN, JOHN H
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	BELROSE, JOSEPH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	GREGOIRE, MARC

## OFFICIALS WHO RESIGNED IN 2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>
Paul S. Haughey	Finance Committee	April 4, 2011
George J. Sergi	Blackstone Cable Comm.	April 14, 2011
Bruce E. Wilson, Jr.	Director of Public Works	April 26, 2011
Catherine Antonellis	Town Accountant	May 13, 2011
Charles H. Werner	Industrial Dev. Commission	June 3, 2011
James M. Sullivan	Conservation Comm.	July 1, 2011
Mark Poirier	Emer. Mgt. Comm. Officer	July 26, 2011
Joshua M. Holland	Police Department	November 22, 2011
Mark Poirier	Emer. Mgt. Director	December 15, 2011

May 2012

## Residents of Blackstone:

It is a pleasure to report on the efforts, accomplishments and initiatives that occurred in 2011. When the Board of Selectmen reorganized in April of 2011, Paul S. Haughey was named Chairman, Margo Bik was named Vice Chair, and Joseph Marchand was named Clerk with Charles Sawyer and John Wozniak rounding our five member Board of Selectmen.

## Finance and Administration

The Board of Selectmen oversaw the development and approval of an operational budget that provided virtually the same level of service to the community with the same operational dollars as the previous two fiscal years. We implemented many of the recommendations of the Department of Revenue "Town of Blackstone Management Review" report. These include the establishment of a Financial Team that assist the Town Administrator, who serves as chair, in compiling and presenting comprehensive financial information to the town's policy makers. The management team consists of the Town Administrator, Accountant, Collector/Treasurer and Assistant Assessor. Financial policies and procedures have been formalized to have greater internal control and guide the operations of planning, budgeting and inventory control. We also hired Susan Moquin as Town Accountant, her experience and expertise in municipal finance have allowed us to start the modernization of our financial operations.

## Emergency Management

The Town's Emergency Management Planning Committee was activated in August to monitor and prepare for Hurricane Irene, which was moving up the Atlantic Coast. The Townspeople demonstrated they were as well prepared as anyone in the region and were responsive to the needs of the community. Despite much hardship as a result of power loss throughout the region, our community rallied together and looked out for one another resulting in no loss of life. This fact is a credit to everyone in public service including the police, fire, EMS, Board of Health, senior center, municipal center employees as well as local Red Cross volunteers.

## Public Works

The Board of Selectmen has overseen a restructuring of the Department of Public Works Administration following the resignation of Bruce Wilson, its Director, last May. After an extensive search, the Board of Selectmen selected Michael Suprenant, who has years of experience as Town Engineer, Water & Sewer Superintendent and Public Works Director. The new Superintendent has instituted a vehicle maintenance program to better service our fleet for longer years of service. A Stormwater Management program, under the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency, DPW, along with our consultant AECOM, will continue to implement this federally mandated program for work that has been overdue and allowing the town to become compliant. Snow routes have been established, so we can identify and better service the public in a timelier manner during the storm season. And our new web site allows the public to review the DPW and get updates as to road closures, detours, water flushing and any item that the public should be made aware.

### The Town Report & New Town Website

For the past few years, the Board of Selectmen directed the Town staff to continue to improve the readability and organization of the Annual Town Report. This year the Town will be providing copies of the Town Report on the website and encouraging residents to access the online version rather than providing a printed version, which will reduce the Town's annual printing costs. This fact is a result of a newly designed and modern Town website, which was made a reality in the fall of 2011 thanks to the due diligence of the Town Administrator, Daniel Keyes, and the Department Heads themselves, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer to make the content the most accurate and up-to-date reflection of our community.

### Open and Transparent Governance

The Town of Blackstone continues to provide citizens with information as a means of providing more transparency. In 2011, the Town of Blackstone remained committed to posting key government records on its website, including governing bodies' agendas and minutes, budget, bylaws and ordinance, town meeting warrants and results, school and other committee agendas and minutes, a community calendar and zoning bylaws.

### Open Meeting Law Changes

The Board of Selectmen supported efforts of the Town Clerk's Office to fully implement legislative changes to the Open Meeting Law requirements of local government. Among the changes that occurred, the Town has committed to meeting all the posting requirements, including the posting of all meetings on its webpage with the advance posting including known issues to be discussed at each meeting and incorporating a listing of all documents referenced in all public meetings as part of the approved minutes which are now being posted for public review. Staff, boards and commissions all received training on the application of these new open meeting requirements and the revised processes to be followed.

### Our Town Seal

Within the Town of Blackstone Seal are the words, "Do Well and Doubt Not." It is our sincere hope that the information contained within this Town Report provides you with a snapshot of our community which reflects the best of who we are and what we stand for...

### Appreciation

And finally, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to thank all the Town employees, Town officials and volunteers who have dedicated their time and expertise to the development and advancements of the community. It is through their continued commitment to public service that we are able to live in such a wonderful community. Without their selfless dedication none of the above mentioned accomplishments would have been possible.

Submitted with...

Best Regards,

Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D. Chairman,  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Blackstone, Massachusetts

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The mission of the Town Administrator and staff is to work in partnership with the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, Town Employees, Boards, Commissions and the citizens of the Town of Blackstone in helping to create a better working and living environment.

In my short tenure beginning in March of 2011, we have developed a new and updated website [www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org) through Virtual Town Hall. This has allowed us to provide information to citizens in a timely manner by allowing all Departments, Boards and Commissions to maintain current information about town government. Residents are able to obtain agendas to meetings, review meeting minutes, make payments on-line, subscribe to e-mail alerts and make comments and suggestions.

I have instituted department head meetings, which allows us to engage in conversation about various departments and how we, as Department Heads, can work together to better serve the community.

The Department of Revenue, in a report from 2008, recommended the proposal of a "Finance Team". We have today a Finance Team in place, inclusive of the Town Accountant, Collector/Treasurer, Assistant Assessor and Town Administrator. Other recommendations in the report will be instituted during the current fiscal year of 2012.

Finances, particularly those dealing with short and long term methods of maintaining services and maximum efficiency, policies on hiring, spending, sustainability of services and shared resources will be objectives of our administration moving forward.

Through the support of the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, Town Staff, Boards and Commissions and particularly Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine and Kim Milliken, we will all bring greater efficiencies to operations. We will move our Town forward, despite the challenging aspects of being a small municipality in these very demanding times.

Daniel M. Keyes  
Town Administrator

## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

In calendar year 2011, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court proceedings, provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officers, boards and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, municipal contracts/ agreements, leases/ real estate, zoning/building code enforcement, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, 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, 2011 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 its Decision allowing Blackstone Smithfield Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Declaratory Judgment count declaring that the Town is obligated to continue providing water to the Blackstone Smithfield Corporation property 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 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 sought an Order of the Court requiring a property owner/ automotive repair shop operator to comply with the Town's Cease and Desist Orders relative to the painting of vehicles. This matter has since been settled upon stipulation by the property owner to implement sound and odor mitigation measures and to modify its hours for painting operations.

### **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 this matter in Worcester Superior Court on May 14-16, 2007, whereupon the Court issued a decision and order requiring the structure erected on the property to be removed. The property owner appealed the trial court's order to the Appeals Court which upheld the lower court's decision. The Town is in the process of enforcing the Court's building removal order.

**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, whereupon the Land Court issued a Judgment dismissing the Plaintiff's Complaint.

**Richardson, et al. v. Town of Blackstone**

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

This case involves claims by alleged former owners/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, plus interest. The Court further ordered, however, that the Judgment be offset by the amount owed to the Town in unpaid real estate taxes, interest and charges. On December 29, 2010, the Court issued a Decision allowing the Town's Motion for Offset of Taxes, reducing the Plaintiff's damage award by \$127, 114.49. Thus, the Town was able to completely offset the damages awarded to the Plaintiffs in this matter. On or about February 16, 2011, the Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Reconsider the Court's Decision relative the offset of taxes. That Motion was denied by the Court. The Plaintiff has filed a Notice of Appeal relative to the tax offset finding by the Court.

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 2012.

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, 2011*

# BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*For the Year Ending December 31, 2011*

## **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

Monique F. Simard, Financial Assistant

## **BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **Blackstone Members**

John J. Eldridge, Vice Chairman

Michael J. Buckley

Lisa C. Oliveira

Diane C. Robin, Assistant Treasurer

### **Term Expires**

2013

2014

2012

2015

### **Millville Members**

Charles K. Singleton, Chairperson

Brian T. Faulkner

Catherine A. Robinson, Treasurer

Steven J. Tringali, Secretary

2012

2015

2014

2013

### **Assistant District Treasurer**

Donna M. Scungio

### **District Counsel**

Harold D. Gould, Jr., Esquire

The Chairman, Charles K. Singleton, and Vice Chairman, John J. Eldridge, elected at the Committee Organizational Meeting held at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2011 in accordance with Section 1 (E) of the Agreement as amended.

**Blackstone-Millville Regional School District**  
***2011 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.

Our District continues to focus on providing the students we serve with a quality education. Our students will be competing in a global society and we believe it is our obligation to provide educational opportunities which address the twenty-first century skills.

During the past year we have continued to focus on the integration of curriculum and technology. As we begin the transition to the Common Core Standards, we continue to focus on providing our students with a quality educational program.

I would like to thank the members of the District School Committee for their continued support, as well as members of the two communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Blackstone-Millville Regional High School**

### ***2011 Report of the Principal***

The 2011 school year was highlighted by the forty-first Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening the third of June. Class advisor, Mr. Eric Tracey, led the one hundred four graduating seniors to the ceremony. Superintendent Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood presented diplomas to the new graduates. High School Principal Richard Porter, Class Valedictorian Luke Perreault, Salutatorian Jennifer Daltorio and class president Louis Carney delivered timely messages to the graduates, family and friends. The class of 2011 has distinguished themselves as a hardworking friendly class with many selecting prestigious colleges and universities to attend from across the nation.

The high school Student Council continued to actively work within the school and the greater community. The Council run Homecoming Day and the Homecoming dance were greatly enjoyed by parents and students. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising drives during the school year. The highlight of the year was the immensely successful Pep Rally. The Disney themed lip sync contest put on by each class plus the faculty entry made the day truly memorable.

The National Honor Society members were also active in the school and community. Several members volunteered time in the local food pantry, the Blackstone Nursing Home and the Verry Family Cemetery. Honor Roll students from each quarter were recognized and honored by a breakfast organized by the NHS members. Students of the month were also recognized by the Society.

BMR athletics continued their strong representation not only in Central Mass and in the Dual Valley Conference but through all of New England. BMR senior Brett Buskey won the 100 meter championships at the State and New England level. An outstanding student/athlete Brett will take his talents to Dartmouth College next year. Both the girls and boys' soccer teams had very successful seasons leading to District tournament play. Lights for the tennis courts were installed during the fall and the school tennis players are anxious to enjoy evening matches this spring.

Our music department had another fabulous year. Led by the Marching band who finished second in the NESBA championships, won a gold medal at the MICCA finals, finished first at the USBBA championships and fourth nationally. The Wind Ensemble won a gold medal at the MICCA festival and the Concert Band won a silver medal at the MICCA festival. The Jazz Band earned a gold medal at the districts and a silver medal in the state finals. The winter guard finished fourth in the NESBA championships

As Principal for the last eight years here at BMR, I want to thank everyone. There are many hands involved in making this great high school. Students receive a great education here in a friendly supportive environment. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. In schools today it is all about the data, compare our data and you will see that you have an absolute gem here in this school. One that you can be proud of, I certainly am.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Porter, Principal

## **John F. Kennedy School and Augustine F. Maloney School**

### ***2011 Report of the Principal***

617 students in kindergarten through grade 5 were welcomed on their first day of school, September 6, 2011 by 111 members of the faculty and staff at the Complex. Serving as administrators for the Complex are Mrs. Carol Brown, principal, and Mr. John Staples, assistant principal. Average class size for the J.F. Kennedy School is 21 students and 23 students for A. F. Maloney.

All staff members of the Complex work to ensure that all students are supported so that they may all achieve their potential. The Complex welcomed several new teachers due to the retirement of veteran staff in Kindergarten and Second Grade. A position of a Special Educator/Reading Specialist was added at the Kennedy School for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3. In the content area of reading, we continue to be able to provide early intervention for Kindergarten and targeted reading instruction for identified students in grades three, four and five.

Our commitment to Professional Learning Communities continues here at the Complex. Teachers meet to discuss student growth, best teaching practices, common learning activities and common assessments. Response to Intervention also continues to support students in reaching their potential.

The 2011/2012 school year brought the implementation of a new math program from School Specialty Math called Think Math! Teachers will continue to receive professional development throughout the school year. Parents were invited to attend an informational workshop which provided an overview of the Think Math! program.

Faculty, staff, and the School Council of the Complex have adopted a mission statement which includes challenging students in a safe and stimulating environment where ideas are shared and change is embraced in a collaborative effort to improve teaching and learning. Values of academic achievement, good citizenship and self-worth are valued. A flexible, supportive, and responsive learning environment exists, characterized by high expectations. A commitment has been made to the academic, social/emotional, and physical well-being of all.

The Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) continues to be a vital part of our school culture. Through their tireless efforts, our students benefit from enrichment programs. This dedicated group of parents has organized Box Tops for Education, the Scholastic Book Fair, Art to Remember and 2 Hour Power Volunteer Program. The list is endless. They've also organized family evenings which include Cookies with Santa, Movie Nights and Snowflake Bingo, to name a few. Through their fund raising efforts, BEPO has been able to provide bus transportation for field trips. Their dedication and commitment to students and staff is greatly appreciated.

As always, I wish to thank our Superintendent, Ms. Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood and all the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for their vision and support throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Brown, Principal

**Millville Elementary School**  
**2011 Annual Report of the Principal**

Millville Elementary School (MES) greeted 311 students from grades preschool to five on September 6, 2011 under the guidance of the new principal, Varsha B. Desai.

At the start of school we implemented a new math curriculum, *ThinkMath*, for grades kindergarten through five. Last year, selected staff piloted the program and teachers had an opportunity to attend professional development to learn about the *ThinkMath* curriculum. In October 2011, staff held an interactive informational parent session about *ThinkMath*.

MES teachers continue to foster student achievement through Professional Learning Communities during weekly scheduled meetings. They review data and make necessary adjustments to help each student achieve academic goals, which are based on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education curriculum standards. Each week, teachers have scheduled an "Intervention/Extension" block to provide tiered educational experiences for Math and English Language Arts based on student performance. The tiered experience provides enrichment and reinforcement of essential skills by using differentiated instructional methods. All teachers post their goals for English Language Arts and Math each day to help students focus on the lesson objectives.

MES launched Faculty Council this year to develop collaborative communication between the principal and staff. The staff volunteers bring forth concerns, suggestions or questions which we address during our monthly meetings.

MES continued providing Community Service Learning by hosting the Colonial Night Feast for Millville town senior citizens. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students wore colonial attire while serving food from that time period. MES raised 1,145 items for the district-wide food drive. Our generous community donated 322 items for the district-wide Toys for Tots drive. In the beginning of the year, all MES students created "Helping Hands" artwork to commemorate 911 and acknowledge all safety personnel. We are grateful to have active community involvement for Community Service Learning events.

Our parent association, Millville Elementary School Parent Association (MESPA), provided support for many school events. MESPA president, Peggy Fowler and the MESPA officers meet periodically with the principal to collaborate on strategies to meet the needs of our school. Many teachers enhanced their curriculum through MESPA's mini grants. Thank you to all parent volunteers and the MESPA leadership team for their commitment and support of our school.

We are especially happy to report that our drinking water is now accessible to all students. Thank you to the Board of Selectman for their patience and persistence to ensure safe drinking water for the MES community.

Lastly, I want to thank Ms. Shaver-Hood and the School Committee for their leadership and support, which made my transition seamless. It is a great pleasure to join the BMRSD district and the leadership team. I look forward to continuing to build a collaborative relationship with our school community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Varsha B. Desai, Principal

## **Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School**

### ***2011 Report of the Principal***

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School proudly opened for the school year on September 6, 2011. *The Milford Daily News* and *The Valley Breeze* ran two stories which covered the first week of school.

As of October 1, 2011 the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6	142 students
Grade 7	179 students
Grade 8	162 students
Total	483 students

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Skill Building, Art, PE, Wellness, Computers, Rosetta Stone, Technology Education, Developmental Guidance and Team Building. Band is an elective class for sixth grade students.

Students in grade 7 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra or Standard Math, Science, World Geography, Art, Technology Research Education, Computers, PE and Wellness. Band is an elective class as well as Chorus.

Students in grade 8 are enrolled in ELA, Extended Algebra/Algebra, Science, World Geography, Humanities, Skill Building, PE, Wellness, Art, Computers, and Technology Research Education. Band is an elective class.

Our students are privileged to have dedicated teachers and staff working with them on a daily basis. Our staff is dedicated to provide our students with a quality education.

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have a very active and supportive PTO organization. Starting in November, the FWHMS began funding the following after school programs: Theatre and Chorus Workshop Club, Science Engineering Club, Basketball Club, iPad Video Production Club, Quilting Club, Self Safety Club, Art Mural Club, and a Kindle Reading Club. In the mid Winter and Spring sessions staff and students have expressed interest in the following clubs: Debate/ Election 2012 Club, Volleyball Club, DARE or SADD Club, Online Creative Writing Club, Online Poetry Club, and Online American History Club. The funding sources have come from very successful PTO fundraisers.

Student Council has been active in providing community service opportunities for our students as well as sponsoring monthly dances for our students.

National Junior Honor Society Members have provided tutoring services as well as other community services for our school community.

This has been an exciting year for students and staff at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School. Everyone feels extremely fortunate for the support which the communities have graciously extended to our school family. We offer our sincere appreciation to the communities and the school administration for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin A. Cameron, Principal

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**December 31, 2011**

**SALARY LISTING**

Abisla, Stephanie P	\$70,611	Blanchard, Michele M	\$68,380
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$71,774	Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$65,269
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$16,605	Bodamer, Scott F	\$31,363
Allard, Denise L	\$26,552	Bohanan, Heather M	\$15,551
Allard, Jane F	\$8,363	Boisvert, Jessica B	\$27,317
Almquist, Gail D	\$65,183	Boisvert, Kathy A	\$73,168
Anderson, Stefanie A	\$69,978	Boisvert, Lisa M	\$42,605
Andrade, Denise M	\$15,225	Borges, Ann	\$39,836
Archetto, Joann H	\$29,282	Bostwick, Kelley K	\$22,308
Arnold, Russell P	\$83,954	Boucher, Kathleen A	\$13,694
Audet, Allison B	\$6,775	Boudreau, Amie	\$26,047
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$9,524	Bourassa, Susan D	\$14,470
Bacon, Paul M	\$39,240	Bourgery, Patricia A	\$65,465
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$43,871	Boustani, Joseph R	\$33,558
Bailey, Samantha	\$75	Boyan, William J	\$40,789
Bak, Tracy J	\$2,536	Boyko, Michael	\$34,641
Baldini, Kendra C	\$43,850	Brandin, Frances	\$4,325
Barber, Wendy S	\$18,243	Breault, Karen J	\$38,038
Barrette, Katherine M	\$42,631	Briggs, Karen M	\$18,124
Basal, Linda	\$70,888	Brown, Carol A	\$96,842
Beard, Bruce J	\$1,425	Buteau, Karen E	\$16,183
Beauchemin, Felice J	\$19,400	Buurma, Ann P	\$23,336
Beaven, Donna M	\$6,443	Cameron, Justin A	\$49,327
Begnoche, Louise M	\$17,626	Campbell, Everett B III	\$4,577
Belanger, Mariellen P	\$252	Campopiano, Mark E	\$78,287
Benoit, Michael G	\$13,042	Cares, Stephanie R	\$14,450
Bergman, Lisa M	\$23,753	Carey, Nicole	\$124
Bianco, Leigh A	\$884	Carlisle, Brenda E	\$92
Bibeault, Ronald	\$86,812	Carroll, Deborah A	\$67,473
Bielat, Diane T	\$2,325	Carroll, Denise L	\$1,782

Casey, Karen E	\$19,860	Davia, Janine M	\$65,057
Castaldi, Kimberly A	\$278	Davidge, Debra A	\$17,955
Castiglioni, Gary E	\$55,481	Davies, Mary F	\$6,297
Chaplin, Victoria A	\$9,903	Davis, Janet S	\$1,072
Chase, Louise W	\$66,601	Davis, Karyn A	\$3,893
Churchill, Jacqueline T	\$563	Day, Susan G	\$50,309
Cignoli, Anne	\$68,942	Demers, Lisa M	\$71,826
Cohen, Robert J	\$225	Denomme, Elise A	\$46,111
Colahan, Elizabeth T	\$50,378	Dery, Diane M	\$17,195
Cole, Margaret M	\$4,407	Desai, Varsha B	\$46,731
Collamati, Laura A	\$48	Deschamps, Lisa A	\$16,421
Conrad, Eleanor M	\$70,670	Desilets, Susan F	\$23,822
Conti, Bonnie H	\$8,721	Desilets, Susan J	\$19,856
Conti, Carol M	\$65,591	Desjardins, Jeanne A	\$43,078
Conza, Cheryl A	\$1,892	Desjardins, Kim C	\$46,294
Corbeille, Megan L	\$18,512	Despres, Claire A	\$7,298
Costa, Maria	\$65,729	Dewolf, Mark A	\$54,944
Costantino, Paul J	\$40,603	Dewolfe, Lynn M	\$17,394
Costello, Diane L	\$20,013	Dextraze, Michelle D	\$14,125
Cote, Esther H	\$68,383	DiCecco, Dawn M	\$29,439
Cronan, Michael W	\$43,907	DiCecco, Kristie J	\$62,370
Croteau, Jessica	\$6,892	Dilibero, Christine	\$67,258
Croteau, Leslie A	\$20,750	Dill, Nicholas R	\$2,052
Cunningham, Marcia D	\$68,346	Dollaway, Brian J	\$3,638
Curran, Jeffrey M	\$67,205	Dorfman, Sarah Peters	\$13,896
Curran, Mary H	\$50,134	Dowrey, Gary M	\$7,951
Cusack, Sharon K	\$20,332	Dowrey, Susan E	\$12,081
Daignault, Denise C	\$66,791	Doyle, Cecilia C	\$64,794
Dailey, Kimberly J	\$49,919	Dube, Darcie L	\$432
D'Angelo, Mark S	\$19,877	Dubois, Katharine E	\$31,724
Daniel, Alana L	\$2,800	Ducharme, Keith A	\$85,201
Daniels, Robert H	\$16,029	Ducharme, Tracey L	\$66,828
D'Anjou, Deana M	\$60,362	Dursin, Elizabeth A	\$68,780
Dansereau, Linda A	\$49,009	Dutremble, Carolyn	\$4,639

Dwyer, Lauren M	\$53,005	Harpin, Rebecca E	\$51,209
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$4,392	Harvey, Randi D	\$2,474
Faulkner, Edie A	\$67,231	Haughey, Paul S	\$51,923
Ferrara, Michelle L	\$38,950	Hebert, Debra A	\$15,029
Ferriere, Kelly A	\$5,063	Hebert, Scott A	\$43,437
Finn-Campopiano, Barbara	\$34,694	Hickman, Anne	\$302
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$51,071	Highcove, Dawn	\$65,708
Fleming, Mary M	\$375	Hodge, Julianne N	\$8,890
Fletcher, Matthew J	\$42,182	Holihen, Amy M	\$66,576
Foley, Cassie L	\$68,758	Hook, David C	\$22,475
Forbes, Douglas E	\$38,015	Horner, Elizabeth L	\$188
Franceschi, Tanya A	\$166	Houatchanthara, Terry L	\$113
Franzosa, Tara K	\$37,392	Howell, Jennifer L	\$252
Frend, Doreen C	\$4,648	Hughes, Karen A	\$22,777
Fric, Cynthia A	\$53,912	Hughes, Kerri A	\$39,383
Gallagher, Thomas M	\$4,225	Isenberg, David	\$69,771
Gambach, Heidi	\$3,175	Jacene, Sara A	\$8,859
Ganis, Elizabeth	\$25,823	Jackson, Lynnea D	\$6,514
Gariepy, Amy C	\$300	James, Erik M	\$36,431
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$2,175	Jason, Laurie A	\$4,088
Gawron, David M	\$1,913	Johnson, Catherine M	\$17,074
Gillis, Kelly L	\$125	Johnson, Timothy R	\$67,291
Gniadek, Christine M	\$54,568	Jones, Kathleen M	\$64,914
Gomes, Lynne M	\$62,348	Juba, Mark P	\$55,792
Gonzalez, Yolanda	\$22,364	Kamfonik, Lisa S	\$62
Gordy, Ryan	\$45,796	Kamstra-McNamara, Sarah E	\$75
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$14,603	Karolyshyn, Anna D	\$46,675
Greene, Roy E	\$65,548	Kearnan, Julie A	\$8,603
Greer, Christina A	\$65,226	Keefe, Lauren	\$42,781
Griffiths, Kimberly M	\$14,032	Keefe, Lucille A	\$8,061
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$17,007	Keefe, Robert A	\$7,650
Haggas, Lory J	\$18,859	Keller, Amy L	\$39,848
Halacy, Margaret E	\$450	Kiely, Kevin P	\$67,119
Hardy, Natalie A	\$46,227	Kosciak, Cynthia	\$3,656

Kozlowski, Rosann M	\$54,593	Lipsett, Edward F	\$37,619
Labonte, Alicia R	\$31,020	MacMillan, Maureen	\$69,929
Labrecque, Diane F	\$45,582	Maloney, Deborah A	\$24,021
Labrie, Lauri A	\$15,450	Marcotte-Beale, Arlene T	\$70,113
Lachance, Constance	\$12,829	Marlborough, Carrie A	\$16,826
Lacroix, Tina M	\$45,767	Marrocco, William	\$150
Lafayette, Rene M	\$74,185	Martineau, Estelle L	\$65,894
Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$31,574	Martinelli, Christine J	\$18,772
Lanari, Joann E	\$45,160	Martufi, Caitlin P	\$46,184
Lanctot, Richard J	\$41,001	Maurice, Jamie A	\$53,683
Landry, Richard N	\$39,101	McCall, Candace M	\$16,202
Landry, Susan A	\$22,156	McCarthy, Margaret K	\$8,569
Lane, Margaret I	\$11,855	McCormick, Kelsey J	\$2,325
Langone, Kerri	\$66,579	McCormick, W John	\$68,801
Laporte, Janis H	\$72,777	McCourt, Kevin M	\$67,367
Laren, Norma C	\$65,867	McGahan, Jo-Ann E	\$61,630
Laroche, Linda A	\$288	McGill, Linda	\$73,711
LaRose, Dennis J	\$39,754	McLean, Marianne J	\$68,971
Lashley, Nancy A	\$197	McMichael, Ellen	\$69,414
Latraverse, Debra	\$20,051	McNamara, Keith M	\$43,826
Lauzon, Karen E	\$71,556	Medeiros, Jessica S	\$42,669
LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$14,865	Menard, Jacqueline A	\$18,864
Lebrun, Richard P	\$206	Menard, John A	\$47,301
Lee, Linda P	\$28,343	Mignanelli, Barbara	\$67,828
LeFave, Anette B	\$27,253	Mills, Ashley A	\$4,388
Leger, Claire	\$18,552	Mitchell, Frederick S	\$68,599
Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$66,214	Monroe, Bradford A	\$86,373
LePage, Gail J	\$50	Montague, Barbara A	\$62,262
Lesiak, Paulette J	\$8,231	Moran, Margaret R	\$20,696
Lesperance, Kristi A	\$1,748	Moran, Seana M	\$14,843
Levitre, Suzanne E	\$39,469	Moreau, Linda A	\$53,924
Liard, Linda M	\$16,704	Morell, Denise J	\$66,726
Liard, Roy J Sr	\$64,638	Morin, Tanya L	\$9,716
Lindsey, Matthew J	\$75	Morocco, John A	\$29,721

Morin, Diane M	\$70,834	Rielly, Susan S	\$52,643
Najarian, Robin A	\$66,554	Roberts, Kathryn P	\$44,506
Nerbonne, Jean M	\$17,975	Robertson, Christine R	\$51,936
Newman, Colette L	\$65,183	Robinson, Lynn A	\$700
Normandin, Vanessa P	\$14,808	Robinson, Patricia A	\$48,443
Notz, Amanda P	\$70,356	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$11,006
Nyberg, Deirdre F	\$10,869	Roe, Ethan	\$71,680
Olbrys, Maria S	\$53,224	Romano, Ann M	\$23,464
Oliveira, Rachel R	\$16,755	Rondeau, Jill A	\$40,722
Olivo, Marisa E	\$54,485	Rose, Maureen	\$66,718
Olson, Kerry A	\$11,123	Rousselle, Linda A	\$71,375
O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$38,710	Rousselle, Renee	\$68,048
O'Neill, Karen M	\$41,021	Ruscher, Jennifer A	\$50,528
Paige, Rebecca J	\$15,580	Ruscitti, Ann V	\$69,194
Palardy, Lisa A	\$19,343	Ryan, Paula M	\$8,909
Peters, Laura R	\$900	Ryder, Michael	\$38,869
Petrozzi, Deborah	\$68,823	Ryder, Wendy H	\$2,940
Pierno, Jessica L	\$51,973	Salome, Linda A	\$46,209
Pihl, Donna F	\$12,922	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$59,639
Pilibosian, Carol A	\$5,406	Savoie, Leo R	\$10,863
Pilibosian, John J	\$4,783	Sawyer, Suzanne M	\$37,817
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$76,142	Scaduto, Timothy M	\$1,080
Plante-Goldstein, Sharon	\$71,494	Scott, Lynne S	\$66,305
Poirier, Tina M	\$17,469	Scungio, Donna M	\$75,982
Poisson, Doris A	\$70,008	Shafer, Todd L	\$64,621
Ponte, Maria	\$27,832	Shaver-Hood, Kimberly	\$130,096
Porter, Richard A	\$89,471	Sheehan, Chester D	\$41,595
Powers, Patricia J	\$70,761	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$31,008
Ranieri, Christina M	\$58,524	Sherman, Mary B	\$68,351
Rayos, Lora J	\$24,581	Sherwin, Michele F	\$44,913
Rea-Giles, Resa M	\$75	Simao, Celestino	\$8,841
Reilly, Lauren J	\$12,538	Simard, Monique F	\$46,341
Reynolds, Caryn M	\$9,242	Skehan, Margaret M	\$59,243
Riccardi-Gahan, Carol	\$50,000	Slate, Steven H	\$56,669

# **Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report**

## **Gateway to Success**

At Valley Tech, students are given every opportunity guiding them toward a bright future and career path. A comprehensively motivated group of individuals comprise our staff and administrators, blended seamlessly with a group of highly motivated students, make it possible for Valley Tech to enjoy a strong reputation for success. Along with continued support from the community, including households and businesses, the invaluable experience and knowledge base of the instructional staff, and dedicated group of leadership team members feed the ever-growing hunger for knowledge of Valley Tech students and promote a true desire for everyone to learn on a daily basis.

In Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011), students, staff, and administrators continued to advance a reputation of achieving data verified accomplishments. This report details and highlights several of those accomplishments, while reinforcing that Valley Tech constantly looks toward the future to promote 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce advancements via the pinnacle of improvement techniques.

Economic woes continue to plague the Commonwealth and our nation, but Valley Tech remains committed to providing quality education to a growing population. This is achieved by aggressively pursuing all possible non-taxpayer revenues. Valley Tech's FY11 budget, unanimously approved by each of its 13 member towns, reflected an overall increase of just 2.68 percent. During this year, future planning established the FY12 budget with an overall increase of just 1.99 percent.

Valley Tech, your vocational technical system, is proud to serve the needs of the Blackstone Valley and feed a quality labor force for the future. Our rigorous academic curriculum integrates student competencies with the advanced skill of the vocational technical instruction to create a well-rounded education.

### **Mission**

To create a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

### **District**

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, Massachusetts, 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**

At Valley Tech, we prepare our students for a multitude of career paths by providing high-quality academic and vocational education. The success of these students can be credited to the diligent support of the parents, families and guardians of our students, the solid preparation originally provided at the K-8 sending schools in our District's 13 member towns, along with the two-way education, and a strong emphasis on academics validated through work competencies by Valley Tech's highly qualified high school instructors. The yearly financial commitment you make to Valley Tech supports the growing student body and it provides substantial return on investment with remarkable accomplishments.

Throughout my 17-year career as superintendent-director at Valley Tech, there have been dramatic changes in our nation's education system. The success of your nationally recognized vocational technical system has always been of the utmost importance, and we continually strive to be the best for our students and our community.

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

An integral component in educating for a global advantage is keeping an eye on trends in the economy and job markets, to be at the forefront of education and provide our students with relevance in education. A strong emphasis of late has been on the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. In recent years we have endeavored to provide our students with an abundance of opportunities and experience in these growing fields of study. We will continue this diligent work, always providing relevant education and skills to our students and the District.

Valley Tech continues to earn attention as more practitioners come to understand the value of integrating vocational and life skill training with academic curricula. I am proud to represent our model system as superintendent-director, but also representing our system as the President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

As always, we remain steadfast in our commitment to pursue all non-taxpayer revenues available and devoted to supporting all of our students with quality educational opportunities. Thank you for your interest in our 2011 Annual Report. We hope that the reputation of your vocational technical system earns your pride.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
*Superintendent-Director*

## Students Respond to High Expectations

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

- More than two-thirds of the graduating class of 2011 will be pursuing some form of post-secondary education while the remaining third will enter directly into the workplace or military.
- **Class of 2011:** The Class of 2011 included the following members from Blackstone: Dominic R. Brochu, Graphic Communications; Lauren E. Buckley, Cosmetology; Anthony D. Condon, Electronics; Matthew J. De Wolfe, Drafting; Jocelyn A. Deane, Electronics; Brian M. Drainville, Carpentry; Mitchel E. Eknaian, Electrical; Timothy N. Ensko, Carpentry; John M. Franceschi, Drafting; Timothy A. Gautreau, Auto Body; Samantha C. Giguere, Cosmetology; Chad V. Gill, Automotive Technology; Corey N. Gill, Culinary Arts; Nathan M. Hannan, Culinary Arts; Joseph C. Hays, Automotive Technology; Andrew R. Kamfonik, Culinary Arts; Kevin M. Kelly, Culinary Arts; Isaiah J. King, Carpentry; Rebekah J. Konowitz, Painting and Design Technologies; Eve K. Lajoie, Graphic Communications; Richard J. Leclair, Culinary Arts; Aimee E. Meomartino, Culinary Arts; Gregory T. Morin, HVAC/R; Tanvi Rasik Bhai Patel, Dental Assisting; Kayla P. Paterson, Painting and Design Technologies; Brian T. Rice, Plumbing; Patrick J. Soullier, Graphic Communications; Joshua K. Tancrell, Electrical; Noel G. Torres Valle, Painting and Design Technologies; Angelina M. Zande, Business Technology.
- For the fourth straight year, the maximum number of seniors from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School were declared eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The 70 members of the Class of 2011 qualifying for the scholarship program represent the threshold of the top 25 percent of the students in the district. The scholarship program was introduced by the Governor's 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 Classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- Students at Valley Tech realize the importance of finishing their secondary careers if they hope to find success in post-secondary institutions or 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 DESE. For the Class of 2010, Valley Tech accomplished a 0.5 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 97 percent. The state average was 82.1 percent.
- The results from the spring 2010 administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests to members of the Class of 2012 showed that for the

tenth 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 the year 2014. Eighty-nine percent in math and eighty-nine percent in English language arts reached that level on the first attempt in Valley Tech's Class of 2012. The data reflected a five percent increase in math and three percent increase in English language arts proficiency over Valley Tech's Class of 2011. The percentages of students who scored at Advanced or Proficient levels are well above the state averages of 75 percent in math and 78 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 2012 reached a proficiency percentage of 82, well above the state average of 65 percent. (see Valley Tech MCAS chart below.)

***Valley Tech MCAS Results***

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Math A/P*</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>ELA* A/P</b>	<b>ELA NI/F*</b>
Spring 2010	2012	89%	11%	89%	11%
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%

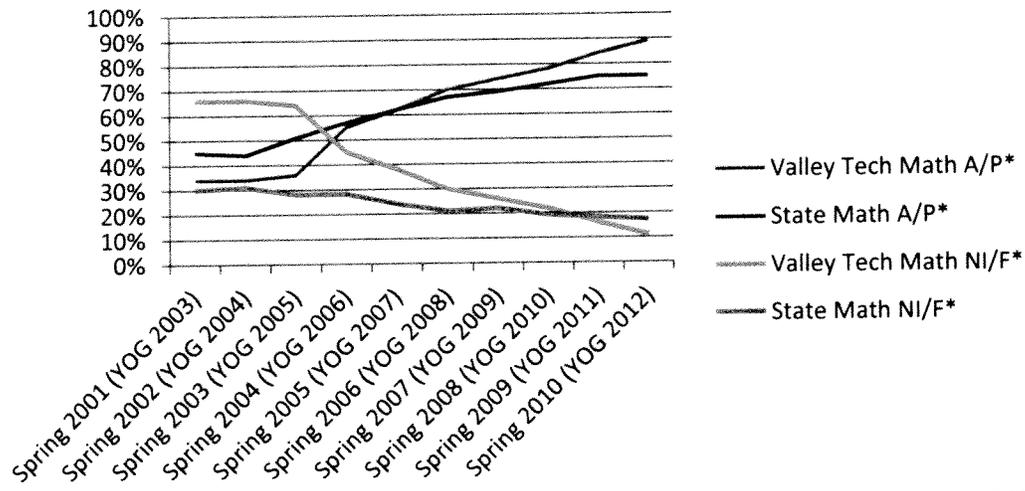
***\*YOG – Year of Graduation***

***\*A/P – Advanced/Proficient***

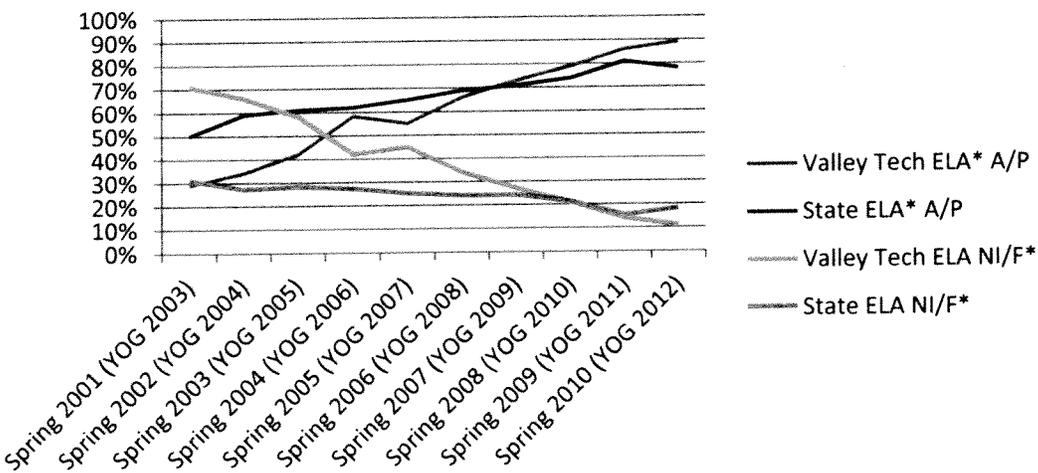
***\*ELA – English Language Arts***

***\*NI/F – Needs Improvement/Failure***

## Valley Tech Academic Achievements and Statewide Averages - MCAS Math



## Valley Tech Academic Achievements and Statewide Averages - MCAS ELA



- Recently released results of spring 2010 Advanced Placement testing yielded a record number of Valley Tech students achieving qualifying exam scores. This demonstrates Valley Tech's continued dedication to a rigorous academic curriculum and the ability of our students to reach new levels of success.
- The sold-out 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Superintendent's Dinner, a seven-course gourmet meal planned and prepared by the Culinary Arts students, staff, and alumni, yet again earned widespread cheers. Guests praised the menu, presentation, service, hospitality, and décor,

calling the meal and the gala evening “an annual rite of spring” and “a not-to-be-missed event.” The funds raised by the dinner go toward various student initiatives. The dinner, which draws attendees from throughout the region including 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 HVAC/R.

## **Valley Tech Graduates First Class of Licensed Practical Nurses from Post-Secondary Program**

Valley Tech opened its post-secondary Practical Nursing program in September 2009, following full approval from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. On January 13, 2011 the members of the first Practical Nursing class at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School took their biggest steps toward a career in the medical field – a walk across the stage to receive their certificates and pins. The 19 students who graduated attended the 16-month, evening program three days a week and their monthly clinical experiences, many of them while working full-time.

In the demanding 60 week program each student completed more than 950 hours of training plus clinical work topping 540 hours. The program curriculum is designed to assist graduates in passing the challenging National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). The students were among the more than 70 applicants who sought admission into the program.

Valley Tech and the Practical Nursing Program are grateful to partner health care organizations that support the program by offering exceptional clinical affiliation for students to practice and refine their nursing skills. The success of the program and of each student is in no small measure due to the generosity of these organizations: Milford Regional Medical Center, Countryside Healthcare of Milford, St. Camillus Health Center in Whitinsville, Beaumont Rehabilitation and Nursing of Northbridge, Tri-River Medical in Uxbridge, Whitney Place in Westborough, and Knollwood Nursing in Worcester.

## **Valley Tech: the Home of Champions**

### ***SkillsUSA***

For the fifth straight year, Valley Tech proudly hosted the annual SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Championships. To qualify, students participated in district competitions throughout the state. More than 1,000 students from throughout the Commonwealth competed in over 60 vocational-technical trade and employment contests. SkillsUSA Massachusetts is the largest educational organization in New England with more than 25,000 members and is the second largest in the country with the national organization boasting nearly 300,000 members.

Again this year, Valley Tech partnered with Milton-CAT of Milford and the Upton Highway Department for two contests. Milton-CAT hosted the diesel competition and the Upton Highway Department hosted the masonry competition at the Department’s barn on Pleasant Street in Upton near Valley Tech.

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

A total of 23 Valley Tech students including two teams won either gold, silver or bronze medals, at the SkillsUSA State Championships. At the prestigious National SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Missouri, Valley Tech recorded podium finishes for the eighth time in the last nine years with two students securing gold medals and four students capturing silver medals. All seven of the 2011 student representatives from Valley Tech placed in the top 10 for their respective competitions.

Daniel Serafin, a 2011 graduate from Millbury, won the gold medal in the Plumbing competition.

Stephanie Rivard of Northbridge took the gold medal in the Technical Drafting competition.

Valley Tech's Community Service team, under the direction of English and History Team Leader Rosemary Quirk, won the silver for its school year-long campaign promoting respect in the school and in the community with its project entitled Respect Y.E.S! (Yourself, Environment, Society). The three-person team included Elizabeth Belanger of Northbridge, Mollie Letendre of Hopedale, and Melissa Burdick of Northbridge.

Marissa Bunnewith of Millbury won the silver medal in the Commercial Baking competition.

Andrew Cardin of Sutton finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Welding.

### ***Robotics and LEGO Competitions***

The BVT Robotics Team consists of about 40 students and participation is a school-wide undertaking. Our U.S. FIRST Robotics team had another successful season making it to the quarterfinals in multiple regional competitions. Valley Tech constructs a robot each year as an integrated project across several vocational-technical programs. Numerous vocational technical areas at Valley Tech volunteer with Robotics projects by offering their technical skills to assist the team. Drafting students create mechanical designs and drawings, Manufacturing Technology students machine parts, Electronics students wire the robot with controls, Information Technology students program the robot, Auto Body students paint the robot, Carpentry students design and build the competition course, and Graphic Arts students design and produce team apparel. The BVT Robotics Team project bridges technical areas and involves all students. It allows an additional opportunity for team building skills to be integrated into the curriculum.

Valley Tech also hosted the FIRST LEGO League Competition for middle school students learning science, technology, engineering, and math through intense and fun hands-on competitions. A full field of 64 teams of students ages 9-14 from across the Northeast competed.

### ***Successful Year for BVT Athletics***

After another year of dedication, hard work and plenty of sweat, Valley Tech's athletic teams continue their successes in the Colonial Athletic League as well as in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). Alex Schleper, a 2011 Valley Tech graduate from Sutton, competed in the Central Massachusetts Decathlon and finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of 125 competitors. Out of our 18 varsity teams, 17 qualified for District playoffs. The varsity

cheerleading team won the Central Massachusetts Championship in the Co-ed division and the varsity football team qualified for the Superbowl playoffs and triumphed over Nipmuc during the popular Thanksgiving Day game. Proudly reinforcing the values that we uphold at Valley Tech, Boys Volleyball was named MIAA State Sportsmanship Team. Off the field, our athletes upheld those same values. The girls soccer team, girls volleyball team, and boys volleyball teams raised over \$5,000 for local and regional charities. We were also proud to add the field hockey program to our athletic offerings, without affecting the athletic budget.

### **Career Guidance Receives National Accolades**

Blackstone Valley Tech's innovative approach to career counseling affords students the maximum benefit for their future and is yielding results. Because of the highly positive and tangible results taking place at Valley Tech, the success of the career guidance curriculum was recently featured in the Southern Regional Education Board's publication *Skills for a Lifetime: Teaching Students the Habits of Success* written by Gene Bottoms and Ione Phillips.

Valley Tech implemented numerous school improvement initiatives in 1995 and remarkable changes have occurred since. Combined with the successful efforts to increase student achievement and proficiency on MCAS results, significant modifications were made to the roles and expectations of school counselors which led to the school serving as a model for its career guidance curriculum. Strategies for helping students changed allowing for integration of the habits of success into the curriculum with an across the curriculum approach to career counseling that is a part of each student's program of study throughout their four years of study.

The career counseling curriculum at Valley Tech involves an outreach approach to counseling as opposed to the traditional method of one-on-one counseling. It begins by assisting students in choosing a career technical course of study during their freshmen year. Throughout the student's high school career 30 Employability Skills courses are attended per year in each grade taught by school counselors for a total of 120 lessons across four grades. This approach also allows counselors a chance to know each student individually which can help identify at-risk students earlier. Topics of study focus on employability skills necessary for success including: organization, time management, study skills, positive relationships with peers and adults, goal-setting, and exposure to career and college resources.

The results speak for themselves. The goal was for every student to pass the MCAS and that goal has been realized every year since 2004. The program prides itself on a goal of 100% placement of students after high school in post-secondary study, employment, or military service. College-going rates are at an all time high and rise annually and nearly every Valley Tech student leaves the school with a solid plan for the future.

### **Valley Tech Awarded Life Sciences Grant**

In February 2011, Valley Tech was awarded a grant in the amount of \$120,000 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, a quasi-public agency tasked with implementing the state's ten-year, \$1 billion Life Sciences Initiative through its Equipment and Supplies Program for Skills Training and Education. The funds will be used to purchase science equipment and

supplies. The program for Skills Training and Education provides funding for the purchase of equipment at vocational technical schools, community colleges, and workforce training organizations in Massachusetts.

The program was formally announced by Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray at a statewide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Summit on September 28, 2010 and accepted applications from October 2010 to January 2011. It provides grants totaling more than \$3.4 million to support STEM education across the state.

### **Valley Tech Wins State Funds to Fix Old Roof without Impacting Local Taxes**

In the spring of 2011, Valley Tech received approval from the state for the completion of a roof repair project on an older section of the school. State support comes from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, a unit of the State Treasurer's office. Valley Tech garnered the funds in a state-wide \$300 million Green Repair Program competition that drew applications from approximately 500 eligible schools.

Valley Tech's state funding proposal documented the need for the repairs. Infrared testing revealed a faulty roof membrane and disclosed that the seams, flashing, and insulation were, however, in sound condition. A total of 142 leaks were tallied at 112 locations since February 2007. If the work were left undone, the building eventually would have become 'sick,' and would have created conditions causing illness and potentially serious allergic reactions to some of the nearly 1,350 students, faculty members, and staffers who study and work in the building on any given school day.

The funding allows the District to avoid additional costs to its 13 member towns for the state-assisted 53 percent funding of repairs to leaky sections of the roof of the 46-year-old award-winning school. The total cost avoidance to the District, which includes the reimbursement from MSBA of 53 percent, is approximately \$1,190,000. Previously, Valley Tech gradually set aside some \$600,000, which it earmarked for the roof project. As a direct result, the roof repairs and restoration project avoided further spending by the member towns, whether by a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override or a bond issue.

In receiving these funds, the following tax impacts, fees, and debt interest for each member town was avoided: Bellingham at \$65,788; Blackstone at \$97,150; Douglas at \$68,122; Grafton at \$109,527; Hopedale at \$27,549; Mendon at \$46,256; Milford at \$163,560; Millbury at \$72,764; Millville at \$44,619; Northbridge at \$142,058; Sutton at \$111,442; Upton at \$47,631; and Uxbridge at \$193,365.

## **Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Named Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year**

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Superintendent-Director, Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick was named Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), ARAMARK Education, and the ING Foundations. This prestigious tribute is bestowed upon superintendents who successfully lead learning in their districts, who have strength in both personal and organizational communication, who illustrate constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, and who participate in local community activities as well as understand regional, national, and international issues. There were 49 state-level superintendent recipients on behalf of their respective states along with Canadian and international winners.

A dedicated administrator with some 40 years of experience, Dr. Fitzpatrick has been Superintendent-Director of Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for 17 years. In those 17 years, the District has earned acclaim for dramatically improved student performance and has served as a model of education reform and excellence.

### **Numbers Reflect Conservative Approach**

The District's operating budget for FY11 was developed with sensitivity to the continued financial challenges faced by our 13 member towns and designed to maximize stakeholder investment. It accommodated a 4.80% increase in students to be served, yet was held to a 2.68% overall increase.

The District's FY11 total operating budget was \$18,949,245. Chapter 70 Aid was expected to contribute \$7,631,018 and Minimum Contributions from the 13 member towns totaled \$8,592,069.

In the operation portion of the budget but outside DESE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$623,086 for transportation costs and \$799,372 for retiree medical coverage, and deferred the acquisition of capital assets. This was offset by \$615,512 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.

In response to the ongoing financial crisis, the State reduced its initial Chapter 70 State Aid estimates by \$301,139; however this reduction was offset by a \$28,598 increase in Chapter 71 Transportation Aid, \$39,350 in ARRA-State Fiscal Stabilization Funds, and \$193,718 in Ed Jobs Funds. In addition to staffing efficiencies, the District is diligent in seeking out competitive pricing for the purchase of supplies, technology, and other contractual services. These efforts allowed the District to utilize \$236,500 of unreserved fund balance as a direct offset to member

assessments. Finally, Valley Tech secured approximately \$1.2 Million in grants and private donations to provide additional educational investments and vocational instructional equipment.

<b>FY11 REVENUES</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Member Town Assessments:</b>		
Minimum Contribution	8,592,069	8,592,069
Transportation (Over State Aid)	623,086	623,086
Capital Equipment	-	-
Retiree Medical	799,372	799,372
Member Credits	(307,946)	(307,946)
Debt Service	<u>658,232</u>	<u>658,232</u>
<b>Total Member Assessments</b>	<b>10,364,813</b>	<b>10,364,813</b>
<b>State Aid:</b>		
Chapter 70 - Regional Aid	7,631,018	7,329,879
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>586,914</u>	<u>615,512</u>
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>8,217,932</b>	<b>7,945,391</b>
<b>Other Revenue Sources:</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	130,000	107,261
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>236,500</u>	<u>236,500</u>
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>366,500</b>	<b>343,761</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b><u>18,949,245</u></b>	<b><u>18,653,965</u></b>

## Researching and Earning Grants, Awards and Rebates

Valley Tech continually 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 new funding opportunities. Grants secured during FY11 are:

SOURCE	GRANT	AMOUNT
<i>Stimulus Funds</i>		
ARRA <sup>a</sup>	Title I ARRA <sup>a</sup>	\$19,722.00
ARRA <sup>a</sup>	ARRA <sup>a</sup> IDEA <sup>b</sup>	132,350.00
ARRA <sup>a</sup>	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)	39,350.00
ARRA <sup>a</sup>	EdJobs	290,739.00
<i>Federal Entitlement</i>		
Federal	Title I	\$72,487.00
Federal	Title II A	24,127.00
Federal	Special Education 240	277,424.00
Federal	Perkins	141,961.00
<i>State Entitlement</i>		
State	Special Ac. Support	\$24,000.00
State	Academic Support	17,100.00
<i>Competitive/Private</i>		
Commonwealth Corp.	Bridging the Opportunity Gap-DYS <sup>c</sup>	\$30,000.00
MassBioEd	Biotechnology Equipment and Professional Dev.	13,439.00
Life Sciences Center	Life Sciences Equipment and Supplies	120,000.00
Federal	Race to the Top	6,582.00
State	DESE <sup>d</sup> /Dist. Accountability Office	10,000.00
State/local	Local Cultural Council Grant Sutton	200.00
State/local	Local Cultural Council Grant Milford	500.00
State/local	Local Cultural Council Grant Bellingham	310.00
VTEF <sup>e</sup>	Yoga for Teens	1,000.00
VTEF <sup>e</sup>	Aviation Club	1,000.00
VTEF <sup>e</sup>	LPN Professional Development	500.00
VTEF <sup>e</sup>	Two UConn E <sup>2</sup> Scholarships	1,000.00
VTEF <sup>e</sup>	Project SMILE <sup>f</sup>	1,000.00
BVCC <sup>g</sup>	Clean Tech Awareness	4,500.00
BVCC <sup>g</sup>	Watch Your Mouth	500.00
	Total:	\$1,229,791.00

<sup>a</sup> ARRA-American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
<sup>b</sup> Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
<sup>c</sup> Department of Youth Services  
<sup>d</sup> DESE-Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

<sup>e</sup> VTEF-Valley Tech Education Foundation  
<sup>f</sup> Students Making Important Lasting Effects  
<sup>g</sup> BVCC-Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce

## **School Committee Provides Experience and Expertise**

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

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon

*Chairman*

Gerald M. Finn, Millville

*Vice Chairman*

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. Itinarelli, Sutton

Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

James H. Ebbeling, Uxbridge

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

*Superintendent-Director*

Barbara Auger

*District Treasurer*

Diana Pedersen

*Secretary*

*Special thanks to Daniel L. Baker of Uxbridge for his many years of distinguished service to Valley Tech and the communities in our District.*

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2011

The values for Fiscal 2012 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed January 1, 2012.

Fiscal 2012 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.

This year Rachel Campopiano, the Assessors Clerk, received the "Clerk of the Year" Award. Rachel began her career at the Blackstone Assessors Office 23 years ago. Throughout the duration of her position as Assessors' Clerk she has consistently proven her dedication and reliability combined with her overall good natured attitude. Rachel won the award because she will always go out of her way to accommodate every visitor to our office, always with grace, charm and a welcoming smile. When our staff was reduced, she gladly accepted the additional work and made it look easy. Rachel is a "people person" who truly enjoys waiting on people and making their visit to our office both enjoyable and worthwhile.

Every year in Blackstone Rachel is "Clerk of the Year" but this year she has received statewide recognition from her peers. Our office applauds her for her accomplishments and outstanding attributes. Her exemplary career is a testament that pride in workmanship and genuine caring is still very much alive in our small town.

We would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and "thank you" to Rachel for a job well done!

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.

At the Annual Town Meeting on May 31, 2011 the Town voted to accept the local option Clause 56 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which would allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or Military Reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real and personal property taxes for any year they are serving in a foreign country, to be effective in Fiscal Year 2012.

Also approved at the Annual Town Meeting was Clause 57 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which allows seniors who receive “circuit breaker” tax credits on their Massachusetts state income taxes to obtain a reduction of their real estate taxes, to be effective beginning in Fiscal Year 2012.

Fiscal year 2012 began on July 1, 2011 and runs to June 30, 2012. 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, 2011. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2010 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, 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 sales from July 1, 2009 through June 30 2011 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 appropriate 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, 2012 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2012 is \$830,632,795. This reflects a negative 6% change from the previous year.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/13/2011. 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 and Personal Property. The Board of Selectmen voted on maintaining a single tax rate.

The Fiscal 2012 tax rate is \$16.92 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. Our website address is [www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org).

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to inspect approximately ¼ 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 six years and this is the fifth 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 co-operation 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  
Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor  
Rachel Campopiano, Administrative Assistant Assessor

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
2011 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2011 there were 256 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	10
Additions/Garages	06
Roof	59
Remodel	25
Sheds	13
Porches/Decks	08
Vinyl Siding/Replacement Windows/Doors	40
Pools/ Spas	12
Demolition	03
Foundation	12
Repairs/Renovations	18
Pellet Stoves	11
Wood Stoves	04
Miscellaneous	14
Insulation	14
Fences	07

Total Estimated Cost of Construction \$3,444,046.00

Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department	\$ 42,976.33
Plumbing/Gas Department	\$ 9,050.00
Electrical Department	\$ 13,872.00
Recycling Center	\$324,274.02
Board of Health	<u>\$ 13,057.79</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department \$403,230.14

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  
2011 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2011 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 157 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	10
Additions/Garages	05
Service Entrance and Temporary Services	27
Water Heaters	01
Fire/Security Alarm	19
Swimming Pools	11
Boiler	21
Vinyl Siding	06
Service Panel	04
Septic Pump Units	03
Generators/AC	06
Meters	05
Furnace	02
Fixtures	11
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	19
Remodel	04
Sign	01
Hot Tub	01
Solar panel	01

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                      \$ 13,872.00  
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Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence I. Ray  
Electrical Inspector

## **Capital Outlay Committee 2011 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 FY2011:

### **ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer money not to exceed \$65,000 for from the Blackstone Valley Recycling Enterprise Retained Earnings account for the purchase of a sorting facility.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

### **ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer money not to exceed \$20,433.14 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Enterprise Retained Earnings account to the Capital fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital fund to purchase a skid loader.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

### **ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer money not to exceed \$23,284.18 from the Blackstone Valley Recycling Enterprise Retained Earnings account to the Capital Fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital fund to for the purchase of a four wheel truck.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

### **ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer money to not exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of two new grass mower for Parks and Recreation and to have the funding source be from taxation or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks and Recreation)

(Majority Voice Vote)

**ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase of a crewcab truck and/or a grass mower for Parks and Recreation.

(Submitted by Parks and Recreation)

(Majority Voice Vote)

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$350,000 to pay costs of purchasing a new pumper fire truck and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, that \$50,000 be transferred from the Ambulance Reserved Receipts Account as a down payment on said vehicle, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$300,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore..

(Submitted by Fire Department)

(SECRET BALLOT)

YES 80 NO 24

**ARTICLE 18:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer money from Ambulance Reserved Receipts a sum of money in the amount of \$28,778.34 for the purchase of a software upgrade for the Ambulance/Fire Department.

(Submitted by Fire Department)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase on a new police vehicle.

(Submitted by Police Department)

(UnanimousVote)

**ARTICLE 20:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for the purchase of replacement R/S Dump Bodies for the Department of Public Works.

(Submitted Department of Public Works)

(Unanimous Vote)

**ARTICLE 21:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$24,000 for the purchase of two snowplows for the Department of Public Works.

(Submitted Department of Public Works)

(Unanimous Vote)

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 TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

This is my 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report as you Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of five business units headed by the Treasurer/ Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, Payroll, benefits administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving most revenues of the town, processing town payroll and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water bills and all other monies committed to the department for collection.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Blackstone for their continued diligence in paying their taxes in a timely fashion and I am very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Stephanie, Marianne and Cathy; I truly appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane A. Warren  
Treasurer/Town Collector

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

### Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30, 2011

<b>NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS:</b>		
Cash in Office	\$900.00	
		<u>\$900.00</u>
<b>INTEREST BEARING CHECKONG ACCOUNTS</b>		
Unibank – Vendor Account	\$ 22.60	
Unibank - Payroll Account	\$ 5.86	
		<u>\$28.46</u>
<b>LIQUID INVESTMENTS</b>		
Citizens (Performance Bond)	\$46,155.44	
Citizens (Performance Bond)	\$28,261.10	
Citizens (Performance Bond)	\$45,206.26	
Citizens (Performance Bond)	\$1,114.57	
Citizens (Performance Bond)	\$16,213.04	
Rockland (Performance Bond)	\$6,932.31	
Citizens	\$2,326,926.17	
Citizens (State Grant Acct)	\$1,422,109.72	
Commerce	\$173,996.38	
First Trade	\$18,926.26	
Sovereign	\$689,726.38	
Century	\$768,920.11	
Century (ANP)	\$469,294.28	
Unibank	<u>\$951,158.86</u>	
		<u>\$6,964,940.88</u>
<b>TERM INVESTMENTS</b>		
Bartholomew	\$1,822,248.48	
		<u>\$1,822,248.48</u>
<b>STABILIZATION</b>		
Bartholomew	\$1,891,548.52	
		<u>\$1,891,548.52</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>		<b><u>\$10,679,666.34</u></b>

## Blackstone 2011 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is a department of the Town of Blackstone. It is permitted under Ch.40, s.8B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. In Blackstone the COA is the only public social service agency. The COA is a seven (7) member Advisory Board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets in the Selectmen’s Room at the Blackstone Town Hall at 15 St. Paul Street on the first Friday of the month at 9:30am. The COA board provides policy input, help set goals (and objectives) and offers complementary support/advocacy to help implement and promote the COA’s mission. The director is responsible for program operations. The responsibilities of the COA Board members are to identify the needs of Blackstone’s elders, to develop programs and services to meet those needs.

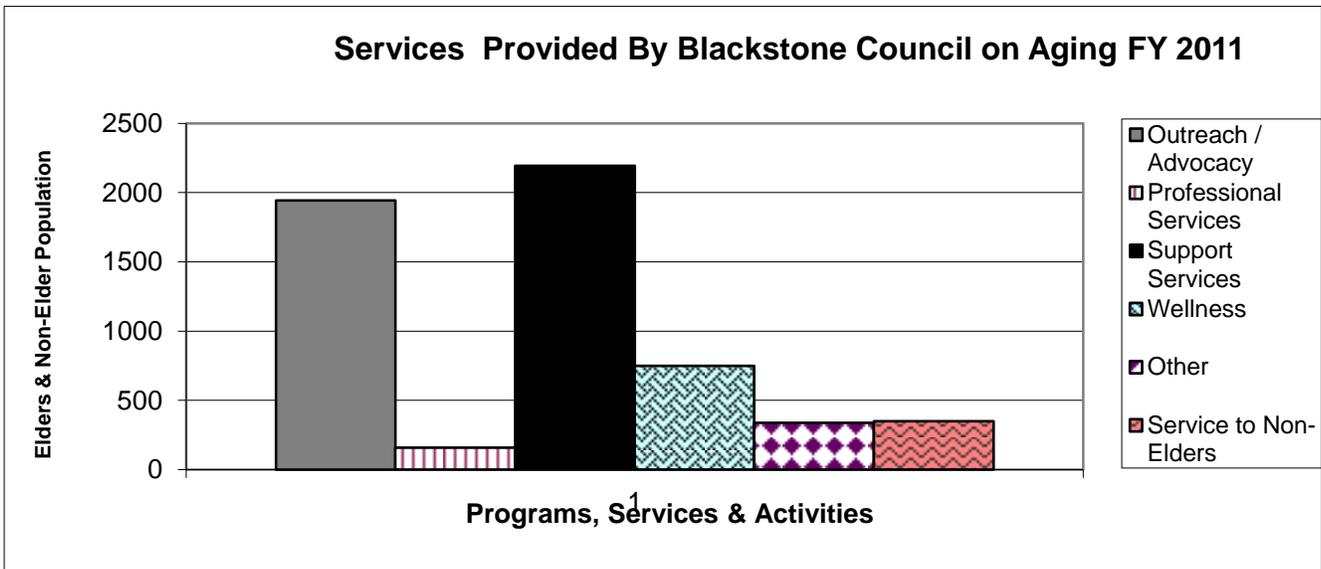
In addition, the COA board promotes and helps educate the community on elder issues and to advocate on behalf of elders. There are approximately 1,647 elderly (60+) in our community and all are encouraged to participate and avail themselves of services available.

It is the mission of the Council on Aging to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing activities and services to allow the elder to remain independent and keep the quality of life for them at home for as long as possible.

The Senior Center is the visible point of access and outreach for older people in our community. The Senior Center provides a tangible reminder that the public system cares and that services are available when the elder needs them. The Center is a place seniors can go to remedy problems of isolation, to renew old acquaintances or make new ones and to become involved in the community.

### STAFF

Staff at the Senior Center consists of a full time Director, (Karen Albright), Outreach Coordinator, (Jean Doiron), Nutrition Site Coordinator, (Gail LeClair), and part-time Transportation Coordinator, (Dennis Pimenta) and six per diem van drivers funded by the Town of Blackstone and through state and federal programs.



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**SUPPORT SERVICES ADVOCATE/OUTREACH COORDINATOR-** The most perplexing problem of the elderly continues to be health insurance, and their escalating costs, how to pay for them and how to decipher the bills received. Other programs and application assistance that the Outreach Coordinator helps with are MassHealth, Health Connector, QI1, SLMB, QMB, Limited Income Subsidy, Prescription Advantage, Health Insurance Coverage, Part D Coverage, SNAP, SMOG Fuel Assistance, SafeLink Wireless phones, 911 Phone, LinkUp/Lifeline discount program. We also link the senior with other agencies who provide assistance. She works closely with Tri-Valley, Inc. to coordinate services for Home Maker/Personal Care, Caregiver Program, Meals on Wheels, Financial Management and Elder at Risk referrals. Home visits are made and needs assessments are formulated as staff work to help the elder remain in their own homes. The Outreach Coordinator also serves as a liaison between the Police, Fire and EMT's and the Center.

**TRANSPORTATION** – The Blackstone/Millville Van Service provides trips for medical and non-medical according to a scheduled dial-a-ride, first come/first serve, curb-to-curb program for two (2) towns. We operate the current service from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday and within a limited shared town budget.

The Blackstone Millville Regional Van Transportation Services are provided to elders and to disabled of any age for both towns. In many cases this is the only means of transportation for the home-bound resident in our community to go to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery stores, hairdresser, library, and be able to attend activities at the Senior Centers. Other transportation services are provided to go to the poll to vote in Millville and Blackstone, blood pressure clinics, Flu Clinics, Nursing Homes, and Town meetings.

Due to the current scrutiny by the State of Massachusetts regarding poor driving, many of the elders are giving up their driver's licenses and now requesting the services of the van.

Since the elder population has increased by 17% from 2000 to 2011, the COA is asking for 5 (five) additional hours per week to provide transportation services for medical trips to Dana Farber in Milford, Dialysis three times a week, trips to other doctor appointments and to the pharmacies after each appointment and for periodic non-medical needs.

From January to December 2011 the number of Blackstone Medical Passenger usage was 3,856 (78%) and Millville Medical Passenger usage was 1,058 (22%) totaling 4,914.

For the year 2011 the non-medical passenger usage for Blackstone was 11,564 (87%) and for Millville 1,726 (13%). Non-medical trips are to the Senior Center, Grocery Shopping, Nutrition, Social/Recreation, Hairdresser, Barber, Nursing Home, Library and other destinations that elders need to keep their quality of life.

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Below is a comparison chart using the monthly Mobility Assistance Program(MAP) reports comparing the increases in usage for the past five (5) years FY2006 to FY2011.

	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>Percentage of Increase Over 5 years</b>
<b>Total Unduplicated Riders Per Year</b>	710	1,023	31%
<b>Number of Hours All Vehicles Have Been In Use</b>	2,808	3,392	17%
<b>Number of Miles all vehicles have been driven</b>	21,541	36,519	41%
<b>Number of Medical Trips</b>	910	3,855	76%
<b>Number of Nutritional Trips</b>	1,945	4,226	54%
<b>Number of Social/Recreational Trips</b>	2,196	3,855	43%
<b>Number of Other Trips</b>	1,567	3,929	60%

**Volunteer Drivers**

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the COA has 6 (six) volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers use the town car or their personal car to drive elders to their long distance medical appointments. The recorded statistics show that the six volunteer drivers have donated a total of 230 working hours of their personal time to providing a superior transportation service. The 230 volunteer hours saved the Town of Blackstone from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 a total of \$2,504.70. By the end of the fiscal year 2012 this amount of savings will double.

The Town currently has three vehicles for the COA. One is a 2003 Dodge Ram Van 8 passenger wheelchair lift, the second one is a new 4 passenger Ford Escape purchased in June 2011 by the Town, and a 2009 Ford 8 Passenger wheelchair lift van purchased in 2010 through the MassDOT Grant. The Town took the 2002 Ford Eldorado 12 Passenger bus off the road in June 2011.

With great pleasure the Friends of the Blackstone COA, Inc. announced in November 2011 that they received a generous donation of \$60,000.00 from Jeff Stewart, Plant Manager and Chris Abbiuso, Business Manager at International Power Blackstone, IPA Operations, Inc. The donation will go to the purchase of a 14 passenger bus with a wheelchair lift. The Friends Group and the Council on Aging are working closely with the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen to go out for bid for the new van. The vehicle is expected in the Spring of 2012.

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**NUTRITION PROGRAM** –

Lunch is served 5 days a week. The Nutrition Site Manager is responsible for the daily oversight and operation of the Senior Center Dining at the Bistro. She works with vendors and other outside food providers to develop weekly programs that will attract elders, their caregivers, neighbors and friends to the Senior Center. The Center encourages volunteers to assist the Site Manager. In 2011, the COA began a "Celebrity Lunch", our guests were Anthony Boulette from the Worcester Sheriff's Office TRIAD program, Paul Haughey, Chairman of the Blackstone Board of Selectmen and the new Blackstone Town Administrator, Daniel Keyes. A birthday party is held monthly with cake and ice cream and entertainment for all.

**NEWSLETTER "A River Runs Through It"** - 500 copies printed monthly. Also a copy of the newsletter is available on-line at:

[http://blackstonema.virtualtownhall.net/pages/BlackstoneMA\\_COANews/01819998-000F8513](http://blackstonema.virtualtownhall.net/pages/BlackstoneMA_COANews/01819998-000F8513)

**FUEL ASSISTANCE** - Applications for this program are taken in the Senior Center for all age groups in our community. Over 200 applications were completed and mailed. Only 198 applications were approved by SMOG Fuel Assistance in Framingham.

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE** – Returns are completed by AARP tax preparers at no cost to the senior. The Town of Millville participates in the AARP TaxAide program at the Blackstone Senior Center. We had 57 seniors take advantage of this service.

**WELLNESS SERVICES** – 749 unduplicated numbers of seniors participated.

7 blood pressure clinics were held this past year.

1 hearing clinics were held.

204 flu shots were given at the Hartnett Middle School sponsored by the Board of Health in October.

**RECREATION/SOCIAL EVENTS** – 1066 duplicated number of seniors participated.

Bingo, Cards, Pitch, Knit & Crochet, Watercolor, Walking Group, Arts & Craft, Cricut Classes, Birthday Parties, Cookouts, Special Luncheons, Dinners, Trips, Wii Bowling, Wii Games, Red Sox vs. Angels Game & Pizza, Horseshoe Playing, Evening Bingo, Memorial Day Parade participation, Valentine's Day the Fattman Way Dessert's De Jour & More, Tomaquag Indian Museum and Lunch, Old Sturbridge Village Cabaret l& Lunch, Tribute to Seniors picnic sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, COA Christmas Party at the Coachmen's Lodge, Yankee Swap at the Senior Center, and more.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION** – 462 duplicated number of seniors participated

Programs on all of the following Alzheimer, Arthritis, Programs from Fallon Clinic on Chronic Pain, Hearing and Immunity, Vision Loss, electricity and safety in the home, Blackstone Police Dept. on scams and securing your home, TRIAD through Worcester Sheriff's Office, Better Business Bureau, Tea and Talk with Lou Pilczak "Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults" an evidenced based program developed by the Regional Advisory Panel under the supervision of the Lahey Clinic but now administered by Hebrew SeniorLife, Elder Law Programs and Blue Cross/Blue Shield updates, SHINE program, Living Well with Diabetes, Diabetes and Foot Care and more. We also hosted educational seminars such as Amazing Women of the Civil War with Pat Choiriere, Six Safe Steps to Keep You on Your Feet with the

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VNA Care Network, MCOA Tree Fund for the Western Massachusetts area devastated by Hurricane Irene event.

**FILE OF LIFE** - We continue distributing the “File of Life” this year. Medical information is written on a card and placed in a red magnetized folder for the refrigerator. In case of an emergency, medical personal can obtain needed information quickly. We also have a wallet size card.

**RECREATION/FITNESS PROGRAMS**

15 seniors participated in a new computer class held in the Senior Center  
7 participated in watercolor class held on Friday morning.  
15 or more participate in a Chair Yoga, Sit and Be Fit, and the Walking Group  
20 or more meet every day in the mornings for various card games.  
12 or more meet on Thursday mornings for Tai Chi classes.  
20 to 30 participate in bingo monthly.  
10 or more participate in an Arthritis and Strength Training fitness class on Mon. and Thursday.

**INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS** –We held a Sing-A-Long with the Middle School Chorus and about 15 seniors and students participated. After the Sing-A-Long the students and the elders made various crafts that were enjoyed by all.

We have a lending library with books and current magazines and puzzles, which can be borrowed. We also have numerous videos which can be borrowed.

**GRANT** - The Council on Aging receives an annual grant award from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be used for printing of the newsletter, postage for mailing the newsletter, salaries for drivers and volunteer recognition.

**VOLUNTEERS** - 87 volunteers contributed 7,215 hours to the Center this past year. Volunteers assist in the office, assemble newsletters, teach various classes and visit nursing homes. Provide the Meals on Wheels lunches, serve as Board Members, bring seniors to medical appointments, assist seniors to do grocery shopping, provide computer training to elders one on one, teach arts & crafts, are receptionists, kitchen help, meal site volunteers, coordinate trips and help with yard sales, assist with fundraising and participate in programs that help seniors.

We are grateful to all our Volunteers who give time and talent to keep programs running and the support given to the Council on Aging Board Members and staff.

**FRIENDS OF THE BLACKSTONE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.**

The Board Members of the Council on Aging are most grateful to the “Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging” who have provided support and encouragement over the past 5 years and have enabled us to provide needed equipment and a new kitchen and many other items to better serve our elderly in Blackstone.

The Council on Aging wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Finance Committee, Fire and Police, Board of Health, Assessors Office, Town Clerk and other Town officials and the Friends Group for their continued support and dedication each year.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Albright, COA Director

## 2011 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2011 calendar year.

The annual toys for tots program was once again a huge success and we were able to meet the Christmas needs of forty-seven children. 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 staff at Dean Bank and Uni Bank for setting up the giving trees in their establishments. I would especially like to thank Stephanie Anderson and her team of students at the Blackstone Millville Regional High School. Without their efforts and great shopping skills 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 \$6,815.00 in 2011. Grant funds are extremely competitive and I feel fortunate to have received this money. It will go a long way to keep our programs going.

Fred Tiberio trust fund	\$2000.00
S.A.F.E. Grant	\$4,815.00

The department took in \$4,150.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting and storage tanks.

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 2011

Total calls.....	1031
Transports.....	750
No Service.....	52
Refusals.....	146
Fire Assist Calls.....	5
Cancelled .....	35
Treat/No Transport.....	8
Assistance.....	32
False Calls.....	3

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

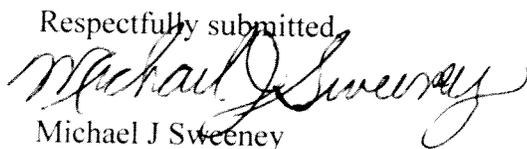
Landmark Medical Center.....	348
Milford Regional.....	361
Fatima.....	9
Rhode Island Trauma.....	16
Hasbro Children's.....	4
Providence Veterans.....	0
Roger Williams.....	4
Woman & Infants.....	0
Miriam.....	8

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2011

Rescue.....	1031
Building Fire.....	25
Appliance Fire.....	3
Brush Fire.....	8
Outside Fire.....	32
Vehicle Fire.....	5
Fire Alarms.....	188
Investigations.....	70
Accidents.....	78
Gas Leaks.....	19
Co Calls.....	20
Rescue Assists.....	173
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	3
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	117
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	91
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	153
Service Calls.....	55
Drills.....	9
Meetings.....	36
Burning Permits.....	451
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	155

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael J Sweeney

## 2011 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected William T. Walsh as Chairman, Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Vice-Chairman and Michael A. Catalano as a member. Mr. Walsh was re-elected to the Board of Health in the Spring 2011 election.

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 continues to increase. The Board of Health hosted two (2) Flu Clinics for the Blackstone Residents and will continue to monitor the need for future Flu 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 Flu Clinics.

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

## 2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

### BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

A passing glance at stats elicited from the Blackstone Historical Commission's Museum Visitor Register readily brings to light just how successful the 23 Main Street historical collection continues to be as a draw kindling avid interest among visitors interested in our town's past. One heartening factor in this overall attendance has been the number of members of like organizations attending (e.g. representing other Commissions, local historical and museum groups) who have learned by word of mouth something of what Blackstone has to offer.

Museum Curator Richard Ryan and assistant Helen Murray have reported on a recent visit of a former Blackstone family traveling from their California home who stopped by following several years of absence from the community in which they were raised to visit area friends and relatives but more especially to return to their roots. Along with an adult daughter they made multiple trips to the Museum, spending hours in reviewing their childhood and growing years from material made available to them. Upon returning to their West Coast home they lost no time in penning a thank you note to the staff exclaiming just how much perusing our archives meant to them.

As part of the annual Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming celebration the Museum was open on October 1 to a unique Motorcycle Memories presentation which drew visitors throughout the day. Assembled by Donald Westberg, Commission member and motorcycle historian, the displays included vintage bikes on the parking area. In addition to these the town's sole motorcycle mounted patrolman, David Blanchette, was on hand (on his birthday) with his vehicle to make known modern day use of these two wheeled conveyances in police work.

A delegation of Commission members appeared at a well attended, well organized dedication ceremony in honor of the town's new Veterans' monument site at the junction of Main and Mendon Streets. Joining in the program of area dignitaries, local officials, and members of the clergy, Commission Vice Chairperson Carolyn Powers delivered a brief outline of the town's history.

Our annual Boughs & Bows open house yuletide kickoff may well have sounded a tad more melodious this season as a result of a routine service call by our antique pedal pump organ caregiver/technician. With that accomplished local girl scouts and their leaders' caroling segment of the program set the tone for the daylong event. But perhaps the entire performance was enjoyed a bit more by Commission members who had been notified that a regular out of town visitor had provided a monetary contribution to offset the cost of servicing the vintage musical instrument.

The boughs and bows segment of the daylong yuletide workshop session proved pretty much a nonstop activity. With good weather and moderate temperature it was

deemed inviting to conduct the assembling of wreaths outside on the Museum parking area to the satisfaction of all. As somewhat of a measure of its success those in charge found it necessary to send out an urgent call for additional components and supplies to accommodate participants.

One significant goal set and accomplished during the year was the establishing of a firm relationship with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Association, a satellite of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce which oversees representation in the eleven towns of the Valley, from the Worcester city line to the Rhode Island state line –HERE. Commission members wisely chose to probe the possibilities should we elect to link with the tourism group upon meeting their criteria. We will now be afforded the opportunity of being included in their seasonal promotion of events at no cost.

The Historical Museum Project could not possibly have evolved from a town owned property begging for an auctioneer to what stands today without the genuine cooperation of so many. Elected officials, town administrators before and current, their staffs, the DPW, police and fire personnel all have cooperated when called upon. Never once a flinch. And certainly not be forgotten the entire citizenry of Blackstone who have provided sooo many artifacts for display. We are blessed with a genuine team effort.

Anyone who has not yet taken advantage of what the Museum has to offer is urged to do so. Spend a bit of time in vintage homey surroundings. The coffee pot is always on, usually accompanied by home baked goods. A plethora of printed and photo material on your town throughout the years awaits you.

Current Museum hours are: Open every Thursday noon to 4pm, as well as the first and third Saturday of the month from 11am to 4pm.

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, 2012 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, 2016
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 A. Caouette, MPHA  
Executive Director





## Blackstone Public Library

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### 2011 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."

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 4,954 Blackstone residents with valid library cards and a total of 5,297 registered borrowers. The library collection contains 55,686 volumes, and is comprised of books, large type books, audio books, 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 138,357 items throughout the past year. In addition, library staff answered 6,260 reference questions, held 144 programs for children, with 3,509 in attendance, and 24 programs for young adults and adults with 328 in attendance. The library's meeting room, historical room and quiet study rooms were utilized 566 times for a wide variety of activities. On average, more than 27 patrons walked through our doors every hour the library was open, which amounted to 50,510 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 19 computers available for public online access were utilized approximately 20,592 times throughout the year. The library's website ([www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org](http://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 third 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](http://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, Wade Jalbert, Vice-Chair, Linda Hemphill, Secretary, Jean Alexandrowicz, Patricia Guzinski and Debra Ristaino.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Julie A Lepore,

Director

## **BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2011**

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to express our thanks to the citizens of Blackstone who have come forward to help with the efforts of making our field and athletic programs improve.

This past year we have purchased two new mowers and a reliable truck to transport our team. We anticipate a great improvement in field conditions. Adam has been trained according to state regulations in the application of all aspects of fertilizer, herbicides, and insecticides. We have gotten help from Bob Morse in our efforts to utilize the best technologies in field maintenance. The future plans for the training will be to eliminate current weed/crabgrass problems.

Some our anticipated projects included lighting at another ball field and repair of the dugout roofs at Roosevelt Field. Hurricane damage and general wear is evident on the dugouts. We are looking into asphalt replacement at Turbesi Park basketball court. An irrigation well is planned for Goulet (AFM/Maloney) to keep the soccer fields in top shape. The greening project at the town hall includes new fencing for the Babe Ruth field. We continue to search for new opportunities to alleviate our current field shortages.

The Committee is tasked with budget restraints that all of us must abide by in the coming year. Our expenditures will be closely monitored to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Blackstone. We have many athletic programs, youth and adult, that need scheduling. Our efforts in this area have taken much time in the past. This year the Committee will expedite this task early so that expenditures and other needs of our facilities can have a concentrated effort.

Ongoing maintenance of the children's play areas was a priority this past year. Swings were replaced, slides repaired, and picnic tables were bought or repaired as needed. Turbesi Park has had a great facelift thanks to our Eagle Scout Mike Sprat. We are all proud of his achievement.

Vandalism happened at Turbesi Park on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. A stolen car was run into the ball field fences. The car also tore up much of the adjoining fields. We are currently working to get these items repaired.

Celeste Langlois organized the Easter egg hunt and pumpkin painting. Thanks to all who have helped. Thanks to Adam Robideaux and his wife for donating the pumpkins. We have a great relationship with Daniels Farm where the Easter egg hunt was held and will be held again in 2012. The hunt continues to be a popular event there and we thank the Daniels Farm folks for the use of the beautiful grounds.

Our future plans are to have more open space for recreation where our heritage and rural diversity can be celebrated. We plan to hold more community events in 2012 and we hope you will be there to support our endeavors. The Committee and our supporters can be proud that we have a town that gives our children open space and clean areas for their recreation fun.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kevin Hart, Treasurer

Jim Laren, Chairperson

Celeste Langlois, Vice Chairperson

Don Cox

Paul Martinelli

## **2011 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

Calendar 2011 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 continues to 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 assisting with improving the definitions for various terms. He also worked with the Board in creating the Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw. The Board also held a public hearing on the Flood Plan Map and Flood District Hazard Map. These warrant articles which were accepted at town meeting and have been approved by the Attorney General's Office.

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

Members: In 2011, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke who served as the 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 continues with construction. The Board had an increase in the Form A Submittals. The Subdivision Rolling Brook is near completion.

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,

The Planning Board Members,

Paul Marvelle, Chairman  
Kirk VanDyke, Vice Chairman  
Joe Belrose, member  
Kevin Kerttula, member  
Gerry Rivet, member  
Don Westberg, alternate member





Ross A. Atstupenas  
Chief

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## Blackstone Police Department FY/2012 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2011.

During FY2011, 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	\$ 2700.00
2.	State 911 Support Grant	\$23,675.00
3.	State 911 Training Grant	\$ 6000.00
4.	Federal/State Bulletproof Vest Grant	\$ 9786.00
5.	Child Bicycle Helmets	75 count
6.	Drug Task Force Radio Grant	\$80,000.00

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. The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association and the Executive Office of Public Safety presented an award to our department at a special recognition event.

The year 2011 brought with it the completion of the town's new and expanded website. The police department page ([www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org) department POLICE) has been completely redesigned and there are many great and updated features. Included are links to such things as accident reports, sex offender lists, child safety and internet safety pages. We are also very happy to introduce our new anonymous tip program as part of the webpage design. You can now email or text anonymous tips to our department in an effort to help us solve crimes in the area. As many citizens know during the year 2011 our department continued to battle the ever increasing vehicle breaks throughout the region. We had success solving some of these crimes, and on occasion it has been due to the cooperation of alert citizens that have called in to the station and reported suspicious people in their neighborhood. We encourage this continued assistance from the community.

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

<b>Total Calls Received by Dispatch:</b>	<b>17418</b>	<b>+6</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>-9% Protective</b>
<b>Custody:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-64%</b>
<b>Criminal Complaint Applications:</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-17%</b>
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.		
<b>Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>+68%</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Calls:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Incident Reports Investigated:</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<u>Breakdown:</u>	207:	open
	171:	closed
	13:	arrested
	334:	no crime
	1:	suspended
<b>Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>+200% +500%</b>
<b>Field Interviews:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-50%</b>
<b>Missing/Runaways:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-17%</b>
<b>Accidents Investigated:</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>-27%</b>
- Civil	328	-30%
- Complaint App	67	-70%
- Warnings	225	-42%
- Arrests	77	-58%
- Verbal Warnings	598	+14%
<b>Parking Tickets Issued:</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-36%</b>
<b>Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>43+%</b>
- License to Carry	110	+38%
- FID Card	13	+117%
<b>Civil Possession of Marijuana</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+42</b>

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. 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.

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 [ratstupenas@blackstonepolice.org](mailto:ratstupenas@blackstonepolice.org).

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



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## 2011 Annual Report Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) consists of four Divisions - Highway, Vehicle Maintenance, Water and Sewer. There are ten DPW union employees, one and one-half clerical staff plus the Superintendent. Stormwater management is also a function of the DPW and will be discussed for the first time as a separate entity from the Highway Division in this Report.

### **Highway Division**

In the spring of 2011 the Highway Division started and completed its annual clean-up season. Some cross walks were painted. However, yellow center lines and white fog lines were not painted.

There were several heavy snow storms early in the year, but there was only one small snow event in late 2011.

The Town's Highway Division repaved trenches on Town streets. Brush was cut to eliminate safety issues. There was a major response to hurricane Irene at the end of August, keeping roads clear of downed trees.

The pavement on upper Farm Street from Hop Brook to Blackstone Street was reclaimed and the roadway was widened to 24 feet. High reflectivity signs and stop lines were installed in compliance with new federal safety standards.

### **Vehicle Maintenance Division**

The Vehicle Maintenance Division provides preventive maintenance and repairs to police, fire, senior van, and DPW vehicles and equipment. The DPW also coordinates the delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to all Town Departments.

### **Water Division**

The DPW operates and maintains five water pumping stations that pump water from seven wells. The water is treated at the Robert J. Dubois Corrosion Control Facility before it is distributed to customers.

The water distribution system includes four water storage tanks and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of the Town's population. The Water Division continued the water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons.

Two twelve inch water mains were installed by directional drilling under Harris Pond to serve future Well Nos. 8 & 9. The twelve inch water main located in the old railroad right-of-way between Farm Street and Castle Hill/Rocco Drive was put in service.

During the summer of 2011 the Town did not experience a water shortage. However, the Town did impose a mandatory water ban as required by the Town's water withdrawal permit from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month DPW personnel collect samples from nineteen locations throughout the water distribution system and have them tested for coliform bacteria. During the year DPW personnel also sampled, and had the drinking water tested for contaminants. The sampling for lead and copper is required every three years, and was last done in August 2010.

### **Sewer Division**

The DPW operates and maintains fourteen sewage pumping stations throughout the Town and one sewage pumping station in North Smithfield. These pumping stations are checked daily by DPW employees.

Despite several technical problems, all fifteen sewage pumping stations were kept running on standby power for an extended period of time during the outage caused by hurricane Irene at the end of August.

### **Stormwater Management**

In the spring of 2011 a number of catch basins were cleaned and all streets were swept. The DPW repaired damage caused by the April 2010 storm, including patching the headwalls, cleaning the entrance channel and installing rip-rap on Farm Street at Hop Brook and replacing the culvert entirely on Milk Street at Hop Brook.

DPW staff along with consultant AECOM located with GPS equipment, and documented over 100 stormwater outfalls. This long overdue work was done in compliance with the stormwater discharge permit issued to the Town by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2003.

The DPW is preparing for a new stormwater discharge permit to be issued by EPA.

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The DPW was able to assist other Town Boards and Departments, including Parks & Recreation, Planning and Recycling with their various projects or requests.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes, the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all other boards or departments that assisted us in any way this past year. It is truly a pleasure working with you.

Bruce Wilson, who served as Director of Public Works from June 2010, left the position in May 2011. We wish Bruce the best in his future endeavors.

To the residents of Blackstone, we ask for your support as we strive to improve our highway, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure, as well as how we care for Town vehicles and equipment, and the quality of our service to you, who are the public in Public Works.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael G. Suprenant  
Superintendent

## **BLACKSTONE WATER STATISTICS 2011**

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

Month	Gallons Pumped
January	15,142,598
February	13,705,600
March	15,577,384
April	15,405,600
May	19,018,480
June	19,504,854
July	20,719,607
August	16,818,440
September	14,690,425
October	15,968,100
November	14,358,400
December	14,425,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195,334,588</b>
Average Daily Flow	535,163
Average Monthly Flow	16,277,882

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**2011**

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 2011 Zoning Board of Appeal members 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 2011 fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals had seven public hearings. These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 OF THE TOWN CLERK YEAR ENDING 2011

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2011 calendar year.

As a result of the 2011 annual census, the population of Blackstone is 8,849. 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 for grants the town applies for such as schools and road improvements. When answering the census, it is also helpful to list the number of dogs on the census form. Finally, a voter's active status is in jeopardy when the census is not answered. 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. We wish her well as she embarks on a new journey in college life. In addition to Kasey, we were joined by Jim Belisle, a political science major who did an internship in our office and walked through the entire municipal election and budget process with me. We also wish him the very best as a college graduate embarking on his own journey in the political world.

Our vital records from the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845 to the present date, total the following: Births-18,446; Deaths-11,098; Marriages-9,929. In 2011, the state implemented a new computerized program which allows us to receive all Massachusetts births via the internet. We went through rigorous training to enable us to use this program. Similar databases for death and marriage records are expected to be released in 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Our poll workers did an excellent job with the election held this year. My thanks go out to them for their diligence working long hours to man the polls. The Town of Blackstone has approximately 5,954 registered voters. Party totals are as follows: 1,674 Democrats; 637 Republicans; 3,606 Unenrolled and 37 of all other parties and Political Designations

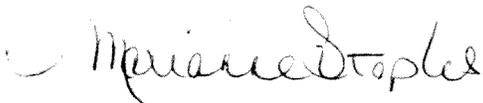
In October of 2011, we were very excited about the launching of the town's new website. On the Town Clerk's page you can find information about elections, town meetings, and dog licenses, how to get married and much more. You can also find information about meetings and agenda's that are posted with the Town Clerk's office on the main page of the website as well. In the future, I hope to archive election and town meeting results as time permits. Please visit us at [www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org)

I want to express my appreciation to Police Chief Ross Atsupenas for working closely with us with the receipt and collection of non-criminal disposition fines and in tracking dog licenses. Also thanks to ACO Kevin Sullivan who helped in keeping the records of dogs accurate.

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 well as it does. 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.

And finally, as for the last 13 years of my tenure as Town Clerk, I consider myself to have the very best in Assistant Town Clerk, Claudette C. Dolinski and Office Assistant, Donna M. Bik because with their keen abilities and efficiencies all the new technologies and new legislatures that affect this office has been implement with ease.

Respectfully submitted,



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

**Services of the Town Clerk  
Town Report 2011**

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  
Distributes Conflict of Interest Summaries to all Elected & Appointed officials  
Distributes Conflict of Interest Summaries to all Employees  
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

## **Audit Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2010**

The audit of the financial statements for the town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, was completed by Melanson Heath & Company, PC.

A copy of the financial report issued by Melanson Heath & company, PC, is on file and available for inspection during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Town of Blackstone**  
**Warrant for the Annual Town Election**  
**April 4, 2011**

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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 an Unexpired 4-Year term to expire ATE 2012; 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 member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year term; One Moderator for a 3-Year term; One member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for an Unexpired 3-Year term to expire ATE 2012; One member 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;

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Dubois

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constance D. Perreault

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Marchand

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Matthew Wozniak

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charles J. Sawyer

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011 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.

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Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:

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Marianne E. Staples, CMMC  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
April 4, 2011**

**WARDENS:**

**Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan  
Precinct #2: Corrinne T. Beane  
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	336
Prec #2	336
Prec #3	368
Total	1040

	<b>PRECINCT 1</b>	<b>PRECINCT 2</b>	<b>PRECINCT 3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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**ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS)**

*Carole A. Whiteley	241	246	248	735
Others	1	2	2	5
Blanks	94	88	118	300

**BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YRS)**

*Adam Pete Tellier	241	251	246	738
Others	2	83	1	86
Blanks	93	2	121	216

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
(Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS)**

*Diane C. Robin	241	247	232	720
Others	13	3	18	34
Blanks	82	86	118	286

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
(Blackstone Representative) (Unex 4 yrs to  
expire ATE 2012)**

James Belisle	4	1	2	7
Caroline Coleman			1	1
John Ambacher			1	1
Nicholas Ensko			1	1
Lynn Landry			1	1
Robert Lamarche			2	2
Charles Swenson			1	1
Michelle Bisbee			1	1
Charlie Lizotte			1	1
Lynn Morin			1	1
Dan Doyle			1	1
Fred Stone	2		1	3
William Macy			1	1
Lisa D'Aniello			2	2

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
(Blackstone Representative) (Unex 4 yrs to  
expire ATE 2012) CONTINUED**

Kathryn Moulton	5	5	28	38
*Lisa Oliveira	24	20	28	72
Brian Faulkner			1	1
Ronald Tourville	6	1		7
Kat Trudel	1			1
William Walsh	2			2
Tara Clifford	2			2
Chris Varieur	1			1
John Eldridge	1			1
Joy Tomaszek	1			1
James Pitler	1			1
Daria Smith	1			1
Adam Tellier		1		1
Susan Dunfry		1		1
Michael Catalano		1		1
Ben Conte		1		1
Margaret McCarthy		1		1
Robert Gosbert		1		1
Blanks	285	303	294	882

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
(Millville Representative) (4 YRS)**

*Brian Faulkner	6	6	16	28
Leanne Curley	1			1
Al Denoncour	1			1
Thomas Marchand	1			1
Kim Peloquin	1			1
Tara Clifford	1			1
Kathryn Moulton	1			1
Leo Gauthier	1			1
Lisa Oliveira	1			1
Adam Tellier		1		1
Paul Hogue		1		1
Ben Berrard		1		1
Kathleen Sherman		1		1
Lisa Oliveira		1		1
Kathy Robidoux		1		1
Justine Jancome		1		1
John Connor		1		1
Ronald Tourville		1		1
William Faulkner			1	1
John Hadley			3	3
John DiLibero			1	1
Kathryn Moulton			2	2
Mary Ryan			1	1
Theresa Savage			1	1
Rosalie Levitre			1	1
Patricia Pratt			1	1
Paul Haughey			1	1
Blanks	322	321	340	983

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)</b>				
*William T. Walsh	257	252	268	777
Others		1	1	2
Blanks	79	83	99	261
<b>MODERATOR (3 YRS)</b>				
*Frederick J. Stone	248	248	265	761
Others	2	1		3
Blanks	86	87	103	276
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YRS)</b>				
Carlo Barsotti	119	82	112	313
*Paul J. Martinelli, Sr.	170	210	186	566
Others	1	0	1	2
Blanks	46	44	69	159
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION (Unexpired 3 Yrs)</b>				
*Kevin M. Hart	178	157	165	500
Karen A. Sergi	108	117	151	376
Others	1	1	0	2
Blanks	49	61	52	162
<b>PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)</b>				
*Gerald P. Rivet	245	251	267	763
Others	0	3	0	3
Blanks	91	82	101	274
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS) Two positions</b>				
Robert J. Dubois	145	178	187	510
*Margaret Bik	202	165	218	585
*Paul S. Haughey	184	197	201	582
Others	2	2		4
Blank	139	130	130	399

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.  
 ELIGIBLE VOTERS--5964  
 Total voters--1040  
 17% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

**Marianne E. Staples**  
**Town Clerk of Blackstone**

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 31, 2011

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, May 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will rescind the balance of Article 12 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2003, specifically, the \$4,181.85 balance relating to the water main crossing at Summer Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Accountant)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will rescind the balance of Article 22 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2005, specifically, the \$5,063.23 balance relating to the storage shed barn, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Accountant)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will rescind the balance of Article 6 approved at the Special Town Meeting of May 2007, specifically, the \$4,583.26 balance relating to the water assessment for JFK/AF Maloney, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Accountant)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will rescind the balance of Article 3 approved at the Special Town Meeting of May 2008, specifically, the \$2,070.31 balance of the water assessment for JFK/AF Maloney, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Accountant)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$55,622.72 to pay the current year Snow and Ice deficit or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Town Accountant)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2329.10 for retroactive pay for Senior Library Technician/Head of Circulation, for wages from the time period of 7/1/2007 to 12/10/2009 for a 3% increase that all union members received and from 12/11/2009 to 6/30/2010 for the correction of the grid to \$16.17 per the 7/22/2010 MOU, or take any action in relation thereto.

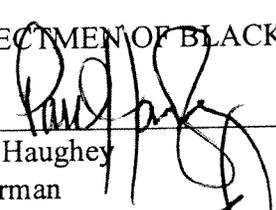
(Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees)

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.

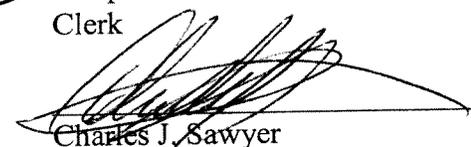
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and 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 .

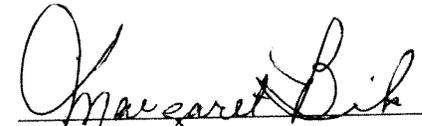
Given under our hands this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.

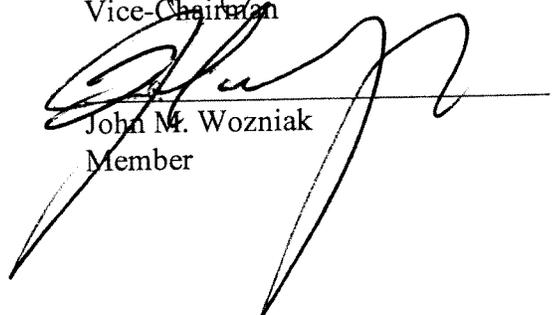
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
Paul Haughey  
Chairman

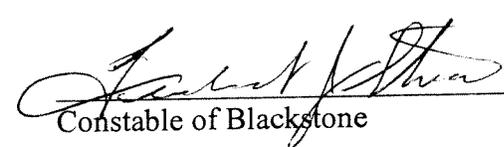
  
Joseph Marchand  
Clerk

  
Charles J. Sawyer  
Member

  
Margaret Bik  
Vice-Chairman

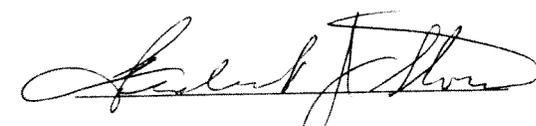
  
John M. Wozniak  
Member

A true copy attest:

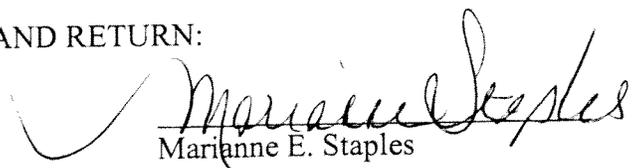
  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 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 31, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 81 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 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: Daniel M. Keyes, Town Administrator; Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; Catherine Antonellis, Accountant; Suzanne Moquin, Accountant; Julie Lepore, Library Director.

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 rescind the balance of Article 12 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2003, specifically, the \$4,181.85 balance relating to the water main crossing at Summer Street.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to rescind the balance of Article 22 approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2005, specifically, the \$5,063.23 balance relating to the storage shed barn.

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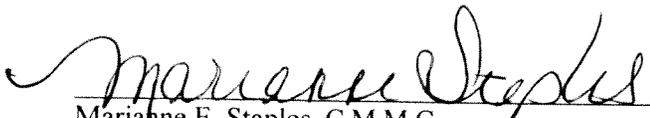
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Circulation, for wages from the time period of 7/1/2007 to 12/10/2009 for a 3% increase that all union members received and from 12/11/2009 to 6/30/2010 for the correction of the grid to \$16.17 per the 7/22/2010 MOU.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT**

**MAY 31, 2011**

**@**

**7:30 PM**



**In the BMR Auditorium**

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 31, 2011

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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, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012 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 approve the use of a portion of the \$270,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee on September 6, 2007, which borrowing was initially approved by the District School Committee and the member towns of the Regional School District to pay the costs of the sewer project at the Regional High School, to pay the costs of various additional capital repairs to the Regional High School to the extent such funds are no longer needed to complete the sewer project initially contemplated by the said vote; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and 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 8.** 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 9.** 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 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Clause 56 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which would allow members of the Massachusetts national guard or military reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2012.

(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Clause 57 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which allows seniors who receive "circuit breaker" tax credits on their Massachusetts state income taxes to obtain a reduction of their real estate taxes, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2012.

(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Recycling Enterprise account a sum of money not to exceed \$65,000 for the purchase of a sorting facility or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,433.14 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Enterprise account to the Capital Fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital Fund to purchase a skid loader, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$23,284.18 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Enterprise account to the Capital Fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital Fund to purchase a four wheel drive truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Recycling Center)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of a new grass mower for Parks and Recreation or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks and Recreation)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase of a crewcab truck for the Parks and Recreation or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks and Recreation)

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money in the amount of \$350,000 for the purchase of a pumper fire truck and equipment, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Fire Department)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$28,778.34 to for the purchase of a software upgrade for the Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Fire Department)

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase on a new police vehicle, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for the purchase of replacement R/S Dump Bodies for the Department of Public Works, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$24,000 for the purchase of two snowplows for the Department of Public Works, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Blackstone General Bylaws by adding Section 110 Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto.

## CHAPTER 110

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND LAND DISTURBANCE BYLAW

#### **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purposes of this chapter are to protect water resources, prevent pollutants from entering the Town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), prohibit and remove illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4, promote the infiltration and recharge of groundwater, ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and runoff control practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process and are implemented and maintained, comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to discharges and establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this by-law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

#### **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

**AGRICULTURE:** The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 128, Section 1A.

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (CPESC):** A certified specialist in soil erosion and sediment control. This certification program, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, provides the public with evidence of professional qualifications.

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

**CLEARING:** Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.

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

**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN:** A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

**ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS:** Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).

**ILLICIT CONNECTION:** A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this by-law.

**ILLICIT DISCHARGE:** Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 4. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 4, subsection A (4), of this by-law.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water from infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

**MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:** (G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the "taking" of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

**MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY:** The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 §. 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses impacts through

implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or municipal storm drain system:** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Blackstone.

**PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES:** Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.

**RUNOFF:** Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

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

**STORMWATER:** Snowmelt runoff, surface water runoff and drainage.

**STRIP:** Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

**VERNAL POOLS:** Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

**WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

**WETLAND RESOURCE AREA:** Areas specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131, § 40 and in the Town's Wetland Bylaw.

### **SECTION 3. AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY**

This bylaw shall apply to:

A. The Town's municipal separate storm water sewer system as follows:

(1) Illicit Discharges. No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.

(2) Illicit Connections. No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

(3) Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Director of Public Works.

(4) The following non- discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non- discharges provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:

- (a) Waterline flushing;
- (b) Flow from potable water sources;
- (c) Springs;
- (d) Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- (e) Diverted stream flow;
- (f) Rising groundwater;
- (g) Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
- (h) Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
- (i) Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
- (j) Water from individual residential car washing;
- (k) Discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
- (l) Discharge from street sweeping;
- (m) Dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Director of Public Works prior to the time of the test;
- (n) Non- discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations; and

(o) Discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Director of Public Works as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

B. Land Disturbance activities as follows:

(1) All activities that result in the disturbance of land whose actual dimensions of disturbance total 20,000 or more square feet, or are part of a phased plan that will ultimately result in disturbance of 20,000 or more square feet and that are associated with a building permit or driveway permit.

(2) Except as authorized by the Planning Board in a Land Disturbance Permit or as otherwise provided in this bylaw, no person shall perform any activity that results in disturbance of 20,000 square feet or more of land. Disturbance shall be construed to mean the removal of vegetation, mineral substances or other natural or man-made materials that exposes loose soil making it vulnerable to erosion.

C. The following activities are exempt from the requirement to obtain a separate Land Disturbance Permit:

(1) Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use, as defined by the General Laws, Chapter 128, Section 1A.

(2) Storm water discharges that demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts Storm Water Management Policy resulting from the above activities that are subject to jurisdiction under:

(a) the Wetlands Protection Act and an Order of Conditions issued by the Conservation Commission;

(b) a permit from the Board of Health for a new or replacement septic system or well.

(3) For projects subject to Site Plan review, a Planning Board Special Permit or approval under the Subdivision Control Law, a Land Disturbance Permit shall be reviewed and issued by the Planning Board simultaneously as part of those other review and approval processes.

## **SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION**

A. The Director of Public Works under the direction of the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw as it pertains to illicit discharges and connections.

B. The Planning Board shall administer, and implement this bylaw as it pertains to land disturbance. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Building Inspector or other agent that may be designated in writing by the Planning Board.

C. Rules and Regulations. The Director of Public Works and the Planning Board may each adopt and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-law. Failure to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law. The Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Health shall ensure that their rules and

regulations require compliance with the purposes of this section for projects that are within their jurisdiction and exempt from the permitting provisions of this section.

D. Waiver. The Director of Public Works and the Planning Board may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this by-law under their jurisdiction or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity, where:

- (1) such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations,
- (2) is in the public interest, and
- (3) is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this by-law.

## **SECTION 6. PERMITS and PROCEDURE**

A. Application. A completed application for a Land Disturbance Permit shall be filed with the Planning Board. A permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of land disturbing activity that may result in the disturbance of an area of 20,000 square feet or more. The Land Disturbance Permit Application package shall include:

- (1) a completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;
- (2) seven (7) copies of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as specified in Section 7 of this bylaw;
- (3) one (1) copy of the Application Form to be filed with the Town Clerk by the Planning Board.

B. Entry. The filing of an application for a permit hereunder shall grant to and vest in the Planning Board or its agent, permission to enter the site described in such application to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

C. Other Boards. Following a determination of completeness, the Planning Board shall submit a copy of the Application Form to the Town Clerk, and shall provide one copy of the Application package to the:

- (1) Conservation Commission,
- (2) Department of Public Works, and
- (3) Board of Health.
- (4) Board of Selectmen

These entities shall provide comments to the Planning Board and/or sign-off on the Application within 21 days of receipt of the Application package, unless an extension is granted by the applicant. Failure to provide comments within the specified time shall be interpreted as no opposition to the Application. Each Board and Commission may delegate sign-off authority to its Chairman or other designated member

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

E. Action by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board may:

(1). Approve the Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law;

(2). Approve the Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Planning Board determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law;

(3). Disapprove the Land Disturbance Permit Application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this by-law.

G. Failure of the Planning Board to take one of the above referenced three actions upon an Application within 45 days of receipt of a completed Application shall be deemed an approval of said Application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without the Planning Board's action, the Land Disturbance Permit shall be issued by the Planning Board.

H. Fee Structure. Each Application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee as established by the Planning Board. Applicants shall pay review fees as determined by the Planning Board sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the review of the Land Disturbance Permit Application before the review process commences. The Planning Board is hereby authorized to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or such other professional consultants as it may deem necessary to advise the Planning Board on any or all aspects of the Application and a reasonable fee for the employment of such consultants may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c44, Section 53G, or any other enabling authority.

I. Project Changes. The permittee, or its agent, must notify the Planning Board in writing of any change or alteration of a permitted land-disturbing activity authorized in a Land Disturbance Permit before any change or alteration occurs. If the Planning Board determines that the change or alteration is significant, based on the design requirements listed in Section 7.B. and accepted construction practices, the Planning Board may in its discretion require that an amended Land Disturbance Permit application be filed. If any change or alteration from activities permitted by the Land Disturbance Permit occurs during any land disturbing activities, the Planning Board may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving any such change or alteration.

## **SECTION 7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN**

A. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed erosion and sedimentation controls. The applicant shall submit such material and information as

the Planning Board shall deem necessary to show that the proposed development will comply with the design requirements listed in Section 7.B. below.

B. The design requirements of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall:

- (1). Minimize the total area of disturbance;
- (2). Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance;
- (3). Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy;
- (4). Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction, provided that prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control;
- (5). Divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas;
- (6). Maximize groundwater recharge;
- (7). Install and maintain all Erosion and Sediment Control measures in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and good engineering practices;
- (8). Prevent off-site transport of sediment;
- (9). Protect and manage on and off-site material storage areas (overburden and stockpiles of dirt, borrow areas, or other areas used solely in conjunction with the permitted project are considered a part of the project);
- (10). Comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations including waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations, and air quality requirements, including dust control;
- (11). Prevent significant alteration of habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or Of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species from the proposed activities;
- (12). Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures, which shall be instituted on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site;
- (13). Properly manage on-site construction and waste materials; and
- (14). Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.

C. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Content. The Plan shall contain the following information:

- (1). Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the owner, applicant, and person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plan;
- (2). Title, date, north arrow, names of abutters, scale, legend, and locus map;
- (3). Location and description of natural features including:
  - (a) Watercourses and water bodies, wetland resource areas and all floodplain information, including the 100-year flood elevation based upon the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, or as calculated by a professional engineer for areas not assessed on these maps;
  - (b) Existing vegetation including tree lines, canopy layer, shrub layer, and ground cover, and trees with a caliper twelve (12) inches or larger, noting specimen trees and forest communities; and
  - (c) Habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species within five hundred (500) feet of any construction activity.
- (4). Lines of existing abutting streets showing drainage and driveway locations and curb cuts;
- (5). Existing soils, volume and nature of imported soil materials;
- (6). Topographical features including existing and proposed contours at intervals no greater than two (2) feet with spot elevations provided when needed;
- (7). Surveyed property lines showing distances and monument locations, all existing and proposed easements, rights-of-way, and other encumbrances, the size of the entire parcel, and the delineation and number of square feet of the land area to be disturbed;
- (8). Drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated after major grading activities (Construction Phase Grading Plans);
- (9). Location and details of erosion and sediment control measures with a narrative of the construction sequence/phasing of the project, including both operation and maintenance for structural and non-structural measures, interim grading, and material stockpiling areas;
- (10). Path and mechanism to divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
- (11). Location and description of industrial discharges, including discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants, which are covered by this permit;
- (12). Runoff calculations in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Management Policy;

- (13). Location and description of and implementation schedule for temporary and permanent seeding, vegetative controls, and other stabilization measures;
- (14). A description of construction and waste materials expected to be stored on-site. The Plan shall include a description of controls to reduce pollutants from these materials, including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to weather and persons, and spill prevention and response;
- (15). A description of provisions for phasing the project where one acre of area or greater is to be altered or disturbed;
- (16). Unless waived by the Planning Board, plans must be stamped and certified by a qualified Professional Engineer registered in Massachusetts or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control; and
- (17). Such other information as is required by the Planning Board.
- (18). The Planning Board shall have the authority to waive one or more of the above requirements when it deems it to be in the best interest of the Town to do so based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity and upon a finding that the intent of this section is still achieved.

## **SECTION 8. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION**

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

B. Board Inspection. The Planning Board or its designated agent, shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein the work fails to comply with the Land Disturbance Permit as approved. The Permit and associated plans for grading, stripping, excavating, and filling work, bearing the signature of approval of the Planning Board, shall be maintained at the site at all times during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the Planning Board or its designated agent and request an inspection at least two (2) working days before each of the following events:

- (1). Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized;
- (2). Site Clearing has been substantially completed;
- (3). Rough Grading has been substantially completed;
- (4). Final Grading has been substantially completed;

(5). Close of the Construction Season; and

(6). Final Landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

The Planning Board will make every effort to complete the required inspections as soon as possible following a request. Also, based on the scale, nature and location of the permitted activity, the Planning Board may combine or reduce the number of inspections required as it may deem appropriate.

C. Permittee Inspections. The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports of such inspections to the Planning Board or its designated agent in a format approved by the Planning Board.

D. Access Permission. To the fullest extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Planning Board its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Planning Board deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

## **SECTION 9. SURETY**

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

## **SECTION 10. FINAL REPORTS**

Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Professional Engineer (P.E.), surveyor, or Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), certifying that all erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter. Based on the scale, nature and location of the permitted activity, the Planning Board may waive the requirement that final report be submitted by a professional and may authorize submission of a substitute affidavit by the owner attesting that the work has been completed in accordance with the conditions of the permit.

## **SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT**

A. The Building Inspector or an authorized agent of the Planning Board shall enforce this by-law, any regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders issued pursuant hereto, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

## B. Orders

(1). the Building Inspector or an authorized agent of the Board may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this by-law or the regulations hereunder, which may include an order:

(a) to cease and desist from the land-disturbing activity until there is compliance with the bylaw and provisions of the land-disturbance permit has been confirmed;

(b) for maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;

(c) for monitoring, analyses, and reporting

(d) for remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.

(2). If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, in the event the violator or property owner fails to promptly abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town may, at its option, undertake such work as may be necessary to abate or remediate such violation, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town's expenses.

(3). Within thirty (30) days after the Town's completion of all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town, including administrative costs in furtherance of such abatement and remediation. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of such costs with the Planning Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Planning Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction confirming such costs, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c40, section 57. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in G.L. Ch. 59, § 57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs became due.

C. Criminal Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, regulation, order or permit issued there under, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues unabated shall constitute a separate offense for the purposes of this section.

D. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, 21D and Article VII, Section 5-49 of the Code of the Town of Blackstone, in which case the Director of Public Works (for violations pertaining to illicit discharges) or Building Inspector or the designated agent of the Planning Board (for violations pertaining to land disturbance activities) shall be the enforcing person. The penalty

for the 1st violation shall be \$50. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$100. The penalty for the 3rd and each subsequent violation shall be \$200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

E. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Planning Board shall be appealable to the Board of Appeals. Such appeals shall be filed within 30 days of the decision or order. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

F. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this by-law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

## **SECTION 12. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

The Planning Board or its designated agent shall issue a letter certifying completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this bylaw.

## **SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY**

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

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-24, Definitions and Word Usage, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following definitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Assisted Living Facility - A residential facility certified by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, which provides a combination of housing, meals and personalized support services for activities of daily living, but not providing the level of care of a skilled nursing facility.

Frontage – That portion of a lot that abuts the right-of-way of a street.

Paper Street – A road or street which appears on an Assessor's Map but which has not been constructed on the ground and therefore does not provide frontage for a lot.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-10, Nonconforming Uses and Structures, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to the Item C, Abandonment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

A non-residential use shall be considered abandoned if the building or structure in which the nonconforming use takes place is voluntarily demolished prior to obtaining a special permit to replace it from the Board of Appeals, or if the premises are voluntarily devoted to another use. It shall be considered discontinued when characteristic equipment or furnishings of the nonconforming use have been removed from the premises and have not been replaced by similar equipment or furnishings within two years

unless other facts can document intention to resume the activity within two years. Such facts may include, but are not limited to:

1. obtaining permits or licenses related to operation of the nonconforming use,;
2. undertaking renovations clearly intended to facilitate continued operation of the nonconforming use;
3. ordering equipment and/or supplies associated with the nonconforming use.

A residential use shall be considered abandoned or discontinued if:

1. the building or structure is voluntarily demolished prior to obtaining a special permit to replace it from the Board of Appeals; or
2. during a consecutive two year period, all of the following four conditions have occurred: (a) the property has been uninhabited by any authorized person(s); (b) property taxes are unpaid; (c) utility services are discontinued; and (d) no significant maintenance activity can be documented during the two-year period.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to Institutional Uses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	<b>R-1,R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Assisted Living Facility	BA	BA	BA	BA

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-23, Special Regulations, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**123-23.5 Wind Energy Facilities**

**A. Purposes**

The purpose of this by-law is to provide for the construction and operation of wind energy facilities and to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of wind facilities that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the town and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning. The provisions set forth in this section shall take precedence over all other sections when considering applications related to the construction, operation, and/or repair of wind energy facilities.

**B. Applicability**

This section applies to all utility-scale, on-site wind facilities, and small wind energy systems, proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also includes building integrated wind systems, and physical modifications to existing wind facilities that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of such facilities or other equipment.

**C. General Requirements for all Wind Energy Facilities**

**(1) Exemptions**

Wind turbines constructed, reconstructed, or renovated for the primary purpose of generating power for use as part of a commercial agriculture operation shall be considered a structure pursuant to MGL, c.

40A, §3 and, therefore, shall be exempt from this by-law.

(2) A permit shall be granted unless the Planning Board finds in writing that there is substantial evidence that:

- (a) the specific site is not an appropriate location for such use;
- (b) there is expected to be a serious hazard to pedestrians or vehicles from the use;
- (c) a nuisance is expected to be created by the use; and
- (e) adequate and appropriate facilities will be not provided for the proper operation and maintenance of the use.

(3) Permit Needed

The following wind energy facilities shall require a special permit from the Planning Board:

- (a) Small Wind -Meteorological towers
- (b) Large Wind -Utility scale, on-site wind use
- (c) Building Integrated Wind

(4) Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all such proposed wind energy facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, environmental, electrical, communications and aviation requirements.

(5) Proof of Liability Insurance

The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance satisfactory to the Planning Board in an amount, and for a duration, sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and property occasioned by the failure of the facility.

(6) Site Control

At the time of its application for a special or building permit, the applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective control of the project site sufficient to allow for installation and use of the proposed facility. Documentation shall also include proof of control over setback areas and access roads, if required. Control shall mean the legal authority to prevent the use or construction of any structure for human habitation within the setback areas.

(7) Utility Notification

No wind energy facility shall be installed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(8) Temporary Meteorological Towers (Met Towers)

Met towers shall be permitted under the same standards as a small wind system, except that the requirements apply to a temporary structure. A permit for a temporary met tower shall be valid for a maximum of 3 years after which an extension may, in the discretion of the Planning Board, be granted.

Small anemometers installed directly on buildings shall not require a building or special permit.

(9) Design Standards

- (a) Appearance, Color and Finish - FAA safety consideration on color and appearance should be respected. Where applicant is seeking a non-standard color in an area not regulated by the

FAA, the permit granting authority shall have authority to regulate color of turbine.

- (b) Lighting - Wind turbines shall be lighted only if required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting of other parts of the wind energy facility, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties.
- (c) Signage - Signs on the wind energy facility shall comply with the requirements of the Town's sign regulations, and shall be limited to those necessary to identify the owner, provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number, and warn of any danger as well as educational signs providing information about the facility and the benefits of renewable energy.
- (d) Advertising - Wind turbines shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the wind energy facility.
- (e) Utility Connections - Reasonable efforts shall be made to locate utility connections from the wind energy facility underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.
- (e) Appurtenant Structures - All appurtenant structures to such wind energy facilities shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other and shall be contained within the turbine tower whenever technically and economically feasible. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or located in an underground vault and joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

#### (10) Safety and Environmental Standards

- (a) Emergency Services - The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local emergency services entity, as designated by the Planning Board. Upon request the applicant shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of disconnecting the wind energy facility shall be clearly marked. The applicant or facility owner shall maintain a phone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project.
- (b) Unauthorized Access - Wind turbines or other structures part of a wind energy facility shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access. For instance, the tower shall be designed and installed so as to not provide step bolts or other climbing means readily accessible to the public for a minimum height of 8 feet above the ground. Electrical equipment shall be locked where possible.
- (c) Shadow/Flicker - Wind energy facilities shall be sited in a manner that minimizes shadowing or flicker impacts. The applicant has the burden of proving that this effect does not have significant adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent uses.

- (d) Sound - The wind facility and associated equipment shall conform with the provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection's, Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations (310 CMR 7.10), unless the Department and the Planning Board agree that those provisions shall not be applicable. A source of sound will be considered to be violating these regulations if the source either increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 dB(A) above ambient, or produces a "pure tone" condition – when an octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more.

These criteria are measured both at the property line and at the nearest inhabited structure. Ambient is defined as the background A-weighted sound level that is exceeded 90% of the time measured during equipment hours. The ambient may also be established by other means with consent from DEP. An analysis prepared by a qualified engineer shall be presented to demonstrate compliance with these noise standards, if required by the Planning Board. The Planning Board, in consultation with the Department, shall determine whether such violations shall be measured at the property line or at the nearest inhabited residence.

- (e) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts - Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the wind facility and is otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

#### (11) Monitoring and Maintenance

- (a) Facility Conditions - The applicant shall maintain the wind energy facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The project owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the wind energy facility and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way, and the cost of repairing any damage occurring as a result of operation and construction.
- (b) Modifications - All material modifications to a wind energy facility made after issuance of the permit shall require approval by the Planning Board as provided in this section.

#### (12) Abandonment or Decommissioning

- (a) Removal Requirements - Any wind energy facility which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned shall be removed. When the wind energy facility is scheduled to be decommissioned, the applicant shall notify the Town by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The owner/operator shall physically remove the wind facility no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. At the time of removal, the wind facility site shall be restored to the condition it was in before the facility was constructed or any other legally authorized use.

More specifically, decommissioning shall consist of: physical removal of all wind turbines, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site; disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local and state waste disposal regulations; and stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

- (b) Abandonment - Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning, the facility shall be

considered abandoned when the facility fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall determine in its decision what proportion of the facility is inoperable for the facility to be considered abandoned. If the applicant fails to remove the wind energy facility in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town shall have the authority to exercise any remedies available under applicable law to compel such removal.

#### (13) Expiration

A permit issued pursuant to this ordinance shall expire if: (a) The wind energy facility is not installed and functioning within 48-months from the date the permit is issued; or, (b) The wind energy facility is abandoned.

#### (14) Violations

It is unlawful for any person to construct, install, or operate a wind energy system that is not in compliance with this bylaw or with any condition contained in a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw. Wind energy systems installed prior to the adoption of this bylaw are exempt from the provisions hereof.

### D. Requirements for Small Wind Energy Facilities

#### (1) Special Permit Required

No small wind energy system shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board. All such wind energy systems shall where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that, minimizes adverse visual, safety and environmental impacts. The construction of a small wind facility shall be permitted in any zoning district subject to the issuance of a special permit and provided that the use complies with all applicable requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.5

#### (2) Height

Small wind turbines shall be no higher than 250 feet above the current grade of the land, as measured at the uppermost point of the rotor's swept area. A small wind turbine may exceed 250 feet if:

- (a) the applicant demonstrates by substantial evidence that such height reflects industry standards for a similarly sited wind facility;
- (b) such excess height is necessary to prevent financial hardship to the applicant, and
- (c) the facility satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a building permit under the provisions of this section.

#### (3) Setbacks

Small wind turbines shall be set back a distance equal to a minimum of 1.5 times the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest property line and any abutting private or public way.

#### (4) Setback Waiver

The Planning Board may reduce the minimum setback distance as it may deem appropriate, based on site-specific considerations, or written consent of the affected abutter(s), if the project satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a special permit under the provisions of this section.

#### (5) Application Process & Requirements

A building permit shall be required for the installation of a small wind energy system.

- (a) General Required Documents - The building permit application shall be accompanied by deliverables including the following: (i) A plot plan showing: property lines and physical dimensions of the subject property within 2 times the total height of the wind turbine from the proposed tower location; (ii) location, dimensions, and types of existing major structures on the property; (iii) location of the proposed wind system tower, foundations, guy anchors and associated equipment; (iv) the right-of-way of any public road that is contiguous with the property; (v) Any overhead utility lines and (vi) location and approximate height of tree cover.
- (b) Wind system specifications, including manufacturer and model, rotor diameter, tower height, tower type (freestanding or guyed).
- (c) One or three line electrical diagram detailing wind turbine, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all NEC compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices.
- (d) Foundations for towers less than or equal to 160ft must have blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer.
- (e) Foundations for towers greater than 160ft must have blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (f) Name, address, phone number and signature of the applicant, as well as all co-applicants or property owners, if any.
- (g) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant.
- (h) A plan for maintenance of the small wind energy facility.

(6) Fees

The application for a special permit for a wind energy system must be accompanied by the applicable special permit fee.

E. Requirements for Large Wind Energy Facilities (Utility and On-Site Projects)

(1) Special Permit

No wind energy facility over 100 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a wind energy facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in the Sections 123-23.5. All such wind energy facilities shall, where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts.

(2) Financial Surety

The Planning Board may require the applicant for utility scale wind facilities to provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal of the permitted facilities in the event the Town must remove the same. Said surety shall be in an amount and form determined by the Planning Board, but shall in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally or state-owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The surety amount shall

include a mechanism for periodic Cost of Living Adjustment.

### (3) Height

Large wind energy facilities shall be no higher than 450 feet above the current grade of the land, provided that wind facilities may exceed 450 feet if:

- (a) the applicant demonstrates by substantial evidence that such height reflects industry standards or manufacturer recommendations for a similarly sited wind facility;
- (b) if applicant can demonstrate significant financial gain due to additional height, and
- (c) the facility satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a building permit under the provisions of this section.

### (4) Setbacks

Large wind turbines shall be set back a distance equal to 3 times the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest existing residential or commercial structure and from the nearest property line and private or public way.

The Planning Board may reduce the minimum setback distance as appropriate based on site-specific considerations, or written consent of the affected abutter(s), if the project satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a special permit under the provisions of this section.

### (5) Required Supporting Documentation

The applicant shall provide the special Planning Board with a description of the proposed project, which shall include:

- (a) General - All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts. Included in the application shall be: (i) Name, address, phone number and signature of the applicant, as well as all co-applicants or property owners, if any; (ii) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant; and (iii) Documentation of the legal right to use the wind facility site.
- (b) Technical Documentation - The applicant shall, at a minimum, submit the following technical documentation regarding the proposed wind energy facility to the Planning Board: (i) Wind energy facility technical specifications, including manufacturer and model, rotor diameter, tower height/type, foundation type/dimensions; (ii) Tower foundation blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; (iii) Tower blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and (e) Electrical schematic
- (c) Location Map: Utility Scale Projects -- The applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a copy of a portion of the most recent USGS Quadrangle Map, at a scale of 1:25,000, showing the proposed facility site, including turbine sites, and the area within at least two miles from the facility. Zoning district designation for the subject parcel should be included; however a copy of a zoning map with the parcel identified is suitable.
- (d) Site Plan - A one inch equals 200 feet plan of the proposed wind facility site, with contour intervals of no more than 10 feet, showing the following:
  - (i) Property lines for the site parcel and adjacent parcels within 300 feet; (ii) Outline of all existing buildings, including purpose (e.g. residence, garage, etc.) on site parcel and all adjacent parcels within 500 feet, including distances from the wind facility to each building

shown; (iii) Location of all roads, public and private on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within the setback distance of 1.2 times the blade tip height, and proposed roads or driveways, either temporary or permanent; and (iv) Existing areas

of tree cover, including average height of trees, on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within the setback distance of 1.2 times the blade tip height.

- (e) Proposed location and design of wind facility, including all turbines, ground equipment, appurtenant structures, transmission infrastructure, access, fencing, exterior lighting, etc.
- (f) Location of viewpoints referenced below in Subsection E.5.6 and E.5.7 of this section.

(6) Visualizations: Utility Scale Projects

The Planning Board may select up to four sight lines, including from the nearest building with a view of the wind facility, for pre- and post-construction view representations. Sites for the view representations shall be selected from populated areas or public ways within a 2-mile radius of the proposed wind energy facility. View representations shall have the following characteristics:

- (a) View representations shall be in color and shall include actual pre-construction photographs and accurate post-construction simulations of the height and breadth of the wind facility (e.g. superimpositions of the wind facility onto photographs of existing views).
- (b) All view representations will include existing, or proposed, buildings or tree coverage.
- (c) Include description of the technical procedures followed in producing the visualization (distances, angles, lens, etc.).

(7) Visualizations: On-Site Projects

The Planning Board may select up to three sight lines, including from the nearest building with a view of the wind facility, for pre- and post-construction view representations. Sites for the view representations shall be selected from populated areas or public ways within a 2-mile radius of the proposed wind energy facility. View representations shall have the following characteristics:

- (a) View representations shall be in color and shall include actual pre-construction photographs and accurate post-construction simulations of the height and breadth of the wind facility (e.g. superimpositions of the wind facility onto photographs of existing views).
- (b) All view representations will include existing, or proposed, buildings or tree coverage.
- (c) Include description of the technical procedures followed in producing the visualization (distances, angles, lens, etc.).

(8) Operation & Maintenance Plan

The applicant shall submit a plan for maintenance of access roads and storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the wind facility.

(9) Compliance Documents

The applicant will provide with the application:

- (a) description of the proposed financial surety that satisfies subsection E (2) of this section;
- (b) proof of liability insurance that satisfies subsection C (5) of this section;
- (c) certification of height approval from the FAA;

- (d) a statement that satisfies subsection C (10)(d), listing existing and maximum projected sound levels from the wind energy facility.

#### (10) Landscape Plan

A plan indicating all proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including temporary or permanent roads or driveways, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, other than FAA lights, screening vegetation or structures. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and except as required by the FAA be directed downward with full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

### F. Requirements for Building Integrated Wind Energy Facility

#### (1) Special Permit Granting Authority

No building integrated wind energy facility shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a building integrated wind energy facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.5. All such wind energy facilities shall, where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes any adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts.

#### (2) Required Supporting Documentation for Building Integrated Wind Energy Facilities

The special permit application submitted to the Planning Board must, at a minimum, include:

- (a) Analysis and design documents, completed by a structural engineer registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, demonstrating that the proposed building is structurally sufficient to support the permanent installation of the proposed building integrated wind energy facility. At a minimum, the analysis should address vibration, wind load, and ice load.
- (b) Elevation drawings of building with building integrated wind energy facility installed, viewed from north, south, east, and west.
- (c) Building schematic detailing point(s) of connection and associated supports for the building integrated wind energy facility.
- (d) Schematic of attachment method for connecting the building integrated wind energy facility to the building.
- (e) Specification sheets for wind turbine and all related components (inverters, controllers, disconnects, etc.)
- (f) One or three line electrical diagram detailing wind turbine, associated components, and electrical interconnection and overcurrent devices.

### G. Independent Consultants

Upon submission of an application for a special permit, the Planning Board will be authorized to hire outside consultants, pursuant to section 53G of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-24, Definitions and Word Usage, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following definitions, or take any other action in relation thereto

**Utility-Scale Wind Facility:** A commercial wind facility, where the primary use of the facility is electrical generation to be sold to the wholesale electricity markets.

**On-Site Wind Facility:** A wind project, which is located at a commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, or public facility that will generate electricity on-site.

**Height:** The height of a wind turbine measured from natural grade to the tip of the rotor blade at its highest point, or blade-tip height.

**Rated Nameplate Capacity:** The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment. This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a "nameplate" on the equipment.

**Wind Energy Facility:** All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes, but is not limited to, transmission, storage, collection and supply equipment, substations, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines.

**Wind Monitoring or Meteorological Tower:** A temporary tower equipped with devices to measure wind speeds and direction, used to determine how much wind power a site can be expected to generate.

**Wind turbine:** A device that converts kinetic wind energy into rotational energy that drives an electrical generator. A wind turbine typically consists of a tower, nacelle body, and a rotor with two or more blades.

**Small Wind Energy System:** All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of kinetic energy of wind into electrical power. This includes, but is not limited to, storage, electrical collection and supply equipment, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines, which have a total rated nameplate capacity of not more than 100kW/ 0.1MW.

**Large Wind Facility:** equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of kinetic energy of wind into electrical power with a rated output of electrical power production equipment of greater than 100kW/0.1MW.

**Building Integrated Wind Energy Facility:** A wind energy facility shall be considered to be building integrated if it is designed to be permanently mounted on a building or other inhabitable structure. This definition applies to wind turbines of any capacity that are designed to be operated in direct contact with a building. This definition also covers, for the purposes of this zoning provision, other wind energy facilities primarily used for land-based applications which may be permanently mounted and operated on a building.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to Industrial Uses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	<b>R-1,R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Wind Energy Facility in accordance with Section 123-23.5	PB	PB	PB	PB

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct a water and sewer rate study mandated by the DEP and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$22,000, for this purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000, for the planning and engineering of a stormwater management program to comply with EPA's NPDES Phase II Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and authorize use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land commonly referred to as "Veterans Park", as more particularly described in the Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Blackstone, dated December 30, 1997 and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 19487, Page 121, for the purpose of lease for construction, operation and maintenance of a Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Facility; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease and other agreements in furtherance of this use upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 32.** 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)

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to Amend the Zoning By-Law, Section 123-12.C (I)(a) from "... (50) feet of frontage on a street" to ... (40) feet of frontage on a street".

(Submitted by Petition)

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to insert in the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws under Article V. Section 123.24 Definitions and Word Usage, the following definition: "Loss of Light and Air: As interpreted by the Courts, is **not** an aggrievement under any chapter in the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws and is **not** intended to conflict with current setbacks and height restrictions as defined in Zoning By-Laws."

(Submitted by Petition)

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to amend Article V. Section 123.24 Definitions and Word Usage "Dwelling: A unit within a building whose intent was to be used for habitation. A dwelling in a Residential Zone is **not** to be considered a non-conforming use or structure pursuant to Section 123-10 A.B.C."

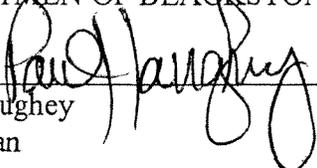
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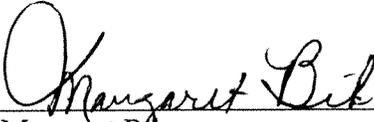
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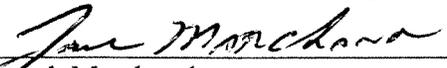
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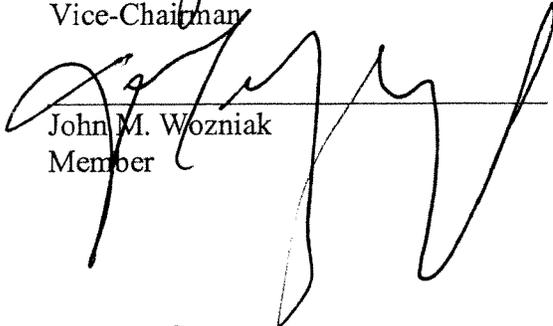
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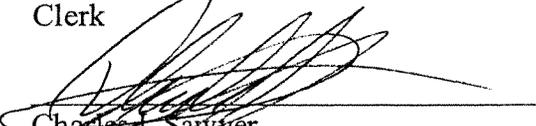
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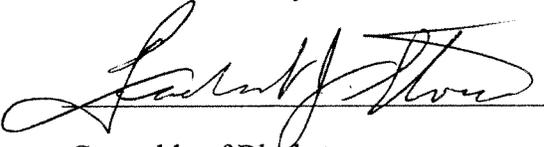
  
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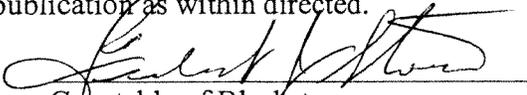
  
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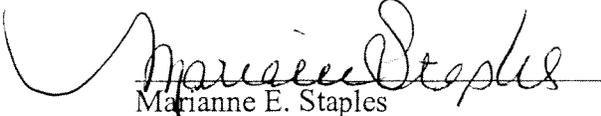
  
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Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 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.

  
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Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
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Marianne E. Staples  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**

**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 31, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 149 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 Annual Town Meeting: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator; Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; Harold Gould, Esq.; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Catherine Antonellis, Accountant; Suzanne Moquin, Accountant; Karen Albright, COA Director; Julie Lepore, Library Director; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

**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 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 appropriate \$20,496,851 to fund the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officials and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, and that said appropriations be funded as follows:

That	\$13,771,873	raised from FY'12 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$1,241,440	raised from FY'12 Projected State Revenue Ch 70 Lottery Net Lig Meg
That	\$906,577	raised from FY'12 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$1,827,365	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$200,000	transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$2,623	transferred from Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$1,328,414	raised from Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue Funds
That	\$0	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$376,984	raised from Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	\$0	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$841,575	use of Free Cash

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$22,626	
EXPENSES	\$34,850	
TOTAL	\$57,476	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the Account No. 01123 Administration, Line Item 51140, to \$4,500 for a Salary Total of \$136,437.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$136,437	
EXPENSES	\$11,725	
TOTAL	\$148,162	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (Amended)
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,248	
EXPENSES	\$1,650	
TOTAL	\$2,898	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132 RESERVE FUND		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$60,000	
TOTAL	\$60,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,000	
EXPENSES	\$5,600	
TOTAL	\$6,600	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$85,782	
EXPENSES	\$12,600	
TOTAL	\$98,382	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$93,130	
EXPENSES	\$44,250	
TOTAL	\$137,380	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$109,822	
EXPENSES	\$36,788	
TOTAL	\$146,610	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$90,000	
TOTAL	\$90,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155 DATA PROCESSING		
EXPENSES	\$134,349	
TOTAL	\$134,349	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01158 COPIER		
EXPENSES	\$15,876	
TOTAL	\$15,876	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$154,202	
TOTAL	\$154,202	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$99,594	
EXPENSES	\$7,325	
TOTAL	\$106,919	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$5,600	
EXPENSES	\$14,100	
TOTAL	\$19,700	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$1,850	
EXPENSES	\$3,700	
TOTAL	\$5,550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
SALARIES	\$3,745	
EXPENSES	\$480	
TOTAL	\$4,225	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01175 PLANNING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$8,320	
EXPENSES	\$18,011	
TOTAL	\$26,331	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01176 ZONING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$4,682	
EXPENSES	\$3,707	
TOTAL	\$8,389	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01182 INDUST & ECONO DEVELOP		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$14,500	
TOTAL	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,122	
TOTAL	\$2,122	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$180,175	
TOTAL	\$180,175	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the Account No. 1192 Public Building Maintenance, Line Item 52400 Repair and Maintenance, from \$45,000 to \$51,200 for a department total of \$296,700.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

After discussion, a vote was taken on the main motion.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DEFEAT

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider the vote.

MAJORITY VOTE TO RECONSIDER

01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT				
EXPENSES	\$296,700			
TOTAL	\$296,700	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
		(Amended)		
01195 TOWN REPORT				
EXPENSES	\$3,000			
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT				
SALARIES	\$1,058,887			
EXPENSES	\$105,319			
TOTAL	\$1,164,206	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS				
SALARIES	\$170,941			
EXPENSES	\$1,050			
TOTAL	\$171,991	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend Account No. 1220 Fire Department, Line Item 51120 Wages F-T FF/EMT by an additional \$14,416 and Line Item 51310 Overtime by an additional \$8,251 for an additional total of \$22,667 and a Salary Total of \$605,815.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT				
SALARIES	\$605,815			
EXPENSES	\$23,140			
TOTAL	\$628,955	MAJORITY	VOICE	VOTE
		(AMENDED)		
01221 FIRE STATION 2				
EXPENSES	\$0			
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01222 FIRE STATION 3				
EXPENSES	\$0			
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE				
SALARIES	\$14,870			
EXPENSES	\$36,000			
TOTAL	\$50,870	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR				
SALARIES	\$26,690			
EXPENSES	\$22,220			
TOTAL	\$48,910	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR				
SALARIES	\$12,200			
EXPENSES	\$889			
TOTAL	\$13,089	UNANIMOUS	VOICE	VOTE

01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$7,295	
EXPENSES	\$606	
TOTAL	\$7,901	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$900	
EXPENSES	\$13,000	
TOTAL	\$13,900	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$18,300	
EXPENSES	\$7,670	
TOTAL	\$25,970	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$5,000	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$23,200	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the budget line item #713, Education – BMR, Column AE, Department Total to read \$7,335,539.

After much discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on whether or not to continue discussion.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE A VOTE

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND (CHALLENGED)

YES 44 NO 82

MAJORITY HAND COUNT NOT TO AMEND

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$7,420,884	
TOTAL	\$7,420,884	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$771,423	
TOTAL	\$772,923	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$234,495	
TOTAL	\$234,495	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01411 CONSULTING		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01412 ENGINEERING		
SALARIES	\$0	

EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$26,667	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$26,667	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$234,196	
TOTAL	\$234,196	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$34,900	
TOTAL	\$34,900	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,469	
EXPENSES	83,166	
TOTAL	\$110,635	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$85,000	
TOTAL	\$85,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$60,000	
TOTAL	\$60,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$302,500	
TOTAL	\$302,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$15,300	
EXPENSES	\$515,207	
TOTAL	\$530,507	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$22,810	
EXPENSES	\$65,997	
TOTAL	\$88,807	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$134,968	
EXPENSES	\$9,900	
TOTAL	\$144,868	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$4,200	
EXPENSES	\$50,870	
TOTAL	\$55,070	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$164,724	
EXPENSES	\$144,495	
TOTAL	\$309,219	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$53,212	
EXPENSES	\$39,850	
TOTAL	\$93,062	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$1,505	
TOTAL	\$1,505	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
EXPENSES	\$5,600	
TOTAL	\$5,600	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01693 CULTURAL COUNCIL		
SALARIES	\$625	
EXPENSES	\$276	
TOTAL	\$901	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$954,224	
TOTAL	\$954,224	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$557,756	
TOTAL	\$557,756	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$37,409	
TOTAL	\$37,409	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$6,360	
TOTAL	\$6,360	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$357,362	
TOTAL	\$357,362	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$85,000	
TOTAL	\$85,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$380,815	
TOTAL	\$380,815	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$2,200	
TOTAL	\$2,200	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$49,000	
TOTAL	\$49,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES		
EXPENSES	\$30,000	
TOTAL	\$30,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCE		
EXPENSES	\$25,000	
TOTAL	\$25,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01960 CAPITAL TRUST		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL TRUST	\$1,890,000	
TOTAL	\$1,890,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,791,453</b>	
<b>WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE</b>		
60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$15,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$108,834	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$108,834	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$434,763	
TOTAL	\$434,763	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>\$558,597</b>	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$25,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$25,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$125,081	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$125,081	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$68,180	
TOTAL	\$68,180	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$486,556	

TOTAL	\$486,556	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$45,000	
TOTAL	\$45,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$18,000	
TOTAL	\$18,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>\$769,817</b>	
<b>TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE</b>	<b>\$1,328,414</b>	
<b>RECYCLING CENTER ENTERPRISE</b>		
65132 RECYCLING RESERVE FUND		
RECYCLING RESERVE FUND	\$15,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
65433 RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION		
SALARY TOTAL	\$210,922	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$151,062	
<b>TOTAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>\$376,984</b>	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER &amp; SEWER &amp; RECYCLING BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$20,496,851</b>	

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 3, BMR Education Budget.  
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

There was a motion made and seconded to waive the reading of Article 4 as recommended.  
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**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

There was a motion made and seconded to waive the reading of Article 5. The moderator indicated that the following wording had been omitted from the article and should be inserted at the end: "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 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 *if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Regarding Article 6, a motion was duly made and seconded to amend the Finance Committee's recommendation to take no action to a positive vote to approve the use of \$184,109.65 being the remaining unused balance of the \$270,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee on September 6, 2007, which borrowing was initially approved by the District School Committee and the member towns of the Regional School District to pay the costs of the sewer project at the Regional High School, to pay the costs of various additional capital repairs to the Regional High School to the extent such funds are no longer needed to complete the sewer project initially contemplated by the said vote.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 6.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve the use of \$184,109.65 being the remaining unused balance of the \$270,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee on September 6, 2007, which borrowing was initially approved by the District School Committee and the member towns of the Regional School District to pay the costs of the sewer project at the Regional High School, to pay the costs of various additional capital repairs to the Regional High School to the extent such funds are no longer needed to complete the sewer project initially contemplated by the said vote.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DEFEAT (CHALLENGED)

YES 62      NO 53

MAJORITY HAND COUNT TO APPROVE

**ARTICLE 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and 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 8.** 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 9.** 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 10.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept Clause 56 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which would allow members of the Massachusetts national guard or military reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2012.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 11.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept Clause 57 of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, which allows seniors who receive "circuit breaker" tax credits on their Massachusetts state income taxes to obtain a reduction of their real estate taxes, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2012.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 12.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Blackstone Valley Recycling Enterprise Retained Earnings account a sum of money not to exceed \$65,000 for the purchase of a sorting facility.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 13.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,433.14 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Enterprise Retained Earnings account to the Capital Fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital Fund to purchase a skid loader.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 14.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$23,284.18 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Enterprise Retained Earnings account to the Capital Fund as reimbursement of the remaining balance of the sum previously transferred from the Capital Fund to purchase a four wheel drive truck.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the Warrant Article 15 from "a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a new grass mower for Parks and Recreation" to "a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purchase of 2 new grass mowers for Parks and Recreation."

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 15.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of 2 new grass mowers for Parks and Recreation. (Amended)

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to amend Warrant Article 16 to add the following language after "crewcab truck": and/or a grass mower for Parks and Recreation."

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 16.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase of a crewcab truck and/or a grass mower for the Parks and Recreation. (Amended)

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 17.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate \$350,000 to pay costs of purchasing a new pumper fire truck and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, that \$50,000 be transferred from the Ambulance Reserved Receipts Account as a down payment on said vehicle, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$300,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

SECRET BALLOT

YES 80          NO 24

**ARTICLE 18.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Ambulance Reserved Receipts a sum of money in the amount of \$28,778.34 to for the purchase of a software upgrade for the Ambulance / Fire Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase on a new police vehicle.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for the purchase of replacement R/S Dump Bodies for the Department of Public Works.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 21.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$24,000 for the purchase of two snowplows for the Department of Public Works.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 22.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Blackstone General Bylaws by adding Section 110 Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw as follows:

CHAPTER 110

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND LAND DISTURBANCE BYLAW

### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of this chapter are to protect water resources, prevent pollutants from entering the Town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), prohibit and remove illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4, promote the infiltration and recharge of groundwater, ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and runoff control practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process and are implemented and maintained, comply with state and federal statutes and

regulations relating to discharges and establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this by-law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

## **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

**AGRICULTURE:** The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 128, Section 1A.

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (CPESC):** A certified specialist in soil erosion and sediment control. This certification program, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, provides the public with evidence of professional qualifications.

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

**CLEARING:** Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.

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

**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN:** A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

**ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS:** Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).

**ILLICIT CONNECTION:** A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this by-law.

**ILLICIT DISCHARGE:** Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 4. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 4, subsection A (4), of this by-law.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water from infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

**MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:** (G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the “taking” of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

**MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY:** The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state

regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 §. 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or municipal storm drain system:** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Blackstone.

**PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES:** Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.

**RUNOFF:** Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

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

**STORMWATER:** Snowmelt runoff, surface water runoff and drainage.

**STRIP:** Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

**VERNAL POOLS:** Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

**WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

**WETLAND RESOURCE AREA:** Areas specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131, § 40 and in the Town's Wetland Bylaw.

### **SECTION 3. AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY**

This bylaw shall apply to:

A. The Town's municipal separate storm water sewer system as follows:

(1) **Illicit Discharges.** No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.

(2) **Illicit Connections.** No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

(3) Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Director of Public Works.

(4) The following non- discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non- discharges provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:

- (a) Waterline flushing;
- (b) Flow from potable water sources;
- (c) Springs;
- (d) Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- (e) Diverted stream flow;
- (f) Rising groundwater;
- (g) Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
- (h) Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
- (i) Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
- (j) Water from individual residential car washing;
- (k) Discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
- (l) Discharge from street sweeping;
- (m) Dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Director of Public Works prior to the time of the test;
- (n) Non- discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations; and
- (o) Discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Director of Public Works as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

B. Land Disturbance activities as follows:

(1) All activities that result in the disturbance of land whose actual dimensions of disturbance total 20,000 or more square feet, or are part of a phased plan that will ultimately result in

disturbance of 20,000 or more square feet and that are associated with a building permit or driveway permit.

(2) Except as authorized by the Planning Board in a Land Disturbance Permit or as otherwise provided in this bylaw, no person shall perform any activity that results in disturbance of 20,000 square feet or more of land. Disturbance shall be construed to mean the removal of vegetation, mineral substances or other natural or man-made materials that exposes loose soil making it vulnerable to erosion.

C. The following activities are exempt from the requirement to obtain a separate Land Disturbance Permit:

(1) Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use, as defined by the General Laws, Chapter 128, Section 1A.

(2) Storm water discharges that demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts Storm Water Management Policy resulting from the above activities that are subject to jurisdiction under:

(a) the Wetlands Protection Act and an Order of Conditions issued by the Conservation Commission;

(b) a permit from the Board of Health for a new or replacement septic system or well.

(3) For projects subject to Site Plan review, a Planning Board Special Permit or approval under the Subdivision Control Law, a Land Disturbance Permit shall be reviewed and issued by the Planning Board simultaneously as part of those other review and approval processes.

## **SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION**

A. The Director of Public Works under the direction of the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw as it pertains to illicit discharges and connections.

B. The Planning Board shall administer, and implement this bylaw as it pertains to land disturbance. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Building Inspector or other agent that may be designated in writing by the Planning Board.

C. Rules and Regulations. The Director of Public Works and the Planning Board may each adopt and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-law. Failure to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law. The Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Health shall ensure that their rules and regulations require compliance with the purposes of this section for projects that are within their jurisdiction and exempt from the permitting provisions of this section.

D. Waiver. The Director of Public Works and the Planning Board may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this by-law under their jurisdiction or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity, where:

(1) such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations,

(2) is in the public interest, and

(3) is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this by-law.

## **SECTION 6. PERMITS and PROCEDURE**

A. Application. A completed application for a Land Disturbance Permit shall be filed with the Planning Board. A permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of land disturbing activity that may result in the disturbance of an area of 20,000 square feet or more. The Land Disturbance Permit Application package shall include:

- (1) a completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;
- (2) seven (7) copies of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as specified in Section 7 of this bylaw;
- (3) one (1) copy of the Application Form to be filed with the Town Clerk by the Planning Board.

B. Entry. The filing of an application for a permit hereunder shall grant to and vest in the Planning Board or its agent, permission to enter the site described in such application to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

C. Other Boards. Following a determination of completeness, the Planning Board shall submit a copy of the Application Form to the Town Clerk, and shall provide one copy of the Application package to the:

- (1) Conservation Commission,
- (2) Department of Public Works, and
- (3) Board of Health.
- (4) Board of Selectmen

These entities shall provide comments to the Planning Board and/or sign-off on the Application within 21 days of receipt of the Application package, unless an extension is granted by the applicant. Failure to provide comments within the specified time shall be interpreted as no opposition to the Application. Each Board and Commission may delegate sign-off authority to its Chairman or other designated member

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

E. Action by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board may:

- (1). Approve the Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law;
- (2). Approve the Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Planning Board determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law;

(3). Disapprove the Land Disturbance Permit Application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this by-law.

G. Failure of the Planning Board to take one of the above referenced three actions upon an Application within 45 days of receipt of a completed Application shall be deemed an approval of said Application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without the Planning Board's action, the Land Disturbance Permit shall be issued by the Planning Board.

H. Fee Structure. Each Application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee as established by the Planning Board. Applicants shall pay review fees as determined by the Planning Board sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the review of the Land Disturbance Permit Application before the review process commences. The Planning Board is hereby authorized to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or such other professional consultants as it may deem necessary to advise the Planning Board on any or all aspects of the Application and a reasonable fee for the employment of such consultants may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c44, Section 53G, or any other enabling authority.

I. Project Changes. The permittee, or its agent, must notify the Planning Board in writing of any change or alteration of a permitted land-disturbing activity authorized in a Land Disturbance Permit before any change or alteration occurs. If the Planning Board determines that the change or alteration is significant, based on the design requirements listed in Section 7.B. and accepted construction practices, the Planning Board may in its discretion require that an amended Land Disturbance Permit application be filed. If any change or alteration from activities permitted by the Land Disturbance Permit occurs during any land disturbing activities, the Planning Board may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving any such change or alteration.

## **SECTION 7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN**

A. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed erosion and sedimentation controls. The applicant shall submit such material and information as the Planning Board shall deem necessary to show that the proposed development will comply with the design requirements listed in Section 7.B. below.

B. The design requirements of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall:

- (1). Minimize the total area of disturbance;
- (2). Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance;
- (3). Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy;
- (4). Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction, provided that prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control;
- (5). Divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas;
- (6). Maximize groundwater recharge;
- (7). Install and maintain all Erosion and Sediment Control measures in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and good engineering practices;

- (8). Prevent off-site transport of sediment;
- (9). Protect and manage on and off-site material storage areas (overburden and stockpiles of dirt, borrow areas, or other areas used solely in conjunction with the permitted project are considered a part of the project);
- (10). Comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations including waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations, and air quality requirements, including dust control;
- (11). Prevent significant alteration of habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or Of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species from the proposed activities;
- (12). Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures, which shall be instituted on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site;
- (13). Properly manage on-site construction and waste materials; and
- (14). Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.

C. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Content. The Plan shall contain the following information:

- (1). Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the owner, applicant, and person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plan;
- (2). Title, date, north arrow, names of abutters, scale, legend, and locus map;
- (3). Location and description of natural features including:
  - (a) Watercourses and water bodies, wetland resource areas and all floodplain information, including the 100-year flood elevation based upon the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, or as calculated by a professional engineer for areas not assessed on these maps;
  - (b) Existing vegetation including tree lines, canopy layer, shrub layer, and ground cover, and trees with a caliper twelve (12) inches or larger, noting specimen trees and forest communities; and
  - (c) Habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species within five hundred (500) feet of any construction activity.
- (4). Lines of existing abutting streets showing drainage and driveway locations and curb cuts;
- (5). Existing soils, volume and nature of imported soil materials;
- (6). Topographical features including existing and proposed contours at intervals no greater than two (2) feet with spot elevations provided when needed;

- (7). Surveyed property lines showing distances and monument locations, all existing and proposed easements, rights-of-way, and other encumbrances, the size of the entire parcel, and the delineation and number of square feet of the land area to be disturbed;
- (8). Drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated after major grading activities (Construction Phase Grading Plans);
- (9). Location and details of erosion and sediment control measures with a narrative of the construction sequence/phasing of the project, including both operation and maintenance for structural and non-structural measures, interim grading, and material stockpiling areas;
- (10). Path and mechanism to divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
- (11). Location and description of industrial discharges, including discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants, which are covered by this permit;
- (12). Runoff calculations in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Management Policy;
- (13). Location and description of and implementation schedule for temporary and permanent seeding, vegetative controls, and other stabilization measures;
- (14). A description of construction and waste materials expected to be stored on-site. The Plan shall include a description of controls to reduce pollutants from these materials, including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to weather and persons, and spill prevention and response;
- (15). A description of provisions for phasing the project where one acre of area or greater is to be altered or disturbed;
- (16). Unless waived by the Planning Board, plans must be stamped and certified by a qualified Professional Engineer registered in Massachusetts or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control; and
- (17). Such other information as is required by the Planning Board.
- (18). The Planning Board shall have the authority to waive one or more of the above requirements when it deems it to be in the best interest of the Town to do so based on the scale, nature and location of the proposed activity and upon a finding that the intent of this section is still achieved.

## **SECTION 8. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION**

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

B. Board Inspection. The Planning Board or its designated agent, shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein

the work fails to comply with the Land Disturbance Permit as approved. The Permit and associated plans for grading, stripping, excavating, and filling work, bearing the signature of approval of the Planning Board, shall be maintained at the site at all times during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the Planning Board or its designated agent and request an inspection at least two (2) working days before each of the following events:

- (1). Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized;
- (2). Site Clearing has been substantially completed;
- (3). Rough Grading has been substantially completed;
- (4). Final Grading has been substantially completed;
- (5). Close of the Construction Season; and
- (6). Final Landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

The Planning Board will make every effort to complete the required inspections as soon as possible following a request. Also, based on the scale, nature and location of the permitted activity, the Planning Board may combine or reduce the number of inspections required as it may deem appropriate.

C. Permittee Inspections. The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports of such inspections to the Planning Board or its designated agent in a format approved by the Planning Board.

D. Access Permission. To the fullest extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Planning Board its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Planning Board deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

## **SECTION 9. SURETY**

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

## **SECTION 10. FINAL REPORTS**

Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Professional Engineer (P.E.), surveyor, or Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), certifying that all erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any

discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter. Based on the scale, nature and location of the permitted activity, the Planning Board may waive the requirement that final report be submitted by a professional and may authorize submission of a substitute affidavit by the owner attesting that the work has been completed in accordance with the conditions of the permit.

## **SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT**

A. The Building Inspector or an authorized agent of the Planning Board shall enforce this by-law, any regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders issued pursuant hereto, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

### **B. Orders**

(1). the Building Inspector or an authorized agent of the Board may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this by-law or the regulations hereunder, which may include an order:

(a) to cease and desist from the land-disturbing activity until there is compliance with the bylaw and provisions of the land-disturbance permit has been confirmed;

(b) for maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;

(c) for monitoring, analyses, and reporting

(d) for remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.

(2). If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, in the event the violator or property owner fails to promptly abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town may, at its option, undertake such work as may be necessary to abate or remediate such violation, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town's expenses.

(3). Within thirty (30) days after the Town's completion of all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town, including administrative costs in furtherance of such abatement and remediation. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of such costs with the Planning Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Planning Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction confirming such costs, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c40, section 57. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in G.L. Ch. 59, § 57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs became due.

C. Criminal Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, regulation, order or permit issued there under, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues unabated shall constitute a separate offense for the purposes of this section.

D. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch.. 40, 21D and Article VII, Section 5-49 of the Code of the Town of Blackstone, in which case the Director of Public Works (for violations pertaining to illicit discharges) or Building Inspector or the designated agent of the Planning Board (for violations pertaining to land disturbance activities) shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be \$50. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$100. The penalty for the 3rd and each subsequent violation shall be \$200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

E. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Planning Board shall be appealable to the Board of Appeals. Such appeals shall be filed within 30 days of the decision or order. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

F. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this by-law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

## **SECTION 12. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

The Planning Board or its designated agent shall issue a letter certifying completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this bylaw.

## **SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY**

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

### **UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to amend Section 123-24, Definitions and Word Usage, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following definitions:

Assisted Living Facility - A residential facility certified by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, which provides a combination of housing, meals and personalized support services for activities of daily living, but not providing the level of care of a skilled nursing facility.

Frontage – That portion of a lot that abuts the right-of-way of a street.

Paper Street – A road or street which appears on an Assessor’s Map but which has not been constructed on the ground and therefore does not provide frontage for a lot.

### **TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 24.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123-10, Nonconforming Uses and Structures, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to the Item C, Abandonment:

A non-residential use shall be considered abandoned if the building or structure in which the nonconforming use takes place is voluntarily demolished prior to obtaining a special permit to replace it from the Board of Appeals, or if the premises are voluntarily devoted to another use. It shall be considered discontinued when characteristic equipment or furnishings of the nonconforming use have been removed from the premises and have not been replaced by similar equipment or furnishings within

two years unless other facts can document intention to resume the activity within two years. Such facts may include, but are not limited to:

1. obtaining permits or licenses related to operation of the nonconforming use,;
2. undertaking renovations clearly intended to facilitate continued operation of the nonconforming use;
3. ordering equipment and/or supplies associated with the nonconforming use.

A residential use shall be considered abandoned or discontinued if:

1. the building or structure is voluntarily demolished prior to obtaining a special permit to replace it from the Board of Appeals; or
2. during a consecutive two year period, all of the following four conditions have occurred: (a) the property has been uninhabited by any authorized person(s); (b) property taxes are unpaid; (c) utility services are discontinued; and (d) no significant maintenance activity can be documented during the two-year period.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 25.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to Institutional Uses:

	<b>R-1, R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Assisted Living Facility	BA	BA	BA	BA

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 26.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123-23, Special Regulations, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following:

**123-23.5 Wind Energy Facilities**

**A. Purposes**

The purpose of this by-law is to provide for the construction and operation of wind energy facilities and to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of wind facilities that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources of the town and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning. The provisions set forth in this section shall take precedence over all other sections when considering applications related to the construction, operation, and/or repair of wind energy facilities.

**B. Applicability**

This section applies to all utility-scale, on-site wind facilities, and small wind energy systems, proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also includes building integrated wind systems, and physical modifications to existing wind facilities that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of such facilities or other equipment.

**C. General Requirements for all Wind Energy Facilities**

**(1) Exemptions**

Wind turbines constructed, reconstructed, or renovated for the primary purpose of generating power for use as part of a commercial agriculture operation shall be considered a structure pursuant to MGL, c. 40A, §3 and, therefore, shall be exempt from this by-law.

**(2)** A permit shall be granted unless the Planning Board finds in writing that there is substantial evidence that:

- (a) the specific site is not an appropriate location for such use;

- (b) there is expected to be a serious hazard to pedestrians or vehicles from the use;
- (c) a nuisance is expected to be created by the use; and
- (e) adequate and appropriate facilities will be not provided for the proper operation and maintenance of the use.

### (3) Permit Needed

The following wind energy facilities shall require a special permit from the Planning Board:

- (a) Small Wind -Meteorological towers
- (b) Large Wind -Utility scale, on-site wind use
- (c) Building Integrated Wind

### (4) Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all such proposed wind energy facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, environmental, electrical, communications and aviation requirements.

### (5) Proof of Liability Insurance

The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance satisfactory to the Planning Board in an amount, and for a duration, sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and property occasioned by the failure of the facility.

### (6) Site Control

At the time of its application for a special or building permit, the applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective control of the project site sufficient to allow for installation and use of the proposed facility. Documentation shall also include proof of control over setback areas and access roads, if required. Control shall mean the legal authority to prevent the use or construction of any structure for human habitation within the setback areas.

### (7) Utility Notification

No wind energy facility shall be installed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

### (8) Temporary Meteorological Towers (Met Towers)

Met towers shall be permitted under the same standards as a small wind system, except that the requirements apply to a temporary structure. A permit for a temporary met tower shall be valid for a maximum of 3 years after which an extension may, in the discretion of the Planning Board, be granted.

Small anemometers installed directly on buildings shall not require a building or special permit.

### (9) Design Standards

- (a) Appearance, Color and Finish - FAA safety consideration on color and appearance should be respected. Where applicant is seeking a non-standard color in an area not regulated by the FAA, the permit granting authority shall have authority to regulate color of turbine.
- (b) Lighting - Wind turbines shall be lighted only if required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting of other parts of the wind energy facility, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties.
- (c) Signage - Signs on the wind energy facility shall comply with the requirements of the Town's sign regulations, and shall be limited to those necessary to identify the owner, provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number,

and warn of any danger as well as educational signs providing information about the facility and the benefits of renewable energy.

- (d) Advertising - Wind turbines shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the wind energy facility.
- (e) Utility Connections - Reasonable efforts shall be made to locate utility connections from the wind energy facility underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.
- (e) Appurtenant Structures - All appurtenant structures to such wind energy facilities shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other and shall be contained within the turbine tower whenever technically and economically feasible. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or located in an underground vault and joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

#### (10) Safety and Environmental Standards

- (a) Emergency Services - The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local emergency services entity, as designated by the Planning Board. Upon request the applicant shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of disconnecting the wind energy facility shall be clearly marked. The applicant or facility owner shall maintain a phone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project.
- (b) Unauthorized Access - Wind turbines or other structures part of a wind energy facility shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access. For instance, the tower shall be designed and installed so as to not provide step bolts or other climbing means readily accessible to the public for a minimum height of 8 feet above the ground. Electrical equipment shall be locked where possible.
- (c) Shadow/Flicker - Wind energy facilities shall be sited in a manner that minimizes shadowing or flicker impacts. The applicant has the burden of proving that this effect does not have significant adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent uses.
- (d) Sound - The wind facility and associated equipment shall conform with the provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection's, Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations (310 CMR 7.10), unless the Department and the Planning Board agree that those provisions shall not be applicable. A source of sound will be considered to be violating these regulations if the source either increases the broadband sound level by more than 10 dB(A) above ambient, or produces a "pure tone" condition – when an octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more.

These criteria are measured both at the property line and at the nearest inhabited structure. Ambient is defined as the background A-weighted sound level that is exceeded 90% of the time measured during equipment hours. The ambient may also be established by other means with consent from DEP. An analysis prepared by a qualified engineer shall be presented to demonstrate compliance with these noise standards, if required by the Planning Board. The

Planning Board, in consultation with the Department, shall determine whether such violations shall be measured at the property line or at the nearest inhabited residence.

- (e) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts - Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the wind facility and is otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

#### (11) Monitoring and Maintenance

- (a) Facility Conditions - The applicant shall maintain the wind energy facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The project owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the wind energy facility and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way, and the cost of repairing any damage occurring as a result of operation and construction.
- (b) Modifications - All material modifications to a wind energy facility made after issuance of the permit shall require approval by the Planning Board as provided in this section.

#### (12) Abandonment or Decommissioning

- (a) Removal Requirements - Any wind energy facility which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned shall be removed. When the wind energy facility is scheduled to be decommissioned, the applicant shall notify the Town by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The owner/operator shall physically remove the wind facility no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. At the time of removal, the wind facility site shall be restored to the condition it was in before the facility was constructed or any other legally authorized use.

More specifically, decommissioning shall consist of: physical removal of all wind turbines, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site; disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local and state waste disposal regulations; and stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

- (b) Abandonment - Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning, the facility shall be considered abandoned when the facility fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall determine in its decision what proportion of the facility is inoperable for the facility to be considered abandoned. If the applicant fails to remove the wind energy facility in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town shall have the authority to exercise any remedies available under applicable law to compel such removal.

#### (13) Expiration

A permit issued pursuant to this ordinance shall expire if: (a) The wind energy facility is not installed and functioning within 48-months from the date the permit is issued; or, (b) The wind energy facility is abandoned.

#### (14) Violations

It is unlawful for any person to construct, install, or operate a wind energy system that is not in compliance with this bylaw or with any condition contained in a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

Wind energy systems installed prior to the adoption of this bylaw are exempt from the provisions hereof.

#### D. Requirements for Small Wind Energy Facilities

##### (1) Special Permit Required

No small wind energy system shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board. All such wind energy systems shall where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that, minimizes adverse visual, safety and environmental impacts. The construction of a small wind facility shall be permitted in any zoning district subject to the issuance of a special permit and provided that the use complies with all applicable requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.5

##### (2) Height

Small wind turbines shall be no higher than 250 feet above the current grade of the land, as measured at the uppermost point of the rotor's swept area. A small wind turbine may exceed 250 feet if:

- (a) the applicant demonstrates by substantial evidence that such height reflects industry standards for a similarly sited wind facility;
- (b) such excess height is necessary to prevent financial hardship to the applicant, and
- (c) the facility satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a building permit under the provisions of this section.

##### (3) Setbacks

Small wind turbines shall be set back a distance equal to a minimum of 1.5 times the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest property line and any abutting private or public way.

##### (4) Setback Waiver

The Planning Board may reduce the minimum setback distance as it may deem appropriate, based on site-specific considerations, or written consent of the affected abutter(s), if the project satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a special permit under the provisions of this section.

##### (5) Application Process & Requirements

A building permit shall be required for the installation of a small wind energy system.

- (a) General Required Documents - The building permit application shall be accompanied by deliverables including the following: (i) A plot plan showing: property lines and physical dimensions of the subject property within 2 times the total height of the wind turbine from the proposed tower location; (ii) location, dimensions, and types of existing major structures on the property; (iii) location of the proposed wind system tower, foundations, guy anchors and associated equipment; (iv) the right-of-way of any public road that is contiguous with the property; (v) Any overhead utility lines and (vi) location and approximate height of tree cover.
- (b) Wind system specifications, including manufacturer and model, rotor diameter, tower height, tower type (freestanding or guyed).
- (c) One or three line electrical diagram detailing wind turbine, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all NEC compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices.
- (d) Foundations for towers less than or equal to 160ft must have blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer.
- (e) Foundations for towers greater than 160ft must have blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- (f) Name, address, phone number and signature of the applicant, as well as all co- applicants or property owners, if any.
- (g) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant.
- (h) A plan for maintenance of the small wind energy facility.

(6) Fees

The application for a special permit for a wind energy system must be accompanied by the applicable special permit fee.

E. Requirements for Large Wind Energy Facilities (Utility and On-Site Projects)

(1) Special Permit

No wind energy facility over 100 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a wind energy facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in the Sections 123-23.5. All such wind energy facilities shall, where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts.

(2) Financial Surety

The Planning Board may require the applicant for utility scale wind facilities to provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal of the permitted facilities in the event the Town must remove the same. Said surety shall be in an amount and form determined by the Planning Board, but shall in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally or state-owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The surety amount shall include a mechanism for periodic Cost of Living Adjustment.

(3) Height

Large wind energy facilities shall be no higher than 450 feet above the current grade of the land, provided that wind facilities may exceed 450 feet if:

- (a) the applicant demonstrates by substantial evidence that such height reflects industry standards or manufacturer recommendations for a similarly sited wind facility;
- (b) if applicant can demonstrate significant financial gain due to additional height, and
- (c) the facility satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a building permit under the provisions of this section.

(4) Setbacks

Large wind turbines shall be set back a distance equal to 3 times the overall blade tip height of the wind turbine from the nearest existing residential or commercial structure and from the nearest property line and private or public way.

The Planning Board may reduce the minimum setback distance as appropriate based on site-specific considerations, or written consent of the affected abutter(s), if the project satisfies all other criteria for the granting of a special permit under the provisions of this section.

(5) Required Supporting Documentation

The applicant shall provide the special Planning Board with a description of the proposed project, which shall include:

- (a) General - All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts. Included in the application shall be: (i) Name, address, phone number and signature of the applicant, as well as all co- applicants or property owners, if any; (ii) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant; and (iii) Documentation of the legal right to use the wind facility site.
- (b) Technical Documentation - The applicant shall, at a minimum, submit the following technical documentation regarding the proposed wind energy facility to the Planning Board: (i) Wind energy facility technical specifications, including manufacturer and model, rotor diameter, tower height/type, foundation type/dimensions; (ii) Tower foundation blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; (iii) Tower blueprints or drawings signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and (e) Electrical schematic
- (c) Location Map: Utility Scale Projects -- The applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a copy of a portion of the most recent USGS Quadrangle Map, at a scale of 1:25,000, showing the proposed facility site, including turbine sites, and the area within at least two miles from the facility. Zoning district designation for the subject parcel should be included; however a copy of a zoning map with the parcel identified is suitable.
- (d) Site Plan - A one inch equals 200 feet plan of the proposed wind facility site, with contour intervals of no more than 10 feet, showing the following:
  - (i) Property lines for the site parcel and adjacent parcels within 300 feet; (ii) Outline of all existing buildings, including purpose (e.g. residence, garage, etc.) on site parcel and all adjacent parcels within 500 feet, including distances from the wind facility to each building shown; (iii) Location of all roads, public and private on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within the setback distance of 1.2 times the blade tip height, and proposed roads or driveways, either temporary or permanent; and (iv) Existing areas

of tree cover, including average height of trees, on the site parcel and adjacent parcels within the setback distance of 1.2 times the blade tip height.
- (e) Proposed location and design of wind facility, including all turbines, ground equipment, appurtenant structures, transmission infrastructure, access, fencing, exterior lighting, etc.
- (f) Location of viewpoints referenced below in Subsection E.5.6 and E.5.7 of this section.

(6) Visualizations: Utility Scale Projects

The Planning Board may select up to four sight lines, including from the nearest building with a view of the wind facility, for pre- and post-construction view representations. Sites for the view representations shall be selected from populated areas or public ways within a 2-mile radius of the proposed wind energy facility. View representations shall have the following characteristics:

- (a) View representations shall be in color and shall include actual pre-construction photographs and accurate post-construction simulations of the height and breadth of the wind facility (e.g. superimpositions of the wind facility onto photographs of existing views).
- (b) All view representations will include existing, or proposed, buildings or tree coverage.
- (c) Include description of the technical procedures followed in producing the visualization (distances, angles, lens, etc.).

(7) Visualizations: On-Site Projects

The Planning Board may select up to three sight lines, including from the nearest building with a view of

the wind facility, for pre- and post-construction view representations. Sites for the view representations shall be selected from populated areas or public ways within a 2-mile radius of the proposed wind energy facility. View representations shall have the following characteristics:

- (a) View representations shall be in color and shall include actual pre-construction photographs and accurate post-construction simulations of the height and breadth of the wind facility (e.g. superimpositions of the wind facility onto photographs of existing views).
- (b) All view representations will include existing, or proposed, buildings or tree coverage.
- (c) Include description of the technical procedures followed in producing the visualization (distances, angles, lens, etc.).

#### (8) Operation & Maintenance Plan

The applicant shall submit a plan for maintenance of access roads and storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the wind facility.

#### (9) Compliance Documents

The applicant will provide with the application:

- (a) description of the proposed financial surety that satisfies subsection E (2) of this section;
- (b) proof of liability insurance that satisfies subsection C (5) of this section;
- (c) certification of height approval from the FAA;
- (d) a statement that satisfies subsection C (10)(d), listing existing and maximum projected sound levels from the wind energy facility.

#### (10) Landscape Plan

A plan indicating all proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including temporary or permanent roads or driveways, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, other than FAA lights, screening vegetation or structures. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and except as required by the FAA be directed downward with full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

### F. Requirements for Building Integrated Wind Energy Facility

#### (1) Special Permit Granting Authority

No building integrated wind energy facility shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a building integrated wind energy facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.5. All such wind energy facilities shall, where economically feasible, be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes any adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts.

#### (2) Required Supporting Documentation for Building Integrated Wind Energy Facilities

The special permit application submitted to the Planning Board must, at a minimum, include:

- (a) Analysis and design documents, completed by a structural engineer registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, demonstrating that the proposed building is structurally sufficient to support the permanent installation of the proposed building integrated wind energy facility. At a minimum, the analysis should address vibration, wind load, and ice load.
- (b) Elevation drawings of building with building integrated wind energy facility installed,

viewed from north, south, east, and west.

- (c) Building schematic detailing point(s) of connection and associated supports for the building integrated wind energy facility.
- (d) Schematic of attachment method for connecting the building integrated wind energy facility to the building.
- (e) Specification sheets for wind turbine and all related components (inverters, controllers, disconnects, etc.)
- (f) One or three line electrical diagram detailing wind turbine, associated components, and electrical interconnection and overcurrent devices.

#### G. Independent Consultants

Upon submission of an application for a special permit, the Planning Board will be authorized to hire outside consultants, pursuant to section 53G of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 27.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to amend Section 123-24, Definitions and Word Usage, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following definitions:

**Utility-Scale Wind Facility:** A commercial wind facility, where the primary use of the facility is electrical generation to be sold to the wholesale electricity markets.

**On-Site Wind Facility:** A wind project, which is located at a commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, or public facility that will generate electricity on-site.

**Height:** The height of a wind turbine measured from natural grade to the tip of the rotor blade at its highest point, or blade-tip height.

**Rated Nameplate Capacity:** The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment. This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a "nameplate" on the equipment.

**Wind Energy Facility:** All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes, but is not limited to, transmission, storage, collection and supply equipment, substations, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines.

**Wind Monitoring or Meteorological Tower:** A temporary tower equipped with devices to measure wind speeds and direction, used to determine how much wind power a site can be expected to generate.

**Wind turbine:** A device that converts kinetic wind energy into rotational energy that drives an electrical generator. A wind turbine typically consists of a tower, nacelle body, and a rotor with two or more blades.

**Small Wind Energy System:** All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of kinetic energy of wind into electrical power. This includes, but is not limited to, storage, electrical collection and supply equipment, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines, which have a total rated nameplate capacity of not more than 100kW/ 0.1MW.

**Large Wind Facility:** equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of kinetic energy of wind into electrical power with a rated output of electrical power production equipment of greater than 100kW/0.1MW.

**Building Integrated Wind Energy Facility:** A wind energy facility shall be considered to be building integrated if it is designed to be permanently mounted on a building or other inhabitable structure. This definition applies to wind turbines of any capacity that are designed to be operated in direct contact with a

building. This definition also covers, for the purposes of this zoning provision, other wind energy facilities primarily used for land-based applications which may be permanently mounted and operated on a building.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 28.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following to Industrial Uses:

	<b>R-1, R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Wind Energy Facility in	PB	PB	PB	PB
accordance with Section 123-23.5				

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 29.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct a water and sewer rate study mandated by the DEP and to transfer from Water / Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$22,000, for this purpose.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 30.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000, for the planning and engineering of a stormwater management program to comply with EPA's NPDES Phase II Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 31.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and authorize use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land commonly referred to as "Veterans Park", as more particularly described in the Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Blackstone, dated December 30, 1997 and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 19487, Page 121, for the purpose of lease for construction, operation and maintenance of a Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Facility; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease and other agreements in furtherance of this use upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town.

HAND-COUNT VOTE

YES 35      NO 31

MOTION FAILS (NOT TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY)

**ARTICLE 32.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer zero dollars to the stabilization fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 33.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

**Original Article:**

*To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to Amend the Zoning By-Law, Section 123-12.C (I)(a) from "... (50) feet of frontage on a street" to ... (40) feet of frontage on a street".*

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 34.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

**Original Article:**

*To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to insert in the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws under Article V. Section 123.24 Definitions and Word Usage, the following definition: "Loss of Light and Air: As interpreted by the Courts, is **not** an aggrievement under any chapter in the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws and is **not** intended to conflict with current setbacks and height restrictions ad defined in Zoning By-Laws."*

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 35.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

**Original Article:**

*To see if the Town will vote to accept a petition with twenty-one (21) signatures to amend Article V. Section 123.24 Definitions and Word Usage "Dwelling: A unit within a building whose intent was to be used for habitation. A dwelling in a Residential Zone is **not** to be considered a non-conforming use or structure pursuant to Section 123-10 A.B.C."*

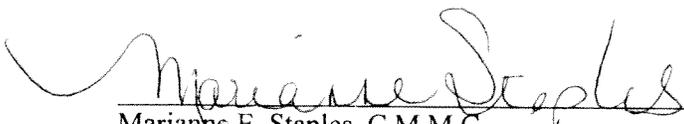
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Finance Committee**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Normand A. Bergeron	3 years to expire 2014
William B. Macy	3 years to expire 2014
Nicholas Ensko	3 years to expire 2014
Brian J. Davidge	Unexpired 3 years to expire 2012

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

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

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 18, 2011

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, October 18, 2011 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 a sum of money for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Massachusetts Unemployment, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$52.80 to pay a prior year bill payable to CWS Gases for a cylinder rental (Fire Department) or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Accountant/Fire Department)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,057.90 to pay a prior year bill payable to CTS Services, Inc. for services rendered to the Police Department or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Accountant)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Groundwater Protection District Bylaw, Section 123-23.1.B (1), and Groundwater Protection District Map adopted pursuant thereto by deleting the reference "a map dated April 1988 entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone" and substituting therefore "the map entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone, dated October 2011", or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV, §123-19.

To see if the Town will Amend the Zoning Bylaws Article IV, §123-19, Flood Hazard District, by replacing it with the following language:

The Flood Hazard District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Blackstone designated as Zones A and AE on the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Worcester County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Blackstone are panel numbers 25027C1030E, 25027C1033E, 25027C1034E, 25027C1037E, 25027C1039E, 25027C1041E, 25027C1042E, 25027C1043E, 25027C1044E, and 25027C1055E dated July 4, 2011. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Worcester County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 4, 2011. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.

**Permitted Uses**

The following uses are of low flood damage potential and cause no obstructions to flood flows and, are therefore, encouraged, provided they are permitted in the underlying district and they do not require structures, fill, or storage of materials or equipment:

1. Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.;
2. Forestry and nursery uses;
3. Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.;
4. Conservation of water, plants and wildlife;
5. Wildlife management areas, foot bicycle and/or horse paths;
6. Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises;
7. Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

**Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data**

1. Floodway Data. In zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in the floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

### **Notification of Watercourse Alteration**

In a riverine situation, the Conservation Agent shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities;
- Bordering States;
- NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2104;
- NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 1, 99 High Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

### **Reference to Existing Regulations**

The District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the District, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

1. Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR) which address flood plain and coastal construction;
2. Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
3. Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
4. Minimum requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5).

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

### **Other Use Regulations**

1. In Zone AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated within the Town of Blackstone on the Worcester County FIRM, encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:
  - a. Such proposals minimize flood damage;
  - b. All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
  - c. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazard.

or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of a 2005 Sterling Acterra Recycling Truck as a second vehicle for the curbside recycling service or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to bring Three Phase Electrical Service to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center to operate the baler facility or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$235,345, for the purpose of funding various capital repairs to Town owned buildings and improvements; said funds to be transferred to a Capital Repairs Improvement fund established by the Town Accountant and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action related thereto.

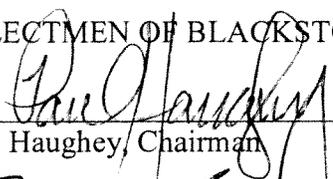
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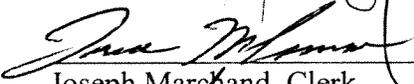
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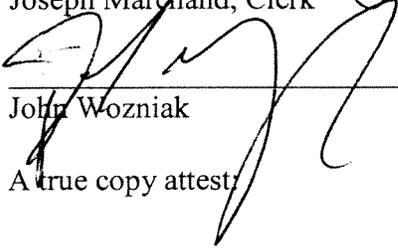
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on 200 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 13th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.

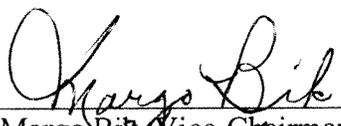
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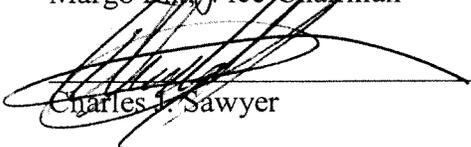
  
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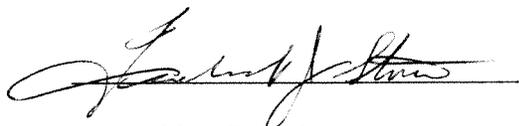
  
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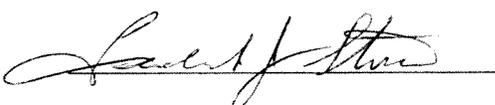
  
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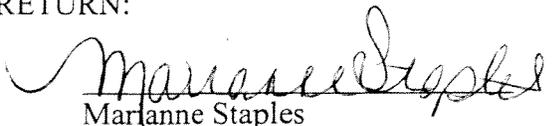
  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 14th day of September, 2011 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 Staples  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 56 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 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: Daniel M. Keyes, Town Administrator; Michael Suprenant, Superintendent of Public Works; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Suzanne Moquin, Town Accountant; Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison & Costello & Pfaff, LLP.

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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,400 for an unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Massachusetts Unemployment.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52.80 to pay prior year bill payable to CWS Gases for a cylinder rental (Fire Department).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,057.90 to pay prior year bill payable to CTS Services, Inc. for services rendered to the Police Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 4.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Groundwater Protection District Bylaw, Section 123-23.1.B (1), and Groundwater Protection District Map adopted pursuant thereto by deleting the reference "a map dated April 1988 entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone" and substituting therefore "the map entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone, dated October 2011."

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV, §123-19.**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws Article IV, §123-19, Flood Hazard District, by replacing it with the following language:

The Flood Hazard District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Blackstone designated as Zones A and AE on the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Worcester County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Blackstone are panel numbers 25027C1030E, 25027C1033E, 25027C1034E, 25027C1037E, 25027C1039E, 25027C1041E, 25027C1042E, 25027C1043E, 25027C1044E, and 25027C1055E dated July 4, 2011. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Worcester County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 4, 2011. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.

**Permitted Uses**

The following uses are of low flood damage potential and cause no obstructions to flood flows and, are therefore, encouraged, provided they are permitted in the underlying district and they do not require structures, fill, or storage of materials or equipment:

1. Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.;
2. Forestry and nursery uses;
3. Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.;
4. Conservation of water, plants and wildlife;
5. Wildlife management areas, foot bicycle and/or horse paths;
6. Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises;
7. Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

**Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data**

1. Floodway Data. In zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in the floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

**Notification of Watercourse Alteration**

In a riverine situation, the Conservation Agent shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities;
- Bordering States;

- NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2104;
- NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 1, 99 High Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

**Reference to Existing Regulations**

The District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the District, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

1. Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR) which address flood plain and coastal construction;
2. Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
3. Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
4. Minimum requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5).

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

**Other Use Regulations**

1. In Zone AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated within the Town of Blackstone on the Worcester County FIRM, encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:
  - a. Such proposals minimize flood damage;
  - b. All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
  - c. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazard.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 6.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of a 2005 Sterling Acterra Recycling Truck as a second vehicle for the curbside recycling service.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to borrow \$129,000 to bring Three Phase Electrical Service to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center to operate the baler facility.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by Robert Gilbert, and duly seconded, to amend Article 8 to the effect that the money to fund Articles 1, 2, and 3 be taken out of the money from Article 8. Town Counsel Patrick Costello

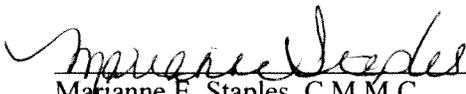
explained that that motion would be out of order because those articles are closed, and Moderator Frederick Stone ruled the motion out of order. No vote was taken on the motion.

A motion was then made by James Laren, and duly seconded, to amend Article 8 to transfer \$150,000 to Parks and Recreation for lighting for town fields. Attorney Costello explained that the motion would be out of order and that Article 8 refers to capital repairs to existing town buildings. Moderator Stone ruled the motion out of order, and no vote was taken on the motion.

**ARTICLE 8.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to transfer \$235,345 from line item account number 1300-53202 (BMR Additional Contribution) for the purpose of funding various capital repairs to Town owned buildings and improvements; said funds to be transferred to a Capital Repairs Improvement Fund established by the Town Accountant and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen upon recommendations by the Capital Outlay Committee and the Finance Committee.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

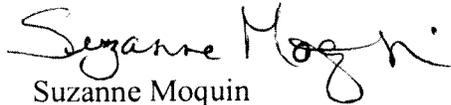
## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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.

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, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Moquin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Suzanne Moquin  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011**

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Trust & k Agency	I-T Debt Account Group	Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special k Revenue	Capital k Projects	Enterprise Funds			
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash & investments	3,448,838	1,066,532	1,363,067	856,560	4,322,776	-	11,057,773
Receivables:							
Property taxes	675,639	-	-	-	-	-	675,639
Motor vehicle excise	269,178	-	-	-	-	-	269,178
Tax Liens	439,515	-	-	-	-	-	439,515
Water	-	-	-	281,968	-	-	281,968
Sewer	-	-	-	209,728	-	-	209,728
Other	-	110,733	-	-	-	-	110,733
Special assessments	2,325	-	-	-	-	-	2,325
Pre-Paid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from State	-	17,455	-	-	-	-	17,455
Loans Authorized	-	-	-	-	-	13,629,708	13,629,708
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,835,495</b>	<b>1,194,720</b>	<b>1,363,067</b>	<b>1,348,256</b>	<b>4,322,776</b>	<b>13,629,708</b>	<b>26,694,022</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; reserves</b>							
Warrants & accounts payable	186,087	12,806	112,893	42,922	-	-	354,708
Payrolls payable & withholdings	(8,787)	-	-	-	-	-	(8,787)
Other liabilities	19,754	-	-	-	-	-	19,754
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans Authorized and Unissued	-	-	-	-	-	13,629,708	13,629,708
Deferred revenue & provision	686,619	128,188	-	491,696	-	-	1,306,503
Overlay Balance	701,423	-	-	-	-	-	701,423
<b>Total liabilities &amp; reserves</b>	<b>1,585,096</b>	<b>140,994</b>	<b>112,893</b>	<b>534,618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,629,708</b>	<b>16,003,309</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>							
Reserved							
Encumbrances	224,967	-	-	-	-	-	224,967
Extra & Unforseen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Continued appropriations	139,049	-	-	-	-	-	139,049
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Purposes	-	1,053,726	1,250,174	160,861	4,322,776	-	6,787,537
Undesignated	2,886,383	-	-	652,777	-	-	3,539,160
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>3,250,399</b>	<b>1,053,726</b>	<b>1,250,174</b>	<b>813,638</b>	<b>4,322,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,690,713</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>4,835,495</b>	<b>1,194,720</b>	<b>1,363,067</b>	<b>1,348,256</b>	<b>4,322,776</b>	<b>13,629,708</b>	<b>26,694,022</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis**  
**Fiscal Year 2011**

**Fund 01**

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<b>Beginning Balance, July 1, 2010:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,969,169</b>
Date of Entry			
Close FY2011 Revenue/Expenditures			432,054
Close FY2011 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend			645,525
Close FY2011 F/B Res for Cont Approp.			153,667
Establish FY2012 F/B Res for Cont Approp.			(139,049)
Close FY2010 F/B Reserved for Encumb.			44,879
Establish FY2012 F/B Reserved for Encumb.			(224,976)
Overlay Vote to Use			(125,000)
Close Overlay			125,000
Prior year Correction			5,114
<b>Ending Balance, June 30, 2011 Undes.</b>			<b>2,886,383</b>

**Balance Sheet**

**Summary Total Fund Balance:**

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumberances	224,967
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations	139,049
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for FY09 Expend	
Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash	
Undes. Fund Balance	2,886,383

**Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2011**

**\$ 3,250,399**

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**From Balance Sheet**

**\$ 3,250,399**

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2011 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	550	-	0
SELECTMEN	52,614	219		52,833	50,780		2,053
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	146,105	788		146,893	131,139		15,754
FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,835	24		2,859	1,650		1,209
RESERVE FUND	50,000	(38,101)		11,899			11,899
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	6,600	400		7,000	4,783		2,217
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	85,812	888		86,700	75,874		10,826
ASSESSORS	129,878	3,936		133,814	108,373		25,441
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	139,927	2,196		142,123	139,035		3,088
TOWN COUNSEL	90,000			90,000	72,568		17,432
DATA PROCESSING	101,100	11,441		112,541	111,105		1,436
COPIER	15,876			15,876	12,926		2,950
BONDS & INSURANCE	176,500			176,500	130,324		46,176
TOWN CLERK	101,210	3,097		104,307	103,786		521
ELECTIONS	27,700	156		27,856	25,145		2,711
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	4,750			4,750	3,972		778
CONSERVATION COMM	4,080	72		4,152	4,023		129
OPEN SPACE		100,000		100,000	-	100,000	0
PLANNING BOARD	26,007	160		26,167	14,723		11,444
ZONING BOARD	8,207	90		8,297	5,457		2,840
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,121			2,121	2,121		0
GENERAL	106,000	7,000		113,000	112,186		814
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	251,000	8,729		259,729	208,608		48,895
TOWN REPORT	3,000			3,000	2,442		558
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,531,872</b>	<b>101,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,632,967</b>	<b>1,321,571</b>	<b>102,226</b>	<b>209,171</b>
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,100,531	40,122		1,140,653	1,095,719		44,934
POLICE DISPATCHERS	164,385	4,251		168,636	148,513		20,123
FIRE DEPARTMENT	609,835	7,605		617,440	615,734	1,706	0
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	3,000	(233)		2,767	2,274		493
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	2,400	200		2,600	2,520		80
AMBULANCE	27,900	(4,634)		23,266	23,266		0
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	47,379	306		47,685	45,642		2,043
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	13,289			13,289	13,039		250
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000			2,000	1,750		250
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	7,901			7,901	7,889		12
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	9,900			9,900	9,820		80

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
ANIMAL CONTROL	23,100			23,100	21,258	-	1,842
FORESTRY	23,200			23,200	11,926		11,274
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>2,034,820</b>	<b>47,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,082,437</b>	<b>1,999,348</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>81,381</b>
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	6,978,650	-		6,978,650	6,972,268	-	6,382
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	758,915	-		758,915	758,915	-	0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	247,970	-		247,970	180,501	-	67,469
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>7,985,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,985,535</b>	<b>7,911,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,851</b>
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	5,000	4,950		9,950	9,938		13
ENGINEERING	15,000	1,578		16,578	1,579		14,999
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	21,668	-		21,668	18,417		3,251
HIGHWAY LABOR	227,841	353		228,194	227,616		578
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	43,950	11,041		54,991	34,549	2,120	18,322
SNOW & ICE	110,634	55,623		166,257	166,257		0
STREET LIGHTING	85,000			85,000	83,351		1,649
MECHANICAL REPAIR	54,000			54,000	43,999		10,001
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	277,500	32,597		310,097	119,920	185,995	4,182
STREET CLEANING	2,000			2,000	1,965		35
WASTE COLLECTION	523,857	300		524,157	520,441		3,716
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,366,450</b>	<b>106,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,472,892</b>	<b>1,228,031</b>	<b>188,115</b>	<b>56,746</b>
BOARD OF HEALTH	78,699	301		79,000	78,869		131
COUNCIL ON AGING	152,411	2,551		154,962	154,962		0
VETERANS	35,070	20,000		55,070	47,183		7,887
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>266,180</b>	<b>22,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>289,032</b>	<b>281,014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,018</b>
LIBRARY	294,827	7,432		302,259	299,454		2,805
PARKS	97,134	2,122	22,085	121,341	95,240		26,101
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	5,985			5,985	5,985		0
MEMORIAL DAY	5,600			5,600	5,600		0
CULTURAL COUNCIL	1,076	12		1,088			1,088
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>404,622</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>436,273</b>	<b>406,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,994</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
BUDGET BASIS**

<b>DEPARTMENT/Purpose</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers</b>	<b>Prior Year Encumbrances</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Fund Balance</b>
PRINCIPAL	1,014,223	1		1,014,224	1,011,980	-	2,244
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	599,200	2,244		601,444	601,443	-	1
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	10,000	-		10,000	-	-	10,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>1,623,423</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,625,668</b>	<b>1,613,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,245</b>
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	6,360			6,360	6,108	-	252
COUNTY RETIREMENT	379,298			379,298	349,512	-	29,786
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	40,000	1,800		41,800	37,606	-	4,194
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	407,400			407,400	404,622	-	2,778
LIFE INSURANCE	2,000			2,000	1,703	-	297
MATCHING MEDICARE	48,000			48,000	40,683	-	7,317
COMPENSATED BALANCES	55,000			55,000	23,368	-	31,632
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	39,070			39,070	37,423	-	1,647
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>977,128</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>978,928</b>	<b>901,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,903</b>
<b>G F OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	<b>16,190,030</b>	<b>291,617</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>16,503,732</b>	<b>15,662,374</b>	<b>292,047</b>	<b>549,309</b>
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	-	333,705		333,705	333,705	-	0
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-	-		-	-	-	0
TRANS TO CAP PROJECTS	-	13,251		13,251	13,251	-	-
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	-	1,907,997		1,907,997	1,913,061	-	-5,064
	-	2,254,953	-	2,254,953	2,260,017	-	-5,064
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT				-			0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY				-			0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS				-			0
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION				-			0
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL				-			0
<b>GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS</b>	<b>16,190,030</b>	<b>2,546,570</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>18,758,685</b>	<b>17,922,391</b>	<b>292,047</b>	<b>544,245</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2011**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
<b>Receipts:</b>				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	84,251	84,251	-	0.00%
A2 School Transportation	-	3,718	3,718	0.00%
	<u>84,251</u>	<u>87,969</u>	<u>3,718</u>	<u>4.41%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,157,715	1,157,715	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive	5,402	5,074	(328)	-6.07%
B7 Veterans Benefits	21,760	19,025	(2,735)	0.00%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	32,092	33,908	1,816	5.66%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly	-	19,008	19,008	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	16,592	15,318	(1,274)	-7.68%
	<u>1,233,561</u>	<u>1,250,048</u>	<u>16,487</u>	<u>1.34%</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>1,317,812</u>	<u>1,338,017</u>	<u>20,205</u>	<u>1.53%</u>
<b>Offset Items</b>				
<b>TOTAL, All Receipts</b>	<u>1,317,812</u>	<u>1,338,017</u>		

**Charges:**

A County Assessment, County Tax			-	#DIV/0!
B3 Mosquito Control	25,225	24,458	767	3.04%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	2,365	2,365	-	0.00%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	11,480	10,600	880	N/A
	<u>39,070</u>	<u>37,423</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>4.22%</u>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<u>39,070</u>	<u>37,423</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>4.22%</u>

**Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2011**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
<b>Local Receipts:</b>				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	525,000	809,854	284,854	54.26%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	50,000	206,707	156,707	313.41%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	11,577	12,780	1,203	10.39%
10 FEES:	25,000	36,464	11,464	45.86%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	140,000	116,641	(23,359)	-16.69%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	69,176	34,176	97.65%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	35,000	12,245	(22,755)	-65.01%
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:			-	0.00%
22 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	10,000	23,841	13,841	0.00%
<b>23</b>	<u>831,577</u>	<u>1,287,708</u>	<u>456,131</u>	<u>54.85%</u>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2011**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments	\$ (157,657)	117,111	\$ 1,107,078	\$ 1,066,532
Accounts receivable	-	-	110,733	110,733
Due from Commonwealth	-	17,455	-	17,455
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	(157,657)	134,566	1,217,811	1,194,720

<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>				
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	3,465	9,341	12,806
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	17,455	110,733	128,188
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	(157,657)	113,646	1,097,737	1,053,726
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	-	-	-	-
	\$ (157,657)	\$ 134,566	\$ 1,217,811	\$ 1,194,720

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
Year ended June 30, 2011**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Federal & State Grants	271,458	150,848	451,656	\$ 873,962
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-		\$ -
	271,458	150,848	451,656	\$ 873,962

<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government	-	2,885	58,139	\$ 61,024
Public Safety	-	101,706	1,070	\$ 102,776
Education	-		18,393	\$ 18,393
Public works	-		11,328	\$ 11,328
Human services	-	8,631	6,435	\$ 15,066
Culture & recreation	-	37,037	21,265	\$ 58,302
Insurance & other	-	-	-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	157,657		-	\$ 157,657
Debt Service	-		-	\$ -
	157,657	150,259	116,630	\$ 424,546

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures</b>	113,801	589	335,026	\$ 449,416
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<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	-	-	-	\$ -
<b>Transfers in</b>	-	13,251		\$ 13,251
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	-		(202,623)	\$ (202,623)
	-	13,251	(202,623)	(189,372)

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers</b>	113,801	13,840	132,403	260,044
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/10</b>	(271,458)	99,805	965,334	\$ 793,681
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/11</b>	(157,657)	113,645	1,097,737	\$ 1,053,725
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Special Revenue Funds - FY 2011**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2010	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	
<b>Fund 13 Highway Fund</b>						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	-271,458	271,458	157,657	0	-157,657
<b>Fund 20 State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>						
<b>Federal Grants:</b>						
<b>Total Federal Grants:</b>		0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Grants:</b>						
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	0	2,885	2,885	0	0
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	3,081				3,081
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	304			0	304
020-200-212-35000	Community Policing Grant	1,012			0	1,012
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	375	975	1,300		50
020-200-218-35000	VV Public Safety Equipment Grant	3,385	28,594	28,009	0	3,970
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	5,262	3,139			8,401
020-200-221-35000	Fire Safe Grant	88	0	0	0	88
020-200-223-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	1,274	2,000	3,274	0	0
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	3,773	4,815	5,641	0	2,947
020-200-225-35000	Fire Safety Grant	2	0	0	0	2
020-200-227-35000	Homeland Security Grant	0	45,482	42,133	0	3,349
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	29			0	29
020-200-229-35000	ARRA Fire Staffing Grant		21,349	21,349	0	0
020-400-429-35000	Lake Hiawatha Dam Grant	792	0		0	792
020-400-437-35000	Water Emergency Reimb Grant	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
020-400-438-35000	Sewer Rate Relief Grant	0			0	0
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	237			0	237
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant		8,470	8,470		0
020-500-548-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	0	500	161	0	339
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	73,511	10,448	32,574	0	51,385
020-600-613-35000	Library Match Grant	294	0	0	0	294
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	1			0	1
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	5,841	17	4,463	0	1,395
021-400-429-35000	FEMA	-14,455	35,425			20,970
20000-20200	Warrants Payable		107,370	103,905		3,465
<b>Total State Grants:</b>		99,806	271,469	254,164	0	117,111
<b>Total Fund 20 State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>		99,806	271,469	254,164	0	117,111
<b>Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue</b>						
<b>Receipts Reserved:</b>						
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,549	0	0	0	2,549
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	4,006	0	1,368	0	2,638
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	-2,047	403		0	-1,644
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	0	4,210	0	0	4,210
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148	0	0	0	13,148
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500	0		0	25,500
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	64,701	0	1,437	0	63,264
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise Gift	173,262	95,987	52,449	0	216,800
000-029-135-35600	Compensated Balances	8,910	0	0	0	8,910
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	10,827	650	500	0	10,977
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	1,353	2,000	2,225	0	1,128
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	152	160	160	0	152
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,021	0	0	0	1,021
029-200-208-35600	Police Canine Donation	1	0	0	0	1
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	8,547	2,582	1,070	0	10,059
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	439,305	280,725	0	-200,000	520,030
029-200-241-35600	On-Site Project Rep	34,953	0	0	0	34,953
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188	0	0	0	188
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58	0	0	0	58
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	49,544	23,997	18,393	0	55,148
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	35,619	8,500	7,756	0	36,363
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center	1,934	5,072	3,572	0	3,434
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	9,143	0	0	-2,623	6,520

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Special Revenue Funds - FY 2011**

		Balance July 1, 2010	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	813	921	909	0	825
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	16,669	6,814	4,268	0	19,215
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	19,559	3,036	1,258	0	21,337
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	29,984	7,253	10,391	0	26,846
029-600-613-35600	Public Libraries Fund	536			0	536
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Revolving	3,795			0	3,795
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	86	0		0	86
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	5,709	490	794	0	5,405
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	3,171	8,856	9,690	0	2,337
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	2,338	0	390		1,948
			136,599	127,258		9,341
	<b>Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:</b>	965,334	588,255	243,888	-202,623	1,107,078
	 <b>TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS</b>	 793,682	 1,131,182	 655,709	 -202,623	 1,066,532

\*\*Note: State Reimbursable Grants

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2011**

	Department	Water/Sewer	Sewer-Elm	Millerville	Tank Ptg	Wtr Dist Sys	Library	TOTAL
	Roadway Imp Fund 31	Design/Eng Fund 32	Eng/Construct Fund 33	Sewer Fund 35	ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37	Bldg/Arch Fund 39	Capital Projects Fund
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and investments	1,693	14,140	298,834	-	17,993	1,011,918	18,489	1,363,067
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,693	14,140	298,834	-	17,993	1,011,918	18,489	1,363,067
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>								
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	112,893	-	112,893
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-	-	899,025	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	14,140	298,834	-	17,993	899,025	18,489	1,250,174
	1,693	14,140	298,834	-	17,993	1,011,918	18,489	1,363,067

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

Year ended June 30, 2008

	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
<b>Revenues</b>								
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	-	79,404	-	79,404
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	294	-	294
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	97,711	-	-	130,760	10,862	239,333
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	210,458	10,862	319,031
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	-	(97,711)	-	-	(210,458)	(10,862)	(319,031)
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	1,108,127	-	1,108,127
Transfers in	-	-	-	(1,108,127)	-	-	-	(1,108,127)
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	1,108,127	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	-	(97,711)	(1,108,127)	-	(210,458)	(10,862)	(319,031)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/10</b>	1,693	14,140	396,544	1,108,127	17,993	1,357	29,351	1,569,205
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/11</b>	1,693	14,140	298,833	-	17,993	(209,101)	18,489	1,250,174

## TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET Year ended June 30, 2009

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments	299,486	475,640	81,434	856,560
Accounts receivable	281,968	209,728		491,696
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-		-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	581,454	685,368	81,434	1,348,256

### **Liabilities & Fund Bal.**

Warrants/Accounts payable

Accrued Payroll

Deferred revenue

Notes payable

Fund balance - designated

Fund balance - reserved

Unreserved fund balance

3,937	35,963	3,022	42,922
281,968	209,728		491,696
	-		-
8,787	18,640	1,207	28,634
108,042	24,185		132,227
178,720	396,852	77,205	652,777
581,454	685,368	81,434	1,348,256

## TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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

Year ended June 30, 2011

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL Enterprise Fund
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	12,428	-	-	12,428
Charges for Services	500,348	503,394		1,003,742
Other		25,892	300,670	25,892
	512,776	529,286	300,670	1,042,062
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services	93,174	156,044	173,029	422,247
Purchase of Services	247,702	583,394	282,574	1,113,670
Supplies			-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures			-	-
Capital Outlay				-
Debt Service		64,665	-	64,665
	340,876	804,103	455,603	1,600,582
<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures</b>	171,900	(274,817)	(154,933)	(558,520)
<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers in</b>	-	-	180,000	180,000
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	-	-	(123,471)	-
	-	-	56,529	180,000
<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers</b>	171,900	(274,817)	(98,404)	(378,520)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/10</b>	123,649	714,494	176,816	1,014,959
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/11</b>	295,549	439,677	78,412	813,638

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2009 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
SEWER DEPARTMENT	103,125	1,174		104,299	93,174		11,125
SEWER MAINTENANCE	345,500	(1,174)	40,000	384,326	247,702	108,042	28,582
SEWER PRINCIPAL							
SEWER INTEREST							
<b>SEWER</b>	<b>448,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>488,625</b>	<b>340,876</b>	<b>108,042</b>	<b>39,707</b>
<b>SEWER ARTICLES</b>							
98212 ATM5/04#16 Scada	327	-	-	327		Carry forward 327	-
98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade	8,460	-	-	8,460		8,460	-
Total Sewer Articles	8,787	-	-	8,787	-	8,787	-
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>457,412</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>497,412</b>	<b>340,876</b>	<b>116,829</b>	<b>39,707</b>
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	15,000			15,000			15,000
RESERVE FUND-WATER	25,000			25,000			25,000
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>WATER LABOR</b>	117,235			117,235	106,502		10,733
WATER ADMINISTRATION	52,937	4,669		57,606	49,542		8,064
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	410,000	17,831	209	428,040	336,995	24,185	66,860
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	45,000			45,000	45,000		
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	20,000			20,000	19,665		335
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST							
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA	2,000			2,000	1,679		321
<b>WATER</b>	<b>647,172</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>669,881</b>	<b>559,383</b>	<b>24,185</b>	<b>86,313</b>
<b>WATER ARTICLES</b>							
98010 ATM5/07#13		18,186		18,186	454	17,732	
Well # 8		245,173		245,173	244,265	908	
Total Water Articles		263,359		263,359	244,719	18,640	
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>647,172</b>	<b>285,859</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>933,240</b>	<b>804,102</b>	<b>42,825</b>	<b>86,313</b>
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION	172,275	2,236		174,511	173,029		1,482
Expenses	104,786	(2,236)		102,550	102,574		(24)
<b>RECYCLING CENTER</b>	<b>277,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277,061</b>	<b>275,603</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,458</b>
<b>RECYCLING ARTICLES</b>							
90800ATM5/08#11		1,165		1,165		1,165	
90801ATM5/08#12		42		42		42	
90803ATM	180,000			180,000	180,000		
Total Recycling Articles	180,000	1,207		181,207	180,000	1,207	
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>	<b>1,601,645</b>	<b>287,066</b>	<b>40,209</b>	<b>1,928,920</b>	<b>1,600,581</b>	<b>160,861</b>	<b>167,478</b>

Fund	Balance		Investment		Transfers		Balance
	July 1, 2010	Receipts	Income	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2011	
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>							
#84 - Stabilization Fund	1,523,992	-	33,852	-	333,705	1,891,549	
#84 - Law Enforcement	9,553	175		1,500	-	8,228	
<b>Total Fund #84:</b>	1,533,545	175	33,852	1,500	333,705	1,899,777	
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	1,798,735	-	42,220		(87,290)	1,753,665	
<b>Total Fund #85:</b>	1,798,735	-	42,220	-	(87,290)	1,753,665	
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>	3,332,280	175	76,072	1,500	246,415	3,653,442	

Agency Funds	Balance		Deductions		Balance
	July 01, 2010	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2011	
Police Outside Detail	4,233	1,320			5,553
Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535	-			2,535
ANP Escrow	466,550	36,839			503,389
Performance Bonds	154,184	191			154,375
Deputy Fees	49,436	27,344	76,780		-
Fish & Game - State	227	118			345
Police FID	-	8,938	8,938		-
ANP Sewer Charges	(15,509)	18,646			3,137
Recycling Agency Fund	4,478	22,255	26,733		-
Warrants Payable					-
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	666,134	115,651	112,451		669,334

**Total Trust & Agency Funds** 4,322,776

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 FISCAL YEAR 2011  
 City / Town BLACKSTONE

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES  
 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Fund	Cash Balance		
	Balance Sheet	Schedule A	Variance
GENERAL	3,086,174.00		3,086,174.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	1,053,725.00	1,053,725.00	-
CAPITAL PROJECT	1,250,174.00	1,250,174.00	-
ENTERPRISE	856,560.00		856,560.00
TRUST & AGENCY	4,322,776.00	4,322,776.00	-
OTHER	-	-	-
TOTAL	10,569,409.00	6,626,675.00	3,942,734.00
		Fund Equity	
GENERAL	3,254,399.00		3,254,399.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	1,053,726.00		1,053,726.00
CAPITAL PROJECT	1,250,174.00		1,250,174.00
ENTERPRISE	813,638.00		813,638.00
TRUST & AGENCY	4,322,776.00		4,322,776.00
OTHER			-
TOTAL	10,694,713.00	-	10,694,713.00

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
SALARY LISTING  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

**SELECTMEN**

SAWYER CHARLES	SELECTMEN	\$	1,500
PERREAULT CONSTANCE	SELECTMEN	\$	375 INACTIVE
MARCHAND, JOSEPH	SELECTMEN	\$	1,500
DUBOIS ROBERT	SELECTMEN	\$	450 INACTIVE
BIK, MARGARET	SELECTMEN VICE CHAIRMAN	\$	1,125
WOZNIAK, JOHN	SELECTMEN	\$	1,500
HAUGHEY, PAUL S	SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN	\$	1,350

**ADMINISTRATION**

KEYES, DANIEL M	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$	73,453
NADEAU LEMOINE SANDRA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$	36,074
MILLIKEN, KIM	SELECTMEN ADM. CLERK	\$	10,961
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BERARD, DENISE L	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	3,637 INACTIVE
MURDOCK, JOSHUA L	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	2,754
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IANNETTI, ANTHONY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	66,442
KWATCHER, BRAD	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	71,932
ROY, KEVIN	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	65,459
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MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL	LIBRARY AID	\$	2,448
MILLER, KAREN	LIBRARY AID	\$	7,443
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BIK, MARGARET	SELECTMEN VICE CHAIRMAN	\$	1,125
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<b><u>EXTENSION</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>
113	Town Administrator	Daniel M. Keyes
102	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine
101	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Kim Milliken
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	Suzanne Moquin
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
131	Fire Department Office	
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
161	Board of Selectmen	
163	Town Planner	
163	Planning Board	Amy Sutherland, Sec.
265	DPW Office Assistant	Kelly Shea
	<b>SENIOR CENTER:</b>	
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

