



*In memory of **Stephen R. Allaire**, Conservation Commission – 1978-1984, **John F. Emidy**, ADA Review Committee – 1995-2005, Municipal Inspector – 1986-1990, Conservation Commission/Assoc. – 1986-1990, Health Agent – 1986-1990, Meat & Milk Inspector – 1986-1990, Municipal Coordinator Right to Know Legislation – 1987-1990, Assistant Burial Agent – 1989-1990, Board of Selectmen – 1991-1997 & 1997-2002, AdHoc Committee to Study Proposed Well Water Sites – 1994-1997, AdHoc/Earth Removal ByLaw – 1994, Main Street School/AdHoc Comm – 1995, Inspector of Buildings – 1986, Designer Selection Board – 1996, Building Committee – 1996, Assisted Living/AdHoc Committee – 2000-2002, **Norman R. Landry**, Planning Board – 1977-1987, Capital Outlay Committee – 1980-1987, **Susan A. Mellor**, Assistant Treasurer – 1973-1974, Assistant Town Clerk – 1974-1974, Board of Registrars – 1974-1998, Burial Agent-Vital Stat Agent – 1974-1998, Town Clerk – 1974-1998, AdHoc Comm-By Law Revision – 1978, AdHoc Comm-Traffic Rules and Orders – 1979, AdHoc Comm-Study the Impact of Control – 1984, Assistant Veteran Agent – 1974-1998. **Paul A., Simard**, Industrial Development Commission – 1970-1986*

*Front Cover: Town of Blackstone Fire Department Ambulance*

2014

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
TOWN OF OFFICERS  
OF THE

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS



## THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles  
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845  
COUNTY: Worcester  
POPULATION: 8985  
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 2015 TAX RATE: \$19.48. 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 3,566 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2014

Position	Name
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	GILBERT, ROBERT A
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena B
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	WHITELEY, CAROLE A
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F, JR
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	GREENSTEIN, WENDY L
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	JARRET, GEORGETTE A
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	ROBIN, DIANE C
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	FAULKNER, BRIAN T
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	REGGIO, JANE C
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	TRINGALI, STEVEN J
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	VINACCO, ERIN P
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	DRAINVILLE, ROBERT A
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KEEGAN, MARGARET T
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KELLENBERGER, GARY
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	MORIN, LYNN J
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	EBBELING, JAMES
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	FINN, GERALD M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HALL, JOSEPH M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HANRATTY, CHESTER P
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	INTINARELLI, MITCHELL A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	KOOPMAN, JEFF T
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	LAVIN, JOHN C, III
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	MORIN, ARTHUR E, JR
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PEDERSEN, KENNETH M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PETERSON, MICHAEL D
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	PONTES, WILLIAM J
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	YANOVITCH, PAUL M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	YITTS, ANTHONY M
COLLECTOR TREASURER	PERRAULT, STEVEN J
CONSTABLE	BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E
CONSTABLE	LAPIERRE, GERALD G, SR
CONSTABLE	MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL A
CONSTABLE	MARTINELLI, LEO H
CONSTABLE	STONE, FREDERICK J
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, KEVIN J
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	HART, KEVIN M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	MORSE, ROBERT J
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	PELOQUIN, KIMBERLY D
PLANNING BOARD	BEBEAU, OWEN T
PLANNING BOARD	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
PLANNING BOARD	MARVELLE, PAUL E
PLANNING BOARD	RIVET, GERALD P
PLANNING BOARD	VAN DYKE, KIRK
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	CHAMBERLAND, RYAN STEFFIN
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	WELLS, RUSSELL L, SR
TOWN CLERK	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2014

Position	Name
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	RYAN, PETER C
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
ASSESSORS/ADMIN ASSISTANT	CAMPOPIANO, RACHEL
B M REG DIST SCH/D-COUNSL	GOULD, HAROLD D JR
BURIAL AGENT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	CARTIER, LESLIE A
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	KUBASKA, DAVID
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	NOBLE, CYNTHIA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	RYAN, KEVIN J
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	BEBEAU, OWEN
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CHAMBERLAND, RYAN S
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	PERRAULT, STEVEN J
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	ZAHORSKY, LAUREN
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER	MULLER, CATHERINE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	BRITA, LISA M
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PITLER, JAMES P
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, JAMES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	ROSS, ADAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	ROSS, JENNIFER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
COUNCIL ON AGING	CONINE, JEAN
COUNCIL ON AGING	DELGIZZI, NANCY J
COUNCIL ON AGING	DRAKE, AUDREY
CULTURAL COUNCIL	COLLIN, JUDITH C
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DOBECK, MARYANN
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PARMENTIER, JOYCE T
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PISANI, WARREN M
CULTURAL COUNCIL	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR
CULTURAL COUNCIL	WALSH, CAROLYN R
CULTURAL COUNCIL	WINGATE, JULIE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BELISLE, JAMES P
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BELISLE, JAMES R
FINANCE COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P
FINANCE COMMITTEE	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MULLER, PAUL M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ST AMANT, JACOB W

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
FIRE CHIEF/FORREST WARDEN	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
HEALTH AGENT	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HEALTH INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	BULSO, MARY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEACON, JESSE E
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MARCHAND, THERESA
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WESTBERG, DONALD J
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	ARSENAULT, HUBERT N
INSPECTOR OF BLDG/ASST	VATER, EARL J
JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F, JR
JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	GATCHELL, JOSEPH T
JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	STANSFIELD, RONALD, JR
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	HEMPHILL, LINDA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	TATA, KATHRYN
MEAT INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ELDRIDGE, JOHN J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	JACOB, PAUL
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	PATERSON, DONALD
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MARK N
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MICHAEL H
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RYAN, PETER C, SR
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SULLIVAN, JAMES
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MILK INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MODERATOR/DEPUTY	DOYLE, DANIEL T
MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	VATER, EARL J
PARKING CLERK	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
PLANNING BOARD/ASSOC MEMBER	LABONNE, DARREN R
PLUMBING INSP/ASSISTANT	PAIGE, JAMES
PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR	WALSH, WILLIAM T
POLICE MATRON	FARRINGTON, SANDRA M
POLICE MATRON	WEBER, BETTINA A
POLICE/CHIEF OF	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	KEYES, DANIEL M

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2014

POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	SWEENEY, MICHAEL
POLICE/LIEUTENANT	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	DAIGLE, PATRICK
POLICE/PATROLMEN	GIARDINO, DANIEL C
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HURWITZ, MAXWELL
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LAUDON, DAVID
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUIS, KEVIN
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	MANTONI, MATTHEW S
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/PATROLMEN	PAVONE, MICHAEL F, JR
POLICE/SERGEANT	RYAN, RICHARD A
PROCUREMENT OFFICER	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	DOYLE, DANIEL T
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	GREENWALD, MARC J V
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	MERCIER, SUZANNE M
SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE	BEBEAU, OWEN T
SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A
SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	HEBERT, JULIE M
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	MULLER, JILLIAN
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA M
TOWN COUNSEL	COSTELLO, PATRICK J
TREE WARDEN/MOTH SUPT	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF	GREENHALGH, ROBERT W
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	DEVLIN, THOMAS F
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	KEEFE, DANIEL P
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PARMENTIER, JOHN
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PATERSON, ROBERT BRUCE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	SAWYER, CHARLES J
WIRING INSPECTOR	RAY, LAWRENCE I, JR
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	CASAVANT, CRAIG
WOONSOCKET REG WASTEWATER COMM	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	GREGOIRE, MARC
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

## OFFICIALS WHO RESIGNED IN 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>
Russell L. Wells, Sr.	Finance Committee	4/7/2014
Lisa Sparks	Board of Library Trustees	4/16/2014
Nancy J. DelGizzi	Council on Aging	5/6/2014
Stephen R. Salois	Finance Committee	5/14/2014
Maureen Englund	Asst. Town Accountant	6/6/2014
Carolyn L. Powers	Historical Commission	5/31/2014
Theresa J. Marchand	Historical Commission/alternate	5/27/2014
Jillian Muller	Assistant Collector	6/11/2014
Kelly L. Gillis	Historical Commission	7/3/2014
Wendy Miller	Zoning Board of Appeals	7/17/2014
Marc Gregoire	Zoning Board of Appeals/alternate	7/21/2014
Judith C. Collin	Council on Aging	9/2/2014
Adrienne L. Nicoloro	Finance Committee	10/3/2014
Mary W. Gariepy	Council on Aging	10/3/2014
Dorothy Clifford	Council on Aging	10/6/2014
Richard Marchand	Council on Aging	10/28/2014
Hubert N. Arsenault	Council on Aging	11/7/2014
Arthur Rittwager	Council on Aging	12/29/2014

## Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of the Town of Blackstone:

This past year saw significant changes in our Town Government with the election of Russell Wells, Sr., as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and then his resignation some nine months later. I want to thank Mr. Wells for his dedication and service to the Town and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Jean Boulette resigned as the Director of Council on Aging to take a position in the Town of Holliston. Her hard work and dedication to the seniors of the Town of Blackstone, and to the Council itself, is a testament to her work ethic. The appointment of Laurie Keefe from Outreach Coordinator to the Director of Council on Aging will show the citizens and the seniors that the same excellent service and programs will continue and be improved by Laurie. We welcome her and wish her the best.

We continue to work on the upgrade of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) proposal for the Municipal Center. Spring of 2015 will see a total upgrade for the Municipal Center and Public Safety, which will save thousands of dollars in the cost of energy over the coming years.

Town meeting this year has 30 articles, including a new solar program at the Chestnut Street landfill. William Walsh, Director of the Recycling Center and Chairman of the Board of Health has worked many hours over the past two (2) years putting together this program for Blackstone. His perseverance and hard work will mean a substantial savings to the Town in the years ahead.

The Blackstone River Valley is now part of the National Park Service, as noted by Congress in December, and signed into law by President Barack Obama. This allows Blackstone and the surrounding communities to upgrade and beautify this historic corridor.

A thank you to our new Governor Charles Baker for approval of the release of additional \$100,000,000 in Chapter 90 monies statewide. This allows Blackstone to receive its' full allotment of \$352,344 to continue to repair, maintain and rebuild 41 miles of town roads here in Town.

We will continue to serve the citizens of Blackstone in a very professional manner. The Department Heads and all employees and volunteers take pride in their work and will continue to strive to make Blackstone a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Keyes  
Town Administrator

## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

In calendar year 2014, *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, inter-municipal agreements, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings and other general legal issues. Of particular significance during the past year was the legal assistance provided to the Town with respect to its nuisance abatement actions at 23 St. Paul Street and the re-negotiation of the Wastewater Treatment Interjurisdictional Agreement with the City of Woonsocket.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2014 to the present is set forth below.

**Robert L. Massucco, Jr. v. Paul Marvelle, et al.**  
**(Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals)**  
**Worcester Superior Court No. WOCV2013-01702**

This is an appeal challenging the approval of an appeal by the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals of a cease and desist order issued by the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, on March 26, 2013 enjoining the use of a dirt bike all-terrain vehicle track on a one acre residential property.

On September 23, 2013, the abutters filed an appeal of the Zoning Board's decision. Shortly thereafter, on October 8, 2013, this office filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Town of Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals. As is the common practice with Zoning Board appeals, the Town has taken a passive stance to the litigation, placing the onus of defending the Board's action on the resident. To date, however, the resident has not filed an answer. This office will continue to monitor the case going forward.

**Town of Blackstone v. James A. DeWolfe, et al.**  
**Uxbridge District Court No. 1365CV0322**

On April 17, 2013, the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Blackstone Board of Health inspected the subject property and determined that the dwelling did not comply with the Blackstone Town Bylaw on Littering and Refuse Disposal, Sections 95-3 and 95-7 and the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 105 410.602(A), maintaining such parcel in a clean and sanitary condition. On April 17, 2013, Mr. DeWolfe was issued a "Notice Violation of State Sanitary Code – Not Maintaining Property Free of Refuse." Said Notice ordered that the nuisance be abated within three (3) days from receipt of the order and a failure to comply would result in court action and/or fines. Based on Mr. DeWolfe's failure to abate the nuisance and to bring the premises into compliance with the Blackstone Town Bylaw on Littering and Refuse Disposal and the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the Defendants were assessed fines pursuant to Section 95-8 of the Town Bylaw.

The parties reached a Settlement Agreement on July 2, 2014 requiring the Defendant to pay \$1000 in fines and to forthwith remediate all code violations at the subject locus. The Defendant fulfilled his payment and property remediation obligations; accordingly, a Stipulation of Dismissal was filed with the Court on December 3, 2014. This matter is now closed.

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 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dear Community Members:

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District remains extremely fortunate to have the support of the citizens and families of the Towns of Blackstone and Millville. The District Mission Statement is reflective of this very fact: Schools and Community Working in Unity. All should be proud of the outstanding teaching and learning that happen every day in our schools.

It was a great honor to be appointed by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee as your Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2014 for three years. On behalf of the District, I want to thank the interim superintendent, Dr. Perry Davis, for his commitment and tireless work during the 2013-2014 school year. I look forward to the continuity of leadership and stewardship of the District; which includes all students and their families, all staff and employees, and all voters, taxpayers, and community members.

We have much work to do to continue the mission of educating all students in the very best learning environment possible with the very best instructional materials and programs available; while matching the needs of the District with the resources at hand. Even though there are considerable challenges to meet the myriad of state and federal mandates, guidelines, and regulations, with all members of the community working together we will be successful in giving all students the best opportunities to meet their individual needs and to become life-long learners.

All of us at BMRSD remain committed to providing the very best education for every student. We have much to be proud of in our communities and in our schools and that Charger pride is reflected in the achievement of our students and the dedication of our staff each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen W. Himmelberger  
Superintendent of Schools

## Blackstone-Millville Regional High School – 2014 Report of Principal

The 2014 school year was highlighted by the forty-fourth Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening the sixth of June. Class advisors, Ms. Amy Keller and Ms. Stefanie Anderson led the one-hundred twenty-four graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Interim Superintendent Perry P. Davis, Ed.D presented diplomas to the new graduates. Class Valedictorian, Daniel Manning, Salutatorian, Callie Ostrowski, and class president Benjamin Lodge delivered timely messages to the graduates, family and friends. The class of 2014 has distinguished themselves as a hardworking class with many selecting prestigious colleges and universities including Northeastern University, Clark University, UMass Amherst, Rutgers University, Fordham University, UCONN, Villanova University, Boston College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Harvard University.

The National Honor Society members continued to actively work within the school and greater community. Several members volunteered time in the local food pantry, the Blackstone Nursing Home and at our elementary schools. Honor Roll students from each quarter were recognized and honored by a breakfast organized by the NHS members. Students of the month were also publically recognized by the school community and the Society.

The high school Student Council was also active in the school and community. The Council ran Homecoming Day events which were greatly enjoyed by parents, students, and alumni. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising drives during the school year. Student Council members were also active in state and regional conferences, participating in the MASC State Conference in Hyannis, as well at the Summer Conference held at Worcester State University. The highlight of the year was the much anticipated Winter Pep Rally. The “season” themed lip sync contest put on by each class plus the faculty entry made the day truly memorable. Please view these performances on BMR’s YouTube channel.

Additionally, school-wide events included the following: Annual Community Bon Fire; “Under the Lights” soccer games; Career Exploration Day; Powder Puff Football game; BMR’s 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Thanksgiving Football Game; Senior Send-Off Day.

The Music Department finished off an excellent year in 2014. The High School Wind Ensemble received a gold medal rating at MICCA Concert Festival and was selected to perform in historic Symphony Hall in Boston while the Concert Band received a silver medal. The Jazz Ensemble received a silver rating at the Central District Jazz Festival. The High School Marching Band received it's 28th consecutive gold medal at MICCA State Finals. They also finished 2nd place at fall NESBA Championships with a score of 98.3. The Winter Guard finished 5th place at winter NESBA Championships and Winter Percussion finished 2nd place.

Many other departments and student clubs supported our students with various events and leadership opportunities. Student leaders attended several conferences including Girls State and Boys State, as well as the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference. Our Freshmen leadership team had the opportunity to attend the START Leadership Conference. Our guidance and physical education department welcomed agencies that allowed students to experience outdoor climbing walls and driving simulations. Our theatre arts club continues to

grow in numbers, entertaining our community with wonderful performances. We have established a robotics team who are successfully competing in local competitions. Additionally, our SADD group hosted an assembly with speakers stressing the importance of making good choices.

The BMR athletic department continues to provide student-athletes an opportunity to learn and lead through others. Several of our captains participated in MIAA conference and workshops, most notable, the annual MIAA conference at Gillette Stadium. BMR continued their strong representation in Central Mass competition. Our boys' basketball and tennis teams, as well as our boys' and girls' soccer teams made the district tournament. Our boys' baseball team also made districts, earning the title of Dual Valley Conference tri-champions along the way. "Charger Pride" t-shirts and spirited fans filled home and away games in support of all our athletic teams.

Entering my third year here at BMR, it is my honor to serve the community as high school Principal. Continued support of the arts, athletics, and academic programs in the district will allow us to meet the needs of our children. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. It amazes me to see and experience the many talents of our students. My goal is to continue the great efforts of our district, while also setting higher goals for all of the BMR community to reach.

Respectively,

Michael E. Dudek

Principal

John F. Kennedy School and Augustine F. Maloney School  
Principal's Report  
2014

Friday, September 5, 2014 marked the opening of the 2014/2015 school year. Teachers and staff welcomed 383 J. F. Kennedy student and 209 A. F. Maloney students to another year of learning. Principal Carol Brown and Assistant Principal John Staples welcomed all teachers and staff on Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Professional development continues to focus on literacy instruction for our teachers. First and second grade teachers have begun their first year of professional development with Teachers for Teachers literacy consultants, joining their colleagues in grades 3-5 as they enter their second year. The focus is Reader's Workshop and implementation of a common assessment tool. Kindergarten teachers began the initial implementation of Teaching Strategies Gold. The Department of Education has mandated the implementation of the Massachusetts Kindergarten Entry Assessment system. This being the first year of implementation, teachers have focused on the Social-Emotional and Cognition developmental domains. Kindergarten teachers have been attending professional development to learn how to utilize and implement this formative assessment to effectively meet the needs of their students.

Many teachers at various grade levels chose to be part of the Global Read Aloud this year. This program offered the opportunity for our students to "share" a book with students around the world. Students communicated via blogs to share their thoughts about the books. Our students were able to make connections with other students through literacy. There were several fifth grade students whose writing was showcased in the 100 Word Challenge blogging site. Approximately 20 pieces were selected from around the world for each prompt, and our students' writing was chosen over thousands of entries! Given a one word prompt, aspiring writers are asked to write 100 words in response. These are just two examples of how teachers have integrated technology and used it to expand learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Yet again we find ourselves extending our thanks to the Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization. Every year their dedication to our students and teachers never ceases to amaze. After school and evening activities are made possible because of their efforts and commitment. Through BEPO's generosity, the Complex now has installed a sign which is now a permanent fixture on our front lawn. It's a wonderful way to share with the community important dates and activities. Their never-ending support and commitment is valued and deeply appreciated.

This school year we welcomed a new Superintendent, Mr. Allen Himmelberger and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. David Thomson. Welcome to Mr. Osiris Gonzalez, the District Network Administrator. We look forward to the opportunity to work in partnership as we continue to provide a quality education for our students. Thank you to Chief Atstupenas and Chief Sweeney for their never-ending support in efforts to provide a safe learning environment for all. It continues to be a pleasure to work alongside our School Committee. The opportunity to work with such a group of dedicated people is greatly appreciated. To the families of the Complex we extend deep gratitude and thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Brown  
Principal

## Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School

### 2014-2015 Report of the Principal – Justin Cameron

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School proudly opened for the school year on September 5, 2014.

As of October 1, 2014 the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6	139 students
Grade 7	150 students
Grade 8	154 students
Total	443 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, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill 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, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill Building. Band is an elective class as well as Fitness for Life and Exploring the Arts.

Students in grade 8 are enrolled in ELA, Extended Algebra/Algebra, Science, World Geography, Skill Building, PE, Wellness, Art, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill Building. Band is an elective class as well as Chorus, Exploring the Arts and Fitness for Life.

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 Parent/Teacher organization. Starting in September, the FWHMS began partial funding the following after school programs: Morning Healthy Start Club, Hiking Club, PBIS Heroes for Change Club, School Store Club and Homework/Study Club. In the mid-Winter and Spring sessions staff and students have expressed interest in the following clubs: Cooking Club, Actor's Studio Club, Knitting/Crochet Club and Talking Dead Club. The funding sources have come from very successful PTO fundraisers such as the first annual Hartnett Run /Ride in September and the Harlem Wizards of New York who came to play against the BMR Dribblers in an exciting fundraising basketball game that drew a crowd of over 500 spectators.

Students at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School engage in a number of community service projects through participation in Student Council and the National Junior Honor Society. In addition, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has traveled to Washington DC, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to New York City, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to an overnight at Nature's Classroom.

Working closely with the Director of School Nutrition, the middle school has piloted a Second Chance Breakfast program for the second year that has led to a 500% increase in students eating breakfast at the middle school.

Students have opportunities to participate in BMR sports including soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country and track and field. HMS is proud to host its own Boys' and Girls' Cross Country and Basketball programs.

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

**Millville Elementary School  
2014-2015 Annual Report of the Principal**

We opened our doors to approximately 300 students on September 5, 2014.

The Literacy Initiative continues to be our focus this year as we expanded the “Teachers for Teachers” training for grades 1,2, 3, 4, and 5 teachers, reading specialist and special education staff. The yearlong training provided staff with interactive feedback, modeling and discussion for teaching literacy.

Kindergarten teachers had specialized training to administer the Teaching Strategies Gold portfolio based formative assessment as mandated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. There are nine benchmark formative assessments including academic skills, motor skills development, language skills, social emotional learning and cognitive functions. This year, staff collected data on social emotional learning and cognitive functions.

Millville Elementary School had a roof replaced this year, which is an ongoing process. Special thanks to parents and staff, who had to change their driving routines while the work was progressing.

The Millville Elementary School Parent’s Association (MESPA) continues to support our staff and community. MESPA has held several annual events such as Scholastic Book Fair, Preschool/Kindergarten Tea & Tour, and our first Ice Cream Social to welcome everyone back to school. The Town of Millville Cultural Council arranged for an interactive presentation by Len Cabral, storyteller, for all grade level students. MESPA hosted several fundraisers including a Millville Elementary School Spirit Wear sale, Square One Arts, and Scrips Program that sells gift cards with donations to the school. MESPA supports school events such as after school clubs with financial support for staff and they pay for field trip busses each year. They continue to recognize staff for Teacher Appreciation throughout the whole year. Our community is extremely grateful to have their support.

Special thanks to our new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Allen Himmelberger for supporting us throughout the year. Our new Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Thomson, has given guidance for curricular development and professional development training, which helps us meet the needs of our students. And, we welcomed our new Technology Director, Osiris Gonzalez, who is preparing our technology system to accommodate the new PARCC assessment which will be launched soon. It has been a challenging year with many changes and initiatives- I want to acknowledge the staff who have risen to these challenges by putting forth their best effort. Last but not least, we are very lucky to have a strong support from our parents. Special thanks goes out to our entire community for their diligence, flexibility, and commitment.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Varsha B. Desai, Principal*

Dear Community Members:

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District opened the academic year on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The Department of Student Services is dedicated to overseeing the provision of special education programs and services to students between the ages of three and twenty two who have been identified as educationally disabled. Additionally, this department oversees English as a second language (ESL) programming, preschool programming, Medicaid and the education of the homeless and unaccompanied youth.

The philosophy of the Student Services Department is “to minimize obstacles and maximize opportunities” for all students. To achieve these ends, our department’s primary goal is to provide each student with the necessary strategies, skills, and supports needed to function as independent and contributing members of the school and community.

In special education, the faculty and staff have worked to provide quality programs and services to more than 297 students with disabilities. In English Language Education, we have provided the most comprehensive programs, services and supports to more than 47 English Language Learners. And in preschool, our program is experiencing fantastic success with our young children entering the district for the first time between the ages of three to five.

Additionally, through the Department of Student Services, faculty and staff have participated in professional development workshops including but not limited to: CPI Training; CPR/AED Training; Medicaid; McKinney-Vento workshops; the role and responsibilities of paraprofessionals in an ever-changing learning environment; understanding disabilities and the needs of diverse learners as well as educator evaluation.

Entering my fourth year with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, it is my honor and privilege to serve the community as the Director of Students Services. The faculty and staff work tirelessly to meet the needs of diverse learners and exceptional students. Moreover, it is impressive to see our students in action each and every day realizing the goal of this department. Without your help and support, achieving our goal as a department would not be possible.

In conclusion, please accept our deepest gratitude for all of the help and support you have graciously provided us as a regional school district, in general, and as a department, specifically, throughout this academic year!

Respectfully Yours,  
Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.  
Director of Student Services

*BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*December 31, 2014*

**SALARY LISTING**

Abisla, Stephanie P	\$71,974	Boyko, Michael	\$40,906
Abrams, Amy L	\$46,857	Boyle, Lauren M	\$1,400
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$74,675	Brandin, Frances	\$4,800
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$18,605	Breault, Karen J	\$49,831
Alfonso, Christina D	\$26,843	Brown, Carol A	\$102,712
Allaire-Adams, Pauline	\$1,750	Burke, Dana D	\$31,635
Allard, Denise L	\$32,755	Bush, Joy A	\$75
Allard, Pamela J	\$49,638	Buteau, Karen E	\$16,813
Allen, Kristen M	\$995	Buurma, Ann P	\$30,300
Almquist, Gail D	\$69,830	Caligaris, Felicia V	\$750
Amylon, Philip M	\$7,440	Cameron, Justin A	\$101,149
Anderson, Jillien L	\$33,438	Campano, Jaclyn J	\$2,981
Anderson, Stefanie A	\$74,840	Campbell, Everett B III	\$4,577
Andrade, Denise M	\$17,697	Carlson, Anke	\$825
Andrade, Yorelis	\$1,080	Carpentier, Jamie L	\$40,291
Angelini, Stephen T	\$55,924	Carr, Hillary M	\$2,887
Archetto, Joann H	\$37,936	Carroll, Deborah A	\$70,219
Atstupenas, Hillary J	\$46,650	Carson, Lauren M	\$63,432
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$10,340	Carter, Nadine L	\$22,688
Bacon, Paul M	\$41,176	Carty, Monica M	\$41,640
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$47,835	Chaplin, Victoria A	\$17,093
Bak, Tracy J	\$8,031	Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$19,917
Baldini, Ann M	\$13,899	Chase, Louise W	\$69,276
Barbato, Jessica A	\$9,536	Chicoine, Kimberly R	\$243
Barber, Wendy S	\$17,927	Clark, Sarah T	\$1,310
Barrette, Katherine M	\$49,341	Cohen, Robert J	\$75
Barros, Holly A	\$14,244	Colahan, Elizabeth T	\$58,232
Barton, Melissa J	\$450	Colgan, Susan M	\$49,949
Bartusek, Karen E	\$28,833	Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$52,914
Basal, Linda	\$73,897	Connor, Carol L	\$21,683
Beard, Bruce J	\$1,613	Connors, David S	\$300
Beaven, Donna M	\$6,908	Conrad, Eleanor M	\$74,553
Beech, Lona M	\$9,161	Conti, Carol M	\$68,466
Begnoche, Louise M	\$21,790	Corbeille, Megan L	\$48,137
Bellefontaine, Tara A	\$600	Cordova, Donna M	\$6,615
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$59,557	Corriveault, Kaitlyn M	\$5,416
Bergman, Lisa M	\$35,609	Costa, Maria	\$69,422
Bibeault, Ronald	\$67,831	Costantino, Paul J	\$40,699
Blackburn, Rebecca L	\$42,855	Costello, Diane L	\$19,779
Blanchard, Michele M	\$72,436	Cote, Esther H	\$75,103
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$66,288	Courtemanche, Lauren A	\$18,333
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$74,066	Covino, Diane J	\$409

Borges, Ann L	\$125	Croteau, Leslie A	\$19,879
Bossolt, Kathleen E	\$22,025	Cunningham, Marcia D	\$70,893
Bourassa, Susan D	\$14,858	Curran, Jeffrey M	\$72,409
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$68,825	Cusack, Sharon K	\$23,051
Boyan, William J	\$40,895	D'Angelo, Daniela M	\$713
Daignault, Denise C	\$73,023	Faulkner, Edie A	\$72,942
Dansereau, Linda A	\$55,366	Ferreira, Jennifer M	\$75
Davia, Janine M	\$67,860	Finn-Campopiano, Barbara	\$37,511
Davidge, Debra A	\$18,509	Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$66,383
Davidson, Todd A	\$600	Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$150
Davies, Mary F	\$13,645	Floria, Shaelyn M	\$13,839
Davis, Janet S	\$563	Folan, Nicole E	\$45,701
Davis, Karyn A	\$16,328	Foley, Brian P	\$29,884
Davis, Perry P	\$57,250	Foley, Cassie L	\$73,175
Day, Susan G	\$55,824	Fontaine, Jeffrey R	\$4,125
Day-Lewis, Lisa A	\$15,028	Fortini, Meghan A	\$15,966
DeAngelo, Gary H	\$13,744	Franzosa, Tara K	\$64,723
Demers, Lisa M	\$69,346	Frend, Doreen C	\$4,990
Deneault, Marlene D	\$938	Gallagher, Amy L	\$16,482
Denomme, Elise A	\$54,676	Gallagher, Jason E	\$36,626
Denomme, Thomas S	\$38	Ganis, Elizabeth	\$41,101
DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$61,326	Gaudet, Damien W	\$40,164
Dery, Diane M	\$19,039	Gauthier, Patricia A	\$8,138
Desai, Varsha B	\$95,272	Gemma, Jessica L	\$600
Deschamps, Lisa A	\$18,876	Gentile, Charlsey L	\$44,188
Desilets, Mellissa S	\$12,300	Goldstein, Shana B	\$4,589
Desilets, Susan J	\$22,817	Gomes, Lynne M	\$73,600
Desjardin, Jamie M	\$33,184	Gonzalez, Osiris R	\$6,759
Desmarais, Erica M	\$2,738	Gorham, Jennifer A	\$225
Dewolf, Mark A	\$64,151	Goulet, William M	\$37,188
Dextraze, Michelle D	\$46,880	Grace, Caroline Ann	\$49,772
Diaz, Safia M	\$3,041	Greene, Roy E	\$67,826
DiCecco, Dawn M	\$64,723	Greer, Christina A	\$68,408
DiCecco, Kristie J	\$67,842	Griffiths, Kimberly M	\$31,447
Dilibero, Christine	\$61,775	Grube, Lynnell	\$42,948
Divris, Lauralee D	\$105	Guidi, Vanina V	\$1,080
Donovan, Erin B	\$1,648	Guilbeault, Holly B	\$20,142
Dorfman, Sarah P	\$44,928	Haggas, Lory J	\$28,953
Doyle, Casey E	\$468	Haig, Darin W	\$35,836
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$69,341	Halacy, Margaret E	\$2,250
Dubois, Katharine E	\$57,802	Hannon, Heather M	\$44,821
Ducharme, Keith A	\$95,266	Hardy, Natalie A	\$53,170
Ducharme, Leona M	\$135	Harpin, Aimee L	\$7,894
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$71,305	Harpin, Rebecca E	\$59,600
Dudek, Michael E	\$104,890	Hartmann, Patrick D	\$8,754
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$6,657	Haughey, Paul S	\$107,660
Duncan, Jenny L	\$46,054	Healy, Brendan M	\$42,652
Dutremble, Carolyn	\$5,780	Hebert, Debra A	\$17,453
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$5,242	Hebert, Ethan J	\$36,142

Euglow, Joshua M	\$43,110	Hebert, Scott A	\$43,910
Fanelli, Vicky A	\$71,041	Highcove, Dawn	\$69,336
Fanning, Kevin T	\$36,142	Himmelberger, Allen W	\$76,083
Holihen, Amy M	\$69,358	Levitre, Suzanne E	\$42,090
Hook, David C	\$46,323	Liard, Linda M	\$18,361
Hughes, Karen A	\$23,993	Liard, Roy J Sr	\$68,605
Ireland, Mickey G	\$52,298	Lipsett, Edward F	\$41,491
Isenberg, David	\$74,819	Lutrario, Lisa E	\$18,532
Jackman, Amy L	\$1,714	Lynch, Timothy A	\$14,234
Jackson, Lynnea D	\$13,606	Macleod, Rebecca M	\$1,403
Jennings, Carrie A	\$58	MacMillan, Maureen	\$73,940
Jerome, Geraldine M	\$3,024	Maguire, Karen E	\$22,750
Johnson, Jennifer M	\$1,000	Mailloux, Jennifer M	\$15,418
Jones, Kathleen M	\$68,670	Maloney, Deborah A	\$29,946
Juba, Mark P	\$67,556	Maloney, Mary Beth	\$3,000
Karolyshyn, Anna D	\$35,563	Marchand, Kimberly A	\$40,663
Kearnan, Julie A	\$9,969	Marcotte-Beale, Arlene T	\$53,392
Keefe, Lauren	\$55,255	Mark, Christine P	\$713
Keefe, Lucille A	\$8,969	Marlborough, Carrie A	\$17,005
Keller, Amy L	\$51,313	Martin, Sarah E	\$614
Kiely, Kevin P	\$69,358	Martinelli, Christine J	\$16,659
King, Kenneth L	\$40,096	Martins, Kevin M	\$18,375
Knowlton, Rachel E	\$17,933	Martufi, Caitlin P	\$49,204
Kosciak, Cynthia	\$2,138	Maurice, Jamie A	\$61,719
Kozlowski, Rosann M	\$64,254	Maynard, Robin A	\$7,164
Labrecque, Diane F	\$51,913	McCall, Candace M	\$18,693
Labrie, Lauri A	\$17,252	McCormick, W John	\$73,038
Lachance, Constance	\$13,684	McCourt, Kevin M	\$74,731
Lacroix, Tina M	\$48,801	McLean, Marianne J	\$74,273
Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$35,763	McNamara, Keith M	\$55,800
Lanctot, Richard J	\$43,551	Medeiros, Jessica S	\$50,566
Landry, Mary J	\$10,206	Menard, Jacqueline A	\$20,700
Landry, Richard N	\$39,699	Mignanelli, Barbara	\$70,205
Landry, Steven J	\$638	Miller, Karen J	\$6,132
Landry, Susan A	\$29,768	Minutolo, Rachel A	\$1,853
Lane, Margaret I	\$28,403	Monroe, Bradford A	\$47,110
Langone, Kerri	\$70,826	Montague, Barbara A	\$64,723
Laporte, Janis H	\$85,842	Moreau, Linda A	\$61,535
Laren, Norma C	\$68,235	Morin, Diane M	\$74,273
LaRose, Dennis J	\$39,273	Morrison, Andrea B	\$4,762
Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$12,251	Morrisson, Kelly L	\$2,773
Latraverse, Debra	\$20,545	Morse, Steven A	\$2,380
Lauzon, Karen E	\$74,632	Moulder, Donna L	\$21,650
LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$47,816	Mullins, David J	\$15,512
Leclerc, Jennifer Marie-White	\$1,400	Najarian, Robin A	\$69,929
Lee, Linda P	\$38,916	Nerbonne, Jean M	\$20,396
Legare, Christopher A	\$468	Nerbonne, Richard E	\$43,333
Leger, Claire	\$12,273	Newman, Colette L	\$71,193
Leggio, Bree E	\$19,421	Normandin, Vanessa P	\$17,685

Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$78,161	Notz, Amanda P	\$49,318
Nyberg, Deirdre F	\$57,600	Salome, Linda A	\$49,169
O'Dowd, Alanna J	\$3,478	Salome, Stefanie A	\$48,840
O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$40,764	Salvas, Jennifer L	\$17,831
Olbrys, Maria S	\$61,026	Samson, Barbara E	\$18,020
Oliveira, Rachel R	\$22,606	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$68,210
Olson, Kerry A	\$11,558	Scott, Lynne S	\$69,936
Osorio, Jennifer R	\$36,386	Scott, Sean P	\$36,765
Palmieri, Jason A	\$1,463	Scungio, Donna M	\$83,005
Park, Jennifer L	\$22,661	Shafer, Todd L	\$79,575
Parrotta, Susanna M	\$7,650	Sheehan, Chester D	\$42,368
Pilibosian, Carol A	\$5,975	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$32,049
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$46,960	Sherman, Mary B	\$71,389
Pilling, Christopher S	\$44,765	Silva, Steven K	\$35,479
Plante-Goldstein, Sharon	\$74,119	Simard, Monique F	\$50,462
Plouffe, Megan A	\$675	Simonetti, Pamela J	\$15,373
Plouffe, Nicole D	\$25,830	Skinner, Robert L	\$300
Poirier, Tina M	\$25,310	Skorupa, Dana J	\$32,449
Poisson, Doris A	\$76,113	Slate, Steven H	\$63,413
Porter, Richard A	\$15,509	Smith, Marie G	\$52,149
Powers, Patricia J	\$75,989	Solari, Jennifer A	\$69,110
Pratt, Amy E	\$9,165	Soule, Patricia E	\$68,086
Ranieri, Christina M	\$70,898	Spont, Anne M	\$51,112
Rayos, Lora J	\$27,508	Spont, Anne Miriam	\$225
Reilly, Sheri L	\$19,546	St. Germain, Kelli S	\$9,042
Renaud, Melanie I	\$1,706	St. Laurent, Jillian S	\$3,105
Renz, Christine E	\$47,017	Stalnaker, Carrie M	\$3,540
Rielly, Susan S	\$61,009	Stanley, Patricia A	\$29,876
Roberts, Kathryn P	\$50,943	Staples, Janet D	\$3,490
Robertson, Christine R	\$61,412	Staples, John C	\$88,504
Robin, Dana R	\$1,050	Stearman, Kathy L	\$7,463
Robinson, Lynn A	\$9,884	Stefanik, Karen M	\$18,935
Roche, Jessica L	\$42,926	Sullivan, Timothy J	\$12,925
Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$13,435	Swanson, Gwyn J	\$5,364
Roe, Ethan	\$76,041	Sztabor, Mary Beth E	\$468
Romano, Ann M	\$25,805	Taft, Sandra A	\$668
Rondeau, Jill A	\$38,394	Takessian, Brenda L	\$10,198
Rose, Maureen	\$70,836	Tasick, Lori A	\$67,758
Ross, Gillian M	\$113	Taylor, Nancy E	\$74,941
Rounds, Lisa A	\$48,317	Tenenholtz, Karl N	\$48,353
Rousselle, Linda A	\$75,402	Tessier, Maureen R	\$79,780
Rousselle, Renee	\$73,055	Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$28,993
Rusakovich, Cynthia A	\$525	Thomas, Kathleen M	\$2,511
Ruscitti, Ann V	\$73,543	Thompson, Karen P	\$68,350
Ryan, Michelle J	\$15,829	Thomson, David L	\$37,132
Ryan, Paula M	\$52,651	Tocci, Meredith N	\$41,597
Ryder, Wendy H	\$150	Torvi, Janice A	\$70,777
Sacco, Nicole L	\$18,119	Tosti, Jill M	\$18,009
Toupin, Philip R	\$60,725		

Towle, Leslie G	\$17,190
Tracey, Eric F	\$38,122
Trottier, Lisa A	\$70,258
Turgeon, Emily E	\$57,331
Vallee, Lynne M	\$69,401
Varnerin, Sarah E	\$938
Varon, Regina N	\$57,542
Vaughan, Maryalice	\$40,053
Volk, Kari M	\$51,743
Wahl, Denise Q	\$13,027
Walker, Matthew B	\$38,555
Walsh, Brigitte B	\$44,554
Warren, Maureen L	\$71,541
Wenrich, Hayley L	\$6,000
Wethey, Elaine M	\$1,470
Whittemore, Janice A	\$21,844
Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$56,639
Wolfgang, Lea D	\$18,729
Wolford, Julianne C	\$18,593
Wong, Bryan W	\$20,007
Young, Karen M	\$46,022
Yuen-Han Chan, Adeline	\$1,005
Zisiades, George E	\$2,250
Zotos, Elena M	\$2,666

**Blackstone Valley  
Vocational Regional School District  
Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report  
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014  
STORIES OF SUCCESS**

**Our 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.

Thanks to 50 years of cooperative effort and mutual support from our District's 13 towns and regional employers, Blackstone Valley Tech continues to successfully prepare students for the world of work. This dynamic spirit of collaboration is the driving force behind the Blackstone Valley Tech cooperative education program, which has contributed to our mission's continued success by placing thousands of students onto long and lucrative career pathways.

Participation in the co-op program reached new heights in the 2013-2014 school year: a total of 171 seniors and third-term juniors in good academic standing acquired career vocational technical credits and skills by working off-campus in their area of training every other week. In recognition of this milestone year, we invite you to join us in celebrating the co-op program's life-changing impact on several of our recent graduates.

**Securing Goals and Living Dreams**

For Valley Tech's nearly 1,200 goal-driven students, the co-op program's strict academic requirements and high expectations of excellence represent a welcome challenge. Rather than waiting for opportunity to knock, co-op participants open the door themselves and get a head start on developing their skills in a real-world environment. For thousands of Valley Tech graduates, embracing the challenges of the co-op program has resulted in full-time employment within their chosen career fields.

Michelle Maynard of Northbridge is one such graduate. Immediately following her commencement ceremony in May of 2014, Michelle began working full-time in an orthodontics office, a prospect she'd dreamed of since the age of twelve.

"I knew I loved teeth because when I was younger, I loved my braces," Michelle recalled.

"I loved the way they worked. I loved everything about them."

Michelle's passion for orthodontics motivated her to successfully apply for admission to the Valley Tech Dental Assisting program. After building a strong foundational skillset in the program's first two years, Michelle eagerly signed on for the co-op experience.

"I wanted to get out in the field as soon as possible because I knew that if this work was what I wanted to do, I'd have to go get it. Nothing was going to be handed to me," Michelle said.

Coincidentally, Michelle's job placement was at Family Orthodontics in Westborough, where she'd received her braces and first discovered her passion for orthodontics several years prior.

Utilizing the skills acquired at Valley Tech, Michelle quickly made an impression on her co-op employer.

"Michelle showed a lot of interest and a lot of aptitude," recalled Dr. Nina Khedkar. "She quickly learned how to do the regular assisting work and it was predetermined that as soon as she graduated, she would start working here full-time."

Today, Michelle is ecstatic to be a full-time Orthodontic Assistant with her own chair and her own group of patients. Because she earned professional certificates at BVT and began working with actual patients through the co-op program in her junior year, Michelle will be eligible in May of 2015 to tackle her next goal of becoming a Certified Orthodontic Assistant. In the long run, while working her dream job at Family Orthodontics, Michelle plans on saving enough money to enroll in dental school and become an orthodontist.

"I hope she gets the chance," Dr. Khedkar said. "I know she has the ability to do it and that she'd be great at it. Michelle is an asset to this office and will excel in anything she tries to do."

Although she still has goals to seek and secure, Michelle's happy to have crossed a few off her list, including her goal of becoming an Orthodontic Assistant fresh out of high school. Looking back on the young girl who fell in love with her braces, Michelle hopes other goal-oriented youth of the Blackstone Valley will consider the life-changing benefits of a Valley Tech education.

"Anyone who has a dream, I would tell them to go for it," Michelle said. "This was my dream when I was twelve years old. I went for it and now I'm here."

### **Careers on the Cutting Edge**

As a worldwide leader in analytical technologies, the Waters Corporation of Milford is a pioneer in the areas of spectrometry, thermal analysis, and high performance liquid chromatography. Not sure how something like high performance liquid chromatography works? You're not alone. Here's a popular example used by Waters employees:

Imagine pouring a small cup of light-and-sweet coffee into an Olympic-size swimming pool. By removing one microliter of the pool water (40 microliters fit on the head of a pin) and breaking it down to its basic molecular structure, the cutting-edge technologies designed and manufactured by the Waters Corp. could tell you *exactly* how many sugars were in that light-and-sweet coffee. In fact, through high performance liquid chromatography, Waters could tell you the name and exact amount of *every single* chemical in your microliter of pool water.

Pretty awesome, right?

Three members of the Valley Tech Class of 2013 certainly think so.

In their junior year at BVT, Manufacturing and Engineering Technology students Jason Driver of Upton, Roland Barrett of Millville, and Luke Burgess of Uxbridge enrolled in the co-op program and earned job placements with Waters Corp. Although Waters and BVT have a history of collaborating on the co-op program, the company's growing influence in the fields of

pharmaceuticals, food safety, bio analysis, proteomics and genomics had recently prompted a revamp of its co-op model.

"We're growing at a rapid rate," explained Model Shop Manager Steve Boulay. "It's very difficult to find qualified individuals out in the standard workforce, so we decided to reinvest ourselves in the co-op program."

Jason, Roland, and Luke were the first students to experience the revitalized Waters Corp. model, which incorporated highly-focused training during the final trimester of their junior year and throughout the summer to prepare the students for their senior year co-op experience. Succeeding in the demanding program, according to Roland Barrett, required both vocational technical skills and academic knowledge.

"We used trigonometry in the Manufacturing shop and we use it here every day," Roland said. "You have to know a lot of math to do machining. Chemistry, too. The physical properties of each metal are unique. Certain ones need to be cut differently than others. Some of them catch fire if you do it wrong."

Following the conclusion of their co-op program and graduation from Valley Tech, Roland, Jason, and Luke earned invitations to become full-time employees.

"They performed tremendously," Boulay recalled, noting that the BVT students exhibited both the technical and interpersonal skills required of all Waters employees. "Professionalism, courtesy, and working in a team environment are huge here. You can be the best at what you do, but if you don't get along with others, it's not going to happen."

Roland, Jason, and Luke currently work full-time in the areas of valve cell manufacturing, model shop, and column manufacturing, respectively. As Model Shop Manager, Boulay works closest with Jason and has acquired a great deal of respect for the young man's diverse skillset.

"To hire a graduating student into the model shop is a big deal. If I could get 15 more applicants like him, I'd hire them all in a second," Boulay said. "Jason is probably the best welder we've ever had and we've had people who have been welding for 20 years."

In response to Boulay's high praise of his welding skills, Jason said, "I'm somewhat good ... I wouldn't say *very* good."

"He's also a very modest young man," Boulay added with a laugh.

By getting their feet in the door through the Valley Tech co-op program, Luke, Jason, and Roland have attained excellent jobs with room for advancement. Luke is currently working third shift at Waters Corp. and attending a community college during the day. Jason and Roland plan on getting their degrees in Mechanical Engineering and advancing within Waters as engineers, designers, and/or managers. When the time comes to pay for college tuition, the young men will have no problem finding a willing investor.

"Whatever you plan to go to school for, if there's a related position in our business, Waters is willing to fund your education," Boulay explained.

Until then, Jason and Roland are happy to wake up and head to work each day, even if their alarm clocks go off around 4 and 5 a.m. Whatever the future holds, the graduates are grateful to the Valley Tech co-op program for putting them on the path to high-paying, high-skilled, and high-demand positions in a world-class company.

"I told every single freshman and sophomore that I worked with to get on co-op," Roland said. "It's worth it."

### **Mission Accomplished:**

#### **A Message from the Superintendent-Director**

I trust that, like me, readers of our Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report will experience tremendous pride in learning of our co-op program's life-changing impact on Michelle, Luke, Jason, and Roland. More than any statistic or graph could possibly convey, the success of Valley Tech alumni is the greatest indicator that every penny of the Blackstone Valley's investment in its vocational technical system is money well spent.

Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) provided an opportunity to reflect upon the 50th anniversary of our 13-town District's initial investment in vocational technical education. While Valley Tech's mission of empowering students for professional success has not changed since our District's formation, many of the methods of our success have experienced a near-constant state of transformation.

As those of us who have transitioned from a typewriter to a tablet can attest, the world has changed a great deal in the past 50 years. Keeping pace with those changes has required Valley Tech to constantly review and adapt its methods: techniques and technology are updated to reflect the most relevant of modern standards; innovative models and methods of teaching are adopted to accommodate changes in learning styles; and academic excellence is integrated with rigorous vocational technical training to promote the skillset necessary for career advancement and longevity in the 21st century.

In an era of standardized testing and increasingly rigid regulations, the fluidity of Valley Tech's approach is an intriguing concept to leaders in education and government. We gladly share with them our simple, yet impactful, philosophy: *Constant improvement requires constant change*. Awareness of this constant improvement approach was buoyed in FY14 via Valley Tech's appearance on WCVB-TV's "Chronicle" program, endorsements from regional editorial staffs, fact-finding visits from elected officials, and scholarly articles examining vocational technical education's role in the global economy.

While grateful for such acknowledgements, we always credit the role our 13 community partners play in the success of their vocational technical system's students. Over 800 annual applicants receive support from their sending school districts in navigating the Valley Tech admissions process. Once admitted, students build upon the strong foundational skills and knowledge they

acquired in their elementary and middle schools. The dedicated men and women working in the K-8 systems of our 13-town District are owed tremendous credit for our students' continued success on the MCAS exams.

In 50 years, our cooperative commitment to vocational technical education has given thousands of Valley Tech alumni a foothold in the middleclass. Our quality of life and economic strength have benefited from the development of skilled graduates ready to contribute to their community and meet the demands of the modern workforce. As we look toward the next 50 years at BVT, we know that although the world will continue to change, the partnership between Valley Tech and its 13 District towns will stand the test of time.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

**Responding to Workforce Needs:  
New Programs on the Horizon**

Our commitment to meeting the needs of the workforce through the development of relevant vocational technical programs is a cornerstone of Valley Tech's success. In FY14, this commitment prompted the pursuit of three new vocational technical programs.

Based upon student interest and future employment opportunities (as projected by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development), the Valley Tech long term master plan identified the need for additional programs in Engineering Technology, Legal and Protective Services, and Veterinary Assisting. Further, these in-demand programs currently exist in one form or another in neighboring vocational technical systems and attract candidates from our 13-town District, resulting in costly out-of-district tuitions for Valley Tech towns.

A modest \$2.9 million bond proposal to finance establishment of the new programs was put forth in Town Meetings. With respect for local hesitancy to accept new debt, we returned to the drawing board and began exploring the feasibility of a scaled down program expansion. Those efforts, with great support from individuals and employers across the District, continued through the conclusion of FY14 and are expected to result in the establishment of an Engineering Technology program in the 2014-2015 school year.

**FY2014:**

**Another Stellar Year of Vocational & Academic Achievements**

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to receive accolades for its outstanding performance in both academic and vocational programs.

**239**

During the 2013-2014 school year, the number of Valley Tech students taking AP classes jumped from 213 to 239. AP courses were offered in English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, and Physics B.

**12 years**

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System's (MCAS) Spring 2013 test results confirmed improvement by Valley Tech students for the 12th straight year, with instrumental gains in achieving proficiency across all academic requirements. Federal legislation requires all

students reach Advanced or Proficient in Mathematics and English Language Arts by 2014. Valley Tech students are well on their way to accomplishing that goal with 99% doing so in English and 95% in Math, which compares favorably to statewide rates of 91% and 80% respectively.

**91%**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. 91% of Valley Tech students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to 71% statewide.

**80**

After participating in our pilot program for Accelerated Science (Physics and Biology), approximately 80 Valley Tech freshmen took the MCAS science exam.

**\$1,000,000**

Members of the Blackstone Valley Tech Class of 2014 received nearly 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value of nearly \$1 million.

**Historic MCAS Scores for BVT**

Test Date	Class YOG	Math			English Language Arts (ELA)			Science and Technology/Engineering		
		A/P	NI	F	A/P	NI	F	A/P	NI	F
Spring 2013	2015	95%	4%	1%	99%	1%	2%	91%	9%	1%
Spring 2012	2014	92%	7%	1%	98%	2%	0%	87%	12%	2%
Spring 2011	2013	90%	8%	1%	91%	9%	0%	84%	15%	1%
Spring 2010	2012	89%	10%	0%	89%	10%	0%	65%	16%	1%
Spring 2009	2011	84%	13%	3%	86%	13%	1%	61%	21%	3%
Spring 2008	2010	78%	19%	3%	79%	20%	0%	57%	32%	3%
Spring 2007	2009	74%	23%	3%	73%	26%	1%	Testing Not Then Required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)		
Spring 2006	2008	70%	21%	9%	66%	33%	2%			
Spring 2005	2007	62%	30%	8%	55%	41%	4%			
Spring 2004	2006	55%	40%	6%	58%	39%	3%			
Spring 2003	2005	36%	45%	20%	42%	51%	8%			
Spring 2002	2004	34%	41%	27%	34%	55%	13%			
Spring 2001	2003	34%	45%	21%	29%	53%	18%			
YOG - Year of Graduation    A/P - Advanced/Proficient    NI - Needs Improvement    F - Failure										

**Closing the Gap:**

**"Chronicle" Highlights Blackstone Valley Tech**

A popular spotlight was cast on your vocational technical delivery system in early 2014, as WCVB-TV Channel 5 Boston's beloved "Chronicle" program examined Blackstone Valley Tech's success in closing the achievement gap between boys and girls.

While researching solutions to the issue of girls outperforming boys in schools across the country, "Chronicle" producer Amy Masters learned that Valley Tech's male and female students are excelling on equally high levels. According to the highly regarded producer, "Chronicle's" interest in Valley Tech was further fueled by the system's consistently high achievement, completion, and placement rates. Her advance research included review of an article in the September 2013 issue of "The Atlantic Journal," which claimed that BVT's "success with boys is astonishing."

During their visit, Masters and her production team toured Valley Tech's shops and classrooms, and interviewed several students about the connection between vocational technical and academic success.

Video of Valley Tech's appearance on "Chronicle" can be found by visiting:  
[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us)

**Best of the Best:  
SkillsUSA 2014**

Residents of the 13-town Blackstone Valley Tech District can take great pride in their vocational technical school's performance in the 2014 series of SkillsUSA events.

At the SkillsUSA District V competition in March, Valley Tech students captured 67 medals, including 24 gold, 21 silver, and 22 bronze medals. BVT students swept five events: Medical Terminology; Computer Maintenance Technology; Electronics Technology; Restaurant Service; and Technical Computer Applications.

In May, Valley Tech proudly hosted the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Championships for the seventh consecutive year and earned an impressive total of 32 medals, including 19 gold, 9 silver, and 4 bronze medals.

All but two of Valley Tech's state gold medal winners advanced to Kansas City for the 50th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Championships, June 23-27, 2014. Following three days of competition against 5,900 of the nation's top vocational technical students, Valley Tech students won a total of 11 national medals.

Valley Tech's 2014 national SkillsUSA medalists included:

Gold Medals

Anthony Collari (Upton) - Plumbing (2nd consecutive national gold medal)  
Theresa Rook (Upton) - Health Occupations Professional Portfolio  
Michael Altavilla (Mendon) - Principles of Engineering and Technology  
Brittany Rovedo (Blackstone) - Restaurant Service

Silver Medals

Mikayla Corda (Grafton), Ella Dehestani (Millville), and Samatha Cella (Northbridge) - Community Service  
Brett Yoder (Douglas) and Eric Peterson (Mendon) - Mobile Robotics

### Bronze Medals

Dillon Arnold (Northbridge) and Anthony Arrigo (Upton) - Urban Search and Rescue

Team Massachusetts once again earned the second-highest medal count in the nation, second only to the state of Florida. Valley Tech students and their peers are certainly proving the value of a vocational technical education!

### **Best of the Beavers:**

#### **Athletic Hall of Fame Welcomes First Class**

In the fall of 2013, the Blackstone Valley Tech Athletic Hall of Fame proudly inducted its first class of championship-winning teams, standout athletes, and impactful coaches.

"We are honored to recognize such an outstanding class of individuals and teams," said Athletic Director Michele Denise. "The first class of inductees is certainly setting the bar very high for the Valley Tech Athletic Hall of Fame."

The following individuals and teams were formally inducted into the BVT Athletic Hall of Fame on November 29, 2013:

Barry Sclar - Millbury - Athletic Director & Coach: Baseball & Basketball - 1968-1999

Steven Kedski - Grafton - Coach: Basketball, Soccer & Softball - 1972-2004

Richard Brennan - Grafton - Coach: Cross Country & Track - 1974-1992

Rene Hanson - formerly of Uxbridge - Coach: Football - 1999-2007

David J. Westbury - Sutton - Athlete: Baseball & Soccer - Class of 1974

Thomas A. Buma - Northbridge - Athlete: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer & Track - Class of 1979

Christopher D'Aniello - Blackstone - Athlete: Cross Country & Track - Class of 1986

Melissa Short - formerly of Uxbridge - Athlete: Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer & Softball - Class of 1992

Kimberly Charles - formerly of Milford - Athlete: Basketball, Soccer & Softball - Class of 1997

Dean Paine - Upton - Athlete: Baseball & Basketball - Class of 1988

Timothy Earl Nydam - Sutton - Athlete: Baseball, Cross Country & Track - Class of 1983

Nancy Jeanne Nadeau - formerly of Uxbridge - Athlete: Basketball, Soccer & Softball - Class of 1991

Varsity Softball Team - 2006 - First BVT District Championship

Varsity Football Team - 2007 - First BVT Super Bowl Championship

### **A Voice for the Valley:**

#### **Influencing Federal and State Policy, Regulations, and Legislation**

In addition to our District's 50th anniversary, FY14 also marked Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick's 20th year leading your vocational technical system. In that time, the superintendent-director has worked tirelessly with others to shape a school system which serves as a model for innovative, collaborative reform approaches and viable, vibrant methods of teaching and learning. With over 40 years of experience in education, the superintendent's expertise and advocacy are called on each year by a variety of interested parties.

As a member of the American Association of School Administrator's (AASA) Executive Committee, the superintendent met with leaders on Capitol Hill to offer input on nationwide efforts to close America's "skills gap." The superintendent returned to Washington D.C. to participate in the Pathways to Prosperity conference and assist in the planning of a national institute dedicated to helping young Americans gain access to multiple high-quality career pathways.

On Beacon Hill, at the request of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA), the superintendent testified before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding potential changes to the admissions process of the Commonwealth's vocational technical schools. Calling upon his experience as a member of the state's CTVE Task Force, the superintendent provided strong testimony that adoption of a lottery-style admissions process would undermine the very spirit of competition that has fueled the success of the Commonwealth's vocational technical schools and graduates.

The superintendent was also named Vice Chair of the New England School Development Council and a Quinsigamond Community College Guardian. Dr. Fitzpatrick continues serving in the District Administrator Leadership Institute Executive Committee and Blackstone Valley Education Foundation Board of Corporators, as well as the Executive Committees of several professional organizations, including: Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS); Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA); and Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools. Dr. Fitzpatrick has previously served as president of both MASS and MAVA.

#### **Seeing is Believing:**

#### **BVT Proudly Serves as a Model System**

We continue to provide guided tours for guests interested in an up-close look at our internationally recognized model of innovative educational programming and incorporation of the latest technologies to support the workforce of the future.

In recognition of National Manufacturing Day, Representative John V. Fernandes and Senator Richard T. Moore, co-chairs of the Massachusetts Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus, came to Blackstone Valley Tech to examine our Manufacturing and Engineering Technology program's contribution to the regional workforce.

"The biggest complaint we're hearing from over 7,000 manufacturers in our state is about the lack of a skilled workforce," said Rep. Fernandes. "We have to provide them with an educated and capable workforce. Valley Tech is helping us do that."

Sparks literally flew when Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Matthew H. Malone and two students put on a demonstration of their welding skills. According to Malone, his hands-on tour of Valley Tech provided valuable insight into the development of programs capable of responding to the needs of the modern workforce.

"Valley Tech is one of the top vocational technical schools in the state," Malone said. "Studying its best practices can help us build schools with the same kind of programming."

Accompanied by state Representative George N. Peterson, Jr., gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker spoke with dozens of students as he toured BVT. Baker's visit included a bite to eat in the Culinary Arts department, an up-close look at repairs in Automotive Technology, some shopping in our student-run school store, and a discussion with Health Services students about Baker's experience as the former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

"So many students here believe they have a purpose and a place," Baker commented. "They have a good idea of where they're going and I think that's a great thing in today's world and today's economy."

In March, a group of educators and administrators from New York's Mohonasen Central School District and Capital Region Board of Cooperative Education Services came to Blackstone Valley Tech to learn about the Massachusetts model of high school vocational technical education. Along with Congressman Jim McGovern, the superintendent-director and principal provided the group with an in-depth overview of the successful Massachusetts model and Valley Tech's best practices, including system-wide performance awards, increased professional development for teachers, and extended school year.

Valley Tech also hosted a statewide professional development conference, a doctorate candidate studying vocational technical education, numerous reporters, and the 13 town managers of the BVT District.

#### **Return on Investment:**

#### **Fiscal Austerity a Priority**

As with all of our endeavors, the District's operating budget for FY14 was developed in support of the personal and professional success of our students in their chosen career and technical programs. Valley Tech continues to transform education through the integration of academic excellence and vocational technical training, implementation of new Common Core Standards, and accountability of our dedicated staff. Maintaining stakeholder confidence through solid educational practices and related fiscal austerity continues to be Valley Tech's highest priority. To that end, the total budget was developed with a modest 3.00% increase.

The District's FY14 operating budget of \$20,459,055 was funded primarily by State Aid and Member Assessments. However, many of our member towns continue to experience increasing state-mandated minimum contributions (see chart below). Valley Tech is committed to identifying an appropriate mix of cost savings, additional revenue sources, and the use of unreserved fund balance to help mitigate those increases. Valley Tech staff and students are able to undertake much of the maintenance of the building along with monitoring the facility's complex ventilation and heating system, saving thousands of additional dollars in outside labor costs.

The District maintains its commitment to a single, consolidated annual request to facilitate vital fiscal management and planning by our 13 towns in this period of fiscal austerity. Valley Tech

operates within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams. With the exception of special debt or an occasional capital improvement initiative, Valley Tech's single budget request includes workers' compensation, health and other insurance, unemployment, snow removal, federal/state revenue shortfalls, central office, bookkeeping, treasurer, legal, audit, and other expenses. Special Education and Student Assessment costs are also included within the annual budget.

The District continues to explore staffing efficiencies, student work project endeavors, competitive procurement practices, and green school initiatives that will generate realized savings to replenish the District's unreserved fund balance and provide valued services to our member communities. In FY14, these efforts resulted in direct member credits of \$44,636.

<b>BUDGETED REVENUE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Revenue Category</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>% Incr</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>% Incr</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>% Incr</b>
Member Town Assessments:						
Minimum Contribution	8,881,138	3.36%	9,269,607	4.37%	9,320,500	0.55%
*Non Net School Spending Items	1,405,543		1,457,476		1,447,365	
Member Credits	(213,000)		(250,759)		(44,636)	
Debt Service	639,394		625,220		610,538	
<b>Total Member Assessments</b>	<b>10,713,075</b>	<b>3.36%</b>	<b>11,101,544</b>	<b>3.63%</b>	<b>11,333,767</b>	<b>2.09%</b>
State Aid:						
Chapter 70 - Regional Aid	7,614,352		7,790,890		8,098,975	
Transportation Reimbursement	577,094		625,279		654,186	
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>8,191,446</b>		<b>8,416,169</b>		<b>8,753,161</b>	
Other Revenue Sources:						
Miscellaneous Income	122,761		94,500		122,127	
Unreserved Fund Balance	300,000		250,000		250,000	
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>422,761</b>		<b>344,500</b>		<b>372,127</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>19,327,282</b>	<b>1.99%</b>	<b>19,862,213</b>	<b>2.77%</b>	<b>20,459,055</b>	<b>3.00%</b>

**\*Non NSS Items Include: Transportation (over state aid), Capital Equipment & Retiree Medical**

**Community Projects:**

**Experience for Students - Savings for Stakeholders**

Each year, student work projects provide District residents with a tangible return on their investment while allowing Valley Tech students to gain valuable hands-on experience in the real world. Throughout our 13-town District, Valley Tech's work on capital improvement projects is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets. As a vocational technical school, we maximize the impact of stakeholder investments by using internal talent and resources on campus improvements and renovations. District residents can realize further savings by enjoying the discounted services offered in Valley Tech's student-run restaurant, salon, and school store.

In FY14, a total of 833 projects and services resulted in significant savings for District communities and residents:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$322,455
In School Projects/Installations/Repairs	\$245,719
Total Savings to District Taxpayers	\$568,174

Student work projects in 2014 included a win-win partnership between Valley Tech and the Uxbridge Police Department. Looking to construct two brand new evidence rooms with gifted funding, Chief of Police Jeffrey A. Lourie knew exactly where to turn.

"We needed to be conservative with the gift account because the town doesn't have a lot of funding for these types of projects," Chief Lourie explained. "The most cost effective route was to reach out to Valley Tech."

By working with BVT on supplies, materials, and construction details, the Uxbridge Police Department is estimated to have saved roughly \$10,000. Designing, constructing, and wiring the 12x24 foot evidence rooms provided valuable experience for our Drafting, Electrical, and Construction students.

In the town of Bellingham, a garden was transformed into an outdoor classroom thanks to a partnership between Valley Tech and South Elementary School. Utilizing their skills in drafting, carpentry, and construction, Valley Tech students installed a series of benches inside the garden space and ensured that South Elementary students will be learning in the great outdoors for years to come.

"We could never have afforded to buy such durable benches," said Kindergarten teacher Michelle Jewers.

In addition to helping District towns save on capital projects, FY14 student work projects provided assistance directly to District residents and civic organizations. Valley Tech partnered with Catholic Charities, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of New England, and Koopman Lumber to replace the wheelchair ramp of an Uxbridge resident. A new service launched by Business Technology students provided technical assistance to senior citizens interested in learning how to use the latest personal electronic devices. Grant funding was again utilized in FY14 to offer health and dental services and education to our community partners.

#### **Grants:**

##### **Additional Funding to Support Our Community Partners**

As a fiscally diligent partner, it is up to Blackstone Valley Tech to seek and secure additional funding to maximize the return on our member communities' annual investment. By meeting strict standards established by the state and its private sector partners for vocational technical programs, Valley Tech qualifies for significant Chapter 74 state revenue to match local financing efforts. We further complement local assessments through the diligent pursuit of grant funding, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In FY14, our commitment to securing outside funding to benefit our community partners was exemplified by our successful application for a Massachusetts Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) grant. Thanks to the \$56,400 CIC grant, Valley Tech formed a Multi-Board Purchasing Program with the Mendon-Upton Regional School District and the Town of Upton. By cooperatively purchasing a new articulated hydraulic lift, each of the Multi-Board members is projected to save roughly \$10,000 per year.

With no impact to local assessments, vehicles donated by the Hanover Insurance Group and the Wiersma Insurance Agency allowed Valley Tech students and staff to roll up their sleeves and work on vehicles featuring some of the latest in automotive technology and design. Sure, the cars were a bit dinged up, but that's just the way our Auto Tech and Auto Body programs like them!

Valley Tech successfully applied for a grant of \$180,000 from the MetroWest Health Foundation, which will be used to establish a variety of services for students returning to school following extended medical leaves. This grant covered the cost of hiring a full-time licensed social worker to facilitate the program and the creation of a "transition space."

A \$99,070 grant from the Commonwealth's Vocational Opportunity Challenge (VOC) program will be invested in technological upgrades in our Manufacturing and Engineering Technology program. Along with this grant, our Manufacturing program benefited immensely thanks to growing partnerships with Haas Automation, Siemens, and the Manufacturing Advancement Center Workforce Innovation Collaborative. Grants were also used to fund our expanding engineering and robotics programs.

<b>FY14 Grants Listing</b>			
Fed - Title I	\$ 75,144.00	MetroWest Health - Behavioral Health (3 year duration)	\$ 180,000.00
Fed - Title II A	\$ 19,054.00	State VOC Grant - CNC Lathes and Mills	\$ 99,070.00
Fed - Title I Carryover	\$ 592.00	Siemens Software Grant (Mfg Tech/in-kind)	\$ 291,693.00
Fed - SpEd 240	\$ 271,408.00	Mass Life Sciences - Veterinary Assisting Equipment	\$ 90,000.00
Fed - SpEd Program Improvement	\$ 4,958.00	State A&F - Community Innovation Challenge	\$ 56,400.00
Fed - Race to the Top	\$ 26,828.00	State VOC Grant - Dental Reconfiguration/Equipment	\$ 25,000.00
Fed - Perkins	\$ 161,503.00	Mass EOPSS - AED Grant Program	\$ 5,980.00
Fed - Perkins Post-Secondary (LPN Program)	\$ 2,065.00	Anonymous - First Robotics (Student Activities)	\$ 5,038.00
<b>Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 561,552.00</b>	EMC - First Robotics (Student Activities)	\$ 5,000.00
State - Academic Support (School Year)	\$ 768.00	BVCCEF/Lampin - Equipment (Mfg Tech)	\$ 4,500.00
State - Academic Support (Summer)	\$ 17,680.00	BVCCEF - Aquaponics (Culinary Arts)	\$ 1,000.00
State (DYS)- Bridging The Opportunity	\$ 31,000.00	BVCCEF - VEX Robotics	\$ 1,000.00
<b>State Entitlement Grants Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 49,448.00</b>	BVCCEF - Seniors 4 Seniors (Dental)	\$ 500.00
		VTEF - DECA Competition (Business Tech)	\$ 1,000.00
		VTEF - Aviation Club (Student Activities)	\$ 1,000.00
		VTEF - Project Smile (Dental)	\$ 850.00
		Mass Dental Society - Project Smile (Dental)	\$ 2,000.00
		Ribas Associates - ED Evaluation Training	\$ 3,000.00
		Mass MEP - Educational Curriculum (Mfg Tech/in-kind)	\$ 63,000.00
		CAT Milton - Simulators (Construction Tech/in-kind)	\$ 20,000.00
		<b>Competitive Grants Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$856,031.00</b>
		<b>FY14 Grant Total:</b>	<b>\$1,467,031.00</b>

### **Class of 2014: Blackstone Graduates**

#### **\*National Honors Society (NHS) and National Technical Honors Society (NTHS)**

Samuel J. Bissonnette, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Benjamin S. Campbell, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Timothy M. Chartier (NHS/NTHS), Multimedia Communications; Corey R. Coleman, Information Technology; Meghan E. Gill, Dental Assisting; Beau D. Hannan, Automotive Technology; Aaron M. Kaczor, Plumbing; David P. Kwasny, Jr., Plumbing; Jessica P. Lema, Dental Assisting; Courtney E. Leonard (NHS), Painting and Design Technologies; Gregory J. Millette, Automotive Technology; Shannon L. O'Toole (NHS), Drafting and Engineering Technology; Dominique R. Page (NHS/NTHS), Dental Assisting; Charmagne L. Pearson, Business Technology; Brittany S. Rovedo (NTHS), Culinary Arts; Samantha E. Sadwin (NHS/NTHS), Painting and Design Technologies; Samantha N. Salois, Multimedia Communications; James M. Sullivan, Jr., Plumbing; Kyle M. Tancrell, Electrical; Samuel D. Taylor, Auto Body.

**Our School Committee ...**

Valley Tech's School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy. The Committee recently welcomed Dennis P. Braun, who was appointed by Mendon officials to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michael D. Peterson in December 2013. Mr. Peterson represented Mendon on the Committee for 14 years, and provided capable leadership as chair for 6 ½ years. We thank him for his valued service and wish him well in his retirement.

**Chairman** - Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham

**Vice Chairman** - Gerald M. Finn of Millville

**Assistant Treasurer** – Paul M. Yanovitch of Hopedale

Williams J. Pontes of Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III of Douglas

Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton

Dennis P. Braun of Mendon

Arthur E. Morin, Jr. of Milford

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury

Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge

Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Sutton

Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr. of Upton

James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge

**Superintendent-Director** – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

**District Treasurer** – Barbara A. Auger

**Secretary** – Diana Pedersen

## BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### J RATIO SALARY LISTING FOR FY2014

Kindly note that Blackstone Valley Technical High School teaching staff, unlike traditional high schools, are responsible for a 195 day school year. Additionally, included with this listing are full year Administrators and Support Staff who work 260 days a year.

Last Name	First Initial	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06468
Al-Haza	K	\$72,343.00	\$4,679.15
Alie	L	\$59,691.00	\$3,860.81
Allen	C	\$72,752.00	\$4,705.60
Antonelli	J	\$26,652.28	\$1,723.87
Arnold	G	\$95,840.27	\$6,198.95
Auger	B	\$22,716.15	\$1,469.28
Aukstikalnis	J	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Bakis	J	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Barbour	D	\$22,652.50	\$1,465.16
Bartelloni-Kedski	D	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Beaudreau	D	\$61,944.00	\$4,006.54
Beauregard	V	\$51,798.24	\$3,350.31
Beckman	J	\$30,794.08	\$1,991.76
Belland	T	\$103,637.96	\$6,703.30
Bird	J	\$77,144.00	\$4,989.67
Breger	F	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
Brochu	J	\$98,120.72	\$6,346.45
Cairney	D	\$47,976.71	\$3,103.13
Caligaris	S	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Cann	D	\$56,684.00	\$3,666.32
Chan	T	\$59,059.60	\$3,819.97
Checce	K	\$24,011.65	\$1,553.07
Chenis	K	\$25,689.40	\$1,661.59
Collard	C	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Collins	L	\$7,163.00	\$463.30
Collins	T	\$59,194.80	\$3,828.72
Conley	M	\$42,892.41	\$2,774.28
Connors	M	\$72,454.00	\$4,686.32
Cook	M	\$22,652.50	\$1,465.16
Coonan	B	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Corda	R	\$49,449.08	\$3,198.37
Corriveau	J	\$59,691.00	\$3,860.81

Cote	C	\$68,424.25	\$4,425.68
Creely	G	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Crouch	C	\$63,425.24	\$4,102.34
D'Amico	L	\$56,371.64	\$3,646.12
Denise	M	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Dicrescentis	L	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Diesenhau	S	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Doherty	J	\$57,437.00	\$3,715.03
Dolegiewicz	R	\$38,106.00	\$2,464.70
Donahue	M	\$51,973.43	\$3,361.64
Donahue	S	\$49,252.03	\$3,185.62
Donovan	P	\$68,704.00	\$4,443.77
Dubois	D	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
Duvernay	D	\$41,883.54	\$2,709.03
Ellis	A	\$61,944.00	\$4,006.54
Erickson	K	\$61,944.00	\$4,006.54
Etzweiler	V	\$37,781.72	\$2,443.72
Evans	E	\$90,000.00	\$5,821.20
Fantelli	L	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Faticanti	M	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Ferrandino Bedard	A	\$61,944.00	\$4,006.54
Finnell	T	\$41,050.08	\$2,655.12
Fiore	J	\$51,693.00	\$3,343.50
Fitzpatrick	M	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Fitzpatrick	J	\$207,048.41	\$13,391.89
Fleisher	A	\$47,728.20	\$3,087.06
Flynn	J	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Forgit	C	\$54,430.00	\$3,520.53
Fraser	A	\$67,687.22	\$4,378.01
Freitas	T	\$58,938.00	\$3,812.11
Garrison	J	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Gauthier	S	\$66,456.00	\$4,298.37
Gonsalves-Arpin	P	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Grabowski	S	\$44,998.80	\$2,910.52
Granger	G	\$54,430.00	\$3,520.53
Grupposo	N	\$57,437.00	\$3,715.03
Gualtieri	M	\$63,444.00	\$4,103.56
Guertin	J	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Guitarini	F	\$32,122.04	\$2,077.65
Hagen	P	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Hall	E	\$19,068.08	\$1,233.32
Hanington	C	\$77,298.55	\$4,999.67
Hathaway	D	\$92,700.00	\$5,995.84

Haven	K	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Hennessy	E	\$100,742.89	\$6,516.05
Hilemn	J	\$3,646.50	\$235.86
Hughes	T	\$50,839.53	\$3,288.30
Jackman	A	\$4,625.30	\$299.16
Johnson	K	\$120,651.79	\$7,803.76
Joubert	C	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Kahler	J	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Kehowski	S	\$68,704.00	\$4,443.77
Khorasani	B	\$42,008.26	\$2,717.09
King	B	\$27,569.43	\$1,783.19
Koopman	P	\$21,061.70	\$1,362.27
Lane	B	\$22,425.07	\$1,450.45
Langin	C	\$61,482.00	\$3,976.66
Laprade	D	\$10,224.00	\$661.29
Lavallee	J	\$77,144.00	\$4,989.67
LeBoeuf-Dubois	S	\$50,001.08	\$3,234.07
Lefrancoi	D	\$48,428.00	\$3,132.32
Lehner	R	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Lehtinen	B	\$74,681.00	\$4,830.37
Lemarbre	P	\$79,474.00	\$5,140.38
Lemay	G	\$33,978.75	\$2,197.75
Lewis	D	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
Lizotte	C	\$2,521.12	\$163.07
Lord	K	\$19,038.46	\$1,231.41
Lotoski	K	\$2,541.50	\$164.38
Lubas	P	\$40,741.96	\$2,635.19
MacLure	A	\$48,428.00	\$3,132.32
MacWilliams	M	\$79,928.48	\$5,169.77
Maher	J	\$34,974.00	\$2,262.12
Mainini	K	\$33,405.78	\$2,160.69
Malo	K	\$22,328.60	\$1,444.21
Mangano	L	\$78,551.20	\$5,080.69
Martell	K	\$65,697.00	\$4,249.28
Mazzini	L	\$8,820.00	\$570.48
Mcardle	J	\$72,752.00	\$4,705.60
McCabe	M	\$44,999.55	\$2,910.57
Mcdermott	S	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Merchant	S	\$50,256.58	\$3,250.60
Metivier	M	\$10,029.05	\$648.68
Michel	M	\$56,982.00	\$3,685.60
Miles	D	\$52,174.00	\$3,374.61
Milewski	S	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10

Millette	J	\$64,196.00	\$4,152.20
Morrison	A	\$37,505.75	\$2,425.87
Moynihan	K	\$50,680.00	\$3,277.98
Muise	B	\$79,189.00	\$5,121.94
Mura	K	\$42,446.04	\$2,745.41
Murray	C	\$46,165.68	\$2,986.00
Naper	J	\$79,189.00	\$5,121.94
Nigro	A	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Norton	M	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Nosiglia	B	\$67,275.00	\$4,351.35
O'Leary	J	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
O'Neil	L	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
O'Neil	R	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Odell	E	\$35,958.75	\$2,325.81
Odell	R	\$23,684.00	\$1,531.88
Olivier	K	\$84,094.00	\$5,439.20
Pedersen	D	\$57,628.80	\$3,727.43
Pehl	L	\$55,682.90	\$3,601.57
Pellegrino	M	\$55,432.00	\$3,585.34
Perreault	P	\$68,704.00	\$4,443.77
Petty	F	\$25,740.42	\$1,664.89
Pilibosian	C	\$3,003.77	\$194.28
Pires	K	\$30,647.50	\$1,982.28
PolSELLI	J	\$67,950.00	\$4,395.01
PolSELLI	K	\$22,652.50	\$1,465.16
Potenti	M	\$64,196.00	\$4,152.20
Powers	M	\$29,128.45	\$1,884.03
Pratt	S	\$38,756.49	\$2,506.77
Procopio	F	\$5,102.04	\$330.00
Provencher	J	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
Ramsey	W	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Reilly	E	\$52,930.00	\$3,423.51
Reynolds	D	\$41,760.00	\$2,701.04
Richardson	L	\$28,941.90	\$1,871.96
Rivera	D	\$76,936.00	\$4,976.22
Rivers	D	\$44,516.16	\$2,879.31
Rose	D	\$70,499.00	\$4,559.88
Rose	S	\$46,500.00	\$3,007.62
Ruzanski	K	\$63,741.00	\$4,122.77
Shea	K	\$86,868.00	\$5,618.62
Sherman	E	\$50,680.00	\$3,277.98
Smith	A	\$37,677.54	\$2,436.98
Smith	E	\$72,343.00	\$4,679.15

Sosa	K	\$22,057.50	\$1,426.68
Sroka	D	\$98,500.00	\$6,370.98
St. Hilaire	N	\$54,430.00	\$3,520.53
Stachura	S	\$72,752.00	\$4,705.60
Steele	A	\$126,700.00	\$8,194.96
Stewart	G	\$35,558.64	\$2,299.93
Stienstra	D	\$81,712.00	\$5,285.13
Sutton	M	\$69,862.71	\$4,518.72
Swanick	M	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Swasey	R	\$89,982.90	\$5,820.09
Tessicini	J	\$40,036.50	\$2,589.56
Theroux	D	\$51,385.68	\$3,323.63
Theroux	J	\$31,160.00	\$2,015.43
Toulouse	C	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Traviglia	P	\$41,717.43	\$2,698.28
Trimby	K	\$21,154.77	\$1,368.29
Urquhart	M	\$92,925.00	\$6,010.39
VanKeuren	M	\$34,556.40	\$2,235.11
Walsh	L	\$14,727.21	\$952.56
Ward	C	\$50,680.00	\$3,277.98
Wersted	S	\$79,547.00	\$5,145.10
Wetherbee	B	\$8,247.36	\$533.44
Whitesell	Y	\$101,520.56	\$6,566.35
Whittier	B	\$76,852.00	\$4,970.79
Williams	M	\$81,801.00	\$5,290.89
Wills	A	\$36,578.70	\$2,365.91
Wingert	J	\$28,711.20	\$1,857.04
Woodward	J	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
Woodworth	S	\$70,499.00	\$4,559.88
Yancik	D	\$77,537.00	\$5,015.09
		<u>\$11,223,542.41</u>	<u>\$725,938.72</u>

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2014

The values for Fiscal 2015 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 30, 2014.

Fiscal 2015 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 in Fiscal 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. At the Annual Town Meeting held on 5/27/2014 a motion was made and seconded to extend this local option. The extension was passed by majority voice vote.

Fiscal year 2015 began on July 1, 2014 and runs to June 30, 2015. Adjustments have been made to the assessments to reflect the changing market. These adjustments are based on the market value of property as of January 1, 2014. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2013 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, for classifications with a limited number of sales. Valuations were

also developed from information in Marshall Swift Cost Publications, and on information extracted from income and expense reports received from local commercial and industrial property owners. 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 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, 2012 through June 30 2014 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 December 30, 2015 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2015 is \$814,952,499. This reflects a positive .9% change from the previous year.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 11/18/2014. 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 2015 tax rate is \$19.48 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 eight years and this is the seventh 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  
2014 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2014 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 247 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	13
Additions/Garages	08
Service Entrance/Panel	28
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	19
Fire/Security Alarm	15
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	16
Vinyl Siding	09
Septic Pump Units	05
Generators/AC	07
Meters	02
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	20
Fixtures/Outlets	24
Solar panel	78
Well/Pump Stations	03

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, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector, William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Casavant, Assistant Electrical Inspector and James Paige, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department	\$15,627.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence I. Ray  
Electrical Inspector

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
2014 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2014 there were 330 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	13
Additions/Garages	08
Roofs	37
Sheds	10
Porches/Decks	15
Vinyl Siding/Replacement Windows/Doors	29
Pools/ Spas	14
Demolition	06
Foundation/Footings	22
Repairs/Renovations/Remodel	35
Pellet and Wood Stoves	19
Insulation	09
Fences	13
Signs	04
Solar Panels	78
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	12
Outdoor Wood Boiler	01
Temporary/Tents/Trailers	05

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	\$8,930,313.00
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department		\$ 68,677.05
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees		\$ 11,100.00
Plumbing/Gas Department		\$ 14,206.00
Electrical Department		\$ 15,627.00
Recycling Center	\$482,315.47	
Less: Product Percentage Payments	( 28,999.63)	\$ 453,315.84
Board of Health		<u>\$ 21,930.00</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	\$ 584,855.89
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Liens on Property	\$ 46,457.89
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I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Lawrence I. Ray, Electrical Inspector, William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Casavant, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Assistant Plumbing Inspector and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Earl J. Vater  
Municipal Inspector

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

It has been a fast two years since my election to the position of Collector/Treasurer. The best part of the job is still the interaction with the residents of our great town. We have learned an incredible amount during our time in office and have implemented several changes to it make easier for the residents to pay their excise, property, personal property taxes and excise bills. People seem to really like the changes and we appreciate the positive feedback we continue to receive.

**HIGHLIGHTED AREA OF CHANGE:** Our new on-line bill pay system seems to be a huge success. Did you know you can do these things from the comfort of your own living room?

View and print actual copies of your bills.

Pay multiple bills using an e-check for one .50 cents charge (a stamp is .49 cents).

Pay using credit/debit card for a 3.2% fee.

Pay bills 24 hours a day!

The office billed \$16,192,246.72 and we collected \$15,748,156.55 in FY2014.

Overall collection rate - 97.3%

Real Estate collection rate - 97.8%

Personal Property collection rate – 99.9%

Excise collection rate – 92.37%

### OUTSTANDING JOB BY OUR RESIDENTS – THANK YOU

While we understand the pressures of these tough economic times property ownership comes with the responsibility of paying property taxes. Holding the office of Collector/Treasurer comes with the responsibility to collect these taxes and protect the town's interests.

I would like to publically thank the Assistant Treasurer, Catherine Muller and the Assistant Collector, Lauren Zahorsky for their exceptional dedication to duty and the Town of Blackstone

Very Respectfully,

*Steven J. Perrault*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30, 2014

<b>NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$5,005,360.87</b>
<b>TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,262,853.79</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,007,950.44</b>
<b>TOTAL: Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$11,276,165.10</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Municipal Center  
Salary Listing  
Calendar Year 2014**

**SELECTMEN**

Wells, Russell L.	Chairman Selectmen	\$	1350.00
Chamberland, Ryan	Vice Chairman Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Bik, Margaret	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Catalano, Michael	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Dubois, Robert	Selectmen	\$	1,575.00
Haughey, Paul	Selectmen	\$	375.00

**ADMINISTRATION**

Keyes, Daniel	Town Administrator	\$	102,863.75
Nadeau-Lemoine, Sandra	Administrative Assistant	\$	37,575.00
Boucher, Barbara A	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	5150.66
Lemoine, Kelsey S	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	262.50
Milliken, Kim	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	5,492.70
Stone, Frederick	Town Moderator	\$	150.00

**ACCOUNTANT**

Hebert, Julie	Town Accountant	\$	60,743.62
Englund, Maureen	Asst. Town Accountant	\$	18,207.70
Muller, Jillian N	Asst. Town Accountant	\$	29,848.37

**ASSESSOR**

Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena	Assessor	\$	1,000.00
Gilbert, Robert	Board of Assessor	\$	900.00
Whiteley, Carole	Board of Assessor	\$	900.00
Salamone, Patricia	Assistant Assessor	\$	56,577.05
Campopiano, Rachel	Administrative Assistant	\$	40,072.41

### **CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**

Gautreau, Robin M	Secretary	\$	110.16
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### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Keefe, Laurie S	COA Director	\$	26,237.65
Boulette, Jean	COA Director	\$	41,587.26
Leclair, Gail	Nutrition Manager	\$	29,745.23
Pimenta, Dennis	Transportation Manager	\$	12,586.55
Greenhalgh, Robert	Veteran's Agent	\$	8,525.78
Bernardini, Eugene	Van Driver	\$	1,750.36
Bouvier, Dennis R	Van Driver	\$	5,424.69
Cardinal, Therese	Van Driver	\$	6,853.02
Ceolinski, David	Van Driver	\$	8,086.11
Davidson, Nancy	Van Driver	\$	5,583.14
Rainville, Alan	Van Driver	\$	6,585.13

### **COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

Perrault, Steven	Collector/Treasurer	\$	48,651.85
Muller, Catherine	Assistant Treasurer	\$	38,430.67
Zahorsky, Lauren M	Assistant Collector	\$	18,030.04

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Sullivan, James	Superintendent	\$	97,555.09
Paterson, Kelly	Secretary	\$	44,649.74
Sutherland, Amy	Secretary	\$	37,281.30
Marchand, Thomas	Equipment Operator	\$	63,026.69
Paterson, Donald	Mechanic	\$	61,698.87
Varier, Robert	Lead man	\$	76,797.46
Wildes, Arthur	Truck Driver	\$	43,150.11
Blanchette, Alexander R	Laborer	\$	1,680.00
Devlin, Michael	Laborer	\$	40,000.64
Faneuf, Randall	Laborer	\$	40,562.33
Fournier, Dylan	Laborer	\$	112.00
Hedyka, Corey J	Laborer	\$	1,616.00
Mowry, Beau	Laborer	\$	35,148.44

Robidoux, Adam	Laborer	\$	48,448.08
Staples, Joshua	Laborer	\$	35,432.04
Valastro, Paul-Michael	Laborer	\$	43,333.57

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Sweeney, Michael	Fire Chief	\$	89,587.19
Marcoux, Michael	Deputy Chief	\$	79,911.97
Cotnoir, Kenneth	Lieutenant	\$	76,644.09
Frade, Paul	Lieutenant	\$	78,841.16
Iannetti, Anthony	Lieutenant	\$	77,010.26
Sevigny, Joey	Lieutenant	\$	79,871.98
Johnson, Ramsey	Firefighter	\$	82,342.07
Marshall, Christine	Firefighter	\$	65,324.42
Roy, Kevin	Firefighter	\$	69,718.35
Beaulieu, Gregory	Call Firefighter	\$	1,624.00
Beaulieu, Kaitlin	Call Firefighter	\$	686.00
Billings, Michael A	Call Firefighter	\$	1,068.00
Blake, Samuel	Call Firefighter	\$	1,110.00
Bourget, David F	Call Firefighter	\$	168.00
Campbell, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,162.00
Cotnoir, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	225.00
Cunningham, James	Call Firefighter	\$	1,400.00
Dunayeski, Thomas	Call Firefighter	\$	1,406.50
Gignac, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	449.50
Jolicoeur, Stephen	Call Firefighter	\$	196.00
Lanctot, Christopher	Call Firefighter	\$	1,064.00
Rainville, Daniel	Call Firefighter	\$	1,036.00
Rainville, Edward	Call Firefighter	\$	1,470.00
Rainville, Lucien	Call Firefighter	\$	1,095.00
Sweeney, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,722.00

### **INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

Walsh, William	Code Enforcement	\$	73,523.95
Strapponi, Colleen	Secretary	\$	42,875.17
Casavant, Craig	Electrical Inspector	\$	1,000.00
Larue, Lisa	Conservation Comm Sec	\$	3,997.22
Paige, James	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	\$	1,015.00
Pontes, William	Blk Valley Voc Board	\$	1,500.00

Ray, Lawrence	Wiring Inspector	\$	7,353.00
Ryan, Peter	Board of Health	\$	1,860.00
Vater, Earl	Building Inspector	\$	23,737.50
Weber, Lawrence	Tree Warden	\$	2,500.00

### **LIBRARY**

Cheever, Lisa	Library Director	\$	57,086.66
Collier, Tressy	Children's Librarian / Assistant Library Director	\$	33,914.16
Ansell, Donna	Senior Library Technician / Head of Circulation	\$	34,436.54
Binette, Denise	Library Aide	\$	2,003.97
Buehler, Dianne	Library Aide	\$	5,340.68
Foster, Donna	Library Aide	\$	6,312.78
Goudreau, Ellen	Library Aide	\$	8,102.29
Herbert, Olivia	Library Aide	\$	6,250.53
Marino-Page, Cheryl	Library Aide	\$	2,866.40
Mezzadri, Amy M	Library Aide	\$	2,373.66
Miller, Karen	Library Aide	\$	3,244.00
Narducci, Michelle	Library Aide	\$	1,554.76
Robeau, Shiela	Library Aide	\$	5,964.41
Marvelle, Roger	Custodian	\$	30,983.31
Marvelle, Russell	Substitute Custodian	\$	2,354.53

### **PARADE COMMITTEE**

Villamaire, Michelle	Secretary	\$	927.18
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### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Bissonnette, Debra	Secretary	\$	514.08
Barrett, Dylan	Parks Helper	\$	6,334.50
Ernest, John	Parks Helper	\$	5,856.00
Shonon, Christopher	Parks Helper	\$	5,590.00
St Amant, Zachary	Parks Helper	\$	4855.50

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Atstupenas, Ross	Police Chief	\$	110,607.42
Gilmore, Gregory	Lieutenant	\$	78,712.55
Ryan, Richard	Sergeant	\$	102,226.23
Blanchette, David	Police Officer	\$	82,271.74
Brodeur, Shawn	Police Officer	\$	70,971.41
Daigle, Patrick	Police Officer	\$	67,553.77
Dion, Scott J	Police Officer	\$	32,153.33
Giardino, Daniel	Police Officer	\$	85,312.15
Haynes, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	73,326.19
Hurwitz, Maxwell	Police Officer	\$	103,839.84
Laudon, David B	Police Officer	\$	64,568.08
Loether, Travis	Police Officer	\$	71,504.18
Luis, Kevin	Police Officer	\$	84,272.88
Lungarini, Anthony	Police Officer	\$	73,990.98
Mantoni, Matthew	Police Officer	\$	92,931.92
Metz, Craig	Police Officer	\$	67,896.37
Niemczyk, Joseph	Police Officer	\$	75,145.07
Pavone, Michael F	Police Officer	\$	20,978.39
Sullivan, Kevin	Animal Control	\$	18,741.81
Dugas, Albert	Police Dispatcher	\$	66,192.23
Farrington, Sandra	Police Dispatcher	\$	55,550.40
Foster, Shawn	Police Dispatcher	\$	3,477.45
Gibbons, Kyle	Police Dispatcher	\$	3,318.30
Ladouceur, Brian	Police Dispatcher	\$	8,530.62
Marois, Derek	Police Dispatcher	\$	478.00
Morris, Mark M	Police Dispatcher	\$	6,434.75
Weber, Bettina	Police Dispatcher	\$	62,517.90
Wilson, Kirsten M	Police Dispatcher	\$	5,186.30
Bartlett, Adam J	Police Detail	\$	672.00
Claffey, Michael J	Police Detail	\$	320.00
Coupe William	Police Detail	\$	2,199.50
Dean, Jeffrey A	Police Detail	\$	992.00
Dunlavey, Philip G	Police Detail	\$	420.00
Gould, Scott	Police Detail	\$	160.00
Hayes, Joseph N	Police Detail	\$	1,023.50
Lima, Marco C	Police Detail	\$	210.00
Maloney, John D	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Michniewicz, Thomas	Police Detail	\$	2,100.00
Minichiello, Frank	Police Detail	\$	719.00
Rolls, Julius L	Police Detail	\$	871.50
Tappan, Gregory	Police Detail	\$	336.00

## **RECYCLE CENTER**

Rego, Marco	Foreman	\$	47,561.89
Aharonian, Koren	Recycling Attendant	\$	209.60
Beach, James	Recycling Attendant	\$	36,944.19
Bedloin, Delbert L	Recycling Attendant	\$	605.64
Blanchette, Ryan	Recycling Attendant	\$	18,429.54
Crochiere, John	Recycling Attendant	\$	217.92
Dayon, Jeromy R	Recycling Attendant	\$	985.00
Densmore, Gage D	Recycling Attendant	\$	405.00
Devlin, Thomas F	Recycling Attendant	\$	2,474.04
Guillemette, Gerard A	Recycling Attendant	\$	1650.00
Guillemette, Jeanne R	Recycling Attendant	\$	1650.00
Labonte, Catherine M	Recycling Attendant	\$	240.00
Labonte, Leo P	Recycling Attendant	\$	240.00
Lomberto, Kevin	Recycling Attendant	\$	37,285.44
Reynolds, Patrick H	Recycling Attendant	\$	925.00
Ryan, Joseph	Recycling Attendant	\$	2,883.42
Ryan, Kevin	Recycling Attendant	\$	38,891.58
Ryan, Oliver J	Recycling Attendant	\$	820.00
Santoro, Peter W	Recycling Attendant	\$	2,550.00
Schofield, Mary	Recycling Attendant	\$	10,783.78

## **TOWN CLERK**

Dolinski, Claudette	Town Clerk	\$	58,802.03
Bik, Donna	Asst. Town Clerk	\$	38,586.36
Picard, Julie	Office Assistant	\$	19,966.29
Doyle, Daniel	Board of Registrars	\$	250.00
Greenwald, Marc	Board of Registrars	\$	200.00
Mercier, Suzanne	Board of Registrars	\$	200.00

TOTAL \$ 4,321,964.16

## **Blackstone 2014 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 has a seven member advisory board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The COA board meets in the Town Hall at 15 St. Paul Street on the first Friday of the month at 9:30am. The COA board helps set goals, objectives and offers complementary support/advocacy to help implement and promote the COA's mission. 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.

The director is responsible for program operations. There are approximately 1,739 elderly (60 years and older) 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 Senior 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**

The staff consists of a full time Director, (Laurie Keefe), Outreach Coordinator, (TBD), Nutrition/Fitness Site Manager, (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.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES / OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

The most bewildering problem of the elderly continues to be health insurance, and the 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 Mass Health, health connector, QII, SLMB, QMB, limited income subsidy, prescription advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance, safe link wireless phones, 911 phone, housing, linkup/lifeline discount program. The senior center has an in-house certified SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of the Elders) counselor through the state of Massachusetts. We also link the seniors with other agencies who provide assistance. The outreach coordinator works closely with Tri-Valley, Inc. to coordinate services for home maker/personal care, caregiver programs, 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 senior center.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

The Blackstone Van Transportation Service provides trips for medical and non-medical appointments according to a scheduled dial-a-ride, first come/first serve, curb-to-curb program. The current services operates from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

This program is provided to Blackstone elders 60 years and older with no other means of transportation and to certified disabled residents. 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 store, hairdresser, library, and be able to attend activities at the Senior Center. Other transportation services are provided for residents to go to the polls to vote, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, nursing homes, and town meetings.

Mass DOT has mandated that all drivers under the Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) receive proper training; therefore, training courses are required. Our drivers are certified in the following required training courses: coaching the van driver/defensive driving, wheelchair lift & securement and safe transportation of the public under the ADA or passenger sensitivity training. All employees are also CPR certified through the training of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the COA has 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 394 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation service. The 394 volunteer hours saved the Town of Blackstone from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 approximately a total of \$4531.00.

**VEHICLES**

The Town currently has three vehicles for the COA. One is a 2012 Ford Eldorado 14 passenger wheelchair lift bus generously donated by International Power to the Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging, Inc.; the second is a 4 passenger 2011 Ford Escape purchased in June 2011 by the Town, and a 2009 Ford 12 Passenger wheelchair lift van purchased in 2010 through the Mass DOT Grant.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The Nutrition Site Manager is responsible for the daily oversight and operation of the Senior Center Dining. A hot lunch is served 4 days a week. The Manager works in conjunction with outside food providers such as Tri-Valley Elder Services and Woonsocket Senior Services to coordinate the lunch service. The Nutrition site Manager is also responsible for the Meals on Wheels Program Servicing Blackstone and Millville residents 5 days a week. This would include the coordination of volunteer drivers, route schedules and delivery of meals. Currently our volunteers deliver on average 100 meals a week to Blackstone residents and 25 meals a week to Millville residents. In addition to nutrition, the site manager also is responsible for developing weekly programs that will attract elders, their caregivers, neighbors and friends to the Senior

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Center. The Senior Center encourages volunteers to assist the site manager. Other daily tasks assigned to the Site Manager would be the maintenance of accurate data base recording and back up for Transportation Coordinator.

**NEWSLETTER “A River Runs Through It”**

300 copies printed monthly. Also a copy of the newsletter is available on-line at:  
[www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org)

**RECREATION/SOCIAL EVENTS**

Our seniors participated in a variety of programs such as: bingo, cards, pitch, bridge, knit & crochet, water color painting, tai chi, chair yoga, Zumba gold, arthritis exercise, strength training, arts & crafts, cricut classes, birthday parties, cookouts, annual volunteer recognition luncheon, Newport train luncheon, Farmers market coupons, dinners, shopping trips, Wii bowling, Memorial Day parade participation, Odyssey boat cruise, super bowl party, hat show, spa day, meet the staff with a free luncheon at Fox Brook and Early Village, tribute to seniors picnic sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, COA Christmas party at Village Haven, Yankee swap and more.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Our seniors participated in community education programs such as: Hearing Presentation from the Learning Center for the Deaf, Serving Time/Preventing Crime through Worcester County Sheriff's Office, elder law programs, Smart 911, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Fallon health updates, SHINE Medicare presentation and more. Blood pressure clinics, free hearing exams through Mass audiology, Self Defense Workshop, shingles vaccine shot, medication management presentation with Mass College of Pharmacy and Tax aide assistance through AARP.

**FILE OF LIFE**

With the assistance of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, through the TRIAD department we continue distributing the “File of Life” cards. These cards are donated by the WCSO. Medical information is written on a card and placed in a red magnetized folder on the refrigerator. In case of an emergency, medical personnel can obtain needed information quickly. We also have a wallet size card. The senior center also participates in the house numbering sign program, free 911 cell phones, senior safety/scam presentation and the annual senior picnic.

**INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The seniors participated in a holiday concert with the AFM Elementary School chorus and the Hartnett Middle School chorus. They also had the opportunity to attend a concert at the elementary school. Through the Blackstone Valley Technical School the seniors participated with the nursing programs health assessment day; the culinary students held a cooking demonstration; and the dental students held a presentation at the center.

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.

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**GRANT**

The Council on Aging receives an annual grant award from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The grant is to be used for select items/options allowed per the contract such as: printing of the monthly newsletter, salaries for drivers and instructors, supplies and volunteer recognition luncheon.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Over 85 volunteers contributed over 6,566 hours to the Senior Center this past year. Volunteers assist in the office, answer phones, assemble the monthly newsletter and teach various classes. They provide meals on wheels lunches, serve as board members, drive seniors to medical appointments, assist with grocery shopping, provide computer training, prepare monthly birthday cards, teach arts & crafts, assist in the kitchen, call bingo, coordinate trips, assist with health care options, knit baby blankets, help with yard sales, assist with fundraising and participate in programs that help seniors, etc.

We are grateful to all our volunteers who give their time and talents to keep programs running and the support given to the staff.

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

We are most appreciative to the “Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging” who have provided support and inspiration over the past seven years. They have enabled us to obtain needed equipment, new kitchen items and many other items to better serve our elderly in Blackstone. The Friends Group hosts special occasion programs to raise funds for the Senior Center such as: corned beef and cabbage dinner, Veterans Day turkey dinner, pancake breakfast, raffles, evening bingos, Glamour Shot senior pictures, supports trips and the annual yard sale. Baby afghans are made by volunteers and sold through the Friends Group to donate back to the infants at the hospitals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Keefe, Director  
Blackstone Council on Aging



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY  
CHIEF

# TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## 2014 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2014 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with eight full time firefighter/paramedics, a full time fire chief and eighteen call firefighters. There are three fire stations located in town. The main station is at 15 Saint Paul Street which is staffed full time with two firefighter/paramedics around the clock. The two members work a twenty-four hour rotating shift and average 42 hours per week. Station two is at 666 Rathbun Street and station three is at 134 Elm Street and both are unmanned stations. The department has four front line pumpers, a ladder truck, three off road military tankers for brush fires and two paramedic level ambulances. The two full time members on duty handle all fire and emergency medical calls and all daily activities. They are complemented by the call department when needed. Please visit the fire departments web site for more information.

The annual toys for tots program was once again a huge success and we were able to meet the Christmas needs of seven families and a total of twenty-two 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 International Power and 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.

S M O K E   D E T E C T O R S   S A V E   L I V E S

The department applied for and has received the following grants and equipment totaling \$17,321.00 in 2014. 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	\$4,086.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,250.00
Forestry Grant	\$4,185.00
Defibrillator Grant	\$4,800.00

The department took in \$4,975.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting and storage tanks.

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2014 were \$289,535.90. This money is used to fund the ambulance budget, offset the general budget, the purchase of a new ambulance and for the purchase of any equipment that is needed for the ambulance.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2014

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....	807	Landmark Medical Center.....	294
Transports.....	596	Milford Regional.....	263
No Service.....	27	Fatima.....	2
Refusals.....	106	Rhode Island Trauma.....	9
Fire Assist Calls.....	11	Hasbro Children's.....	18
Cancelled .....	22	Providence Veterans.....	5
Treat/No Transport.....	4	Roger Williams.....	0
Assistance.....	50	Woman & Infants.....	1
False Calls.....	2	Miriam.....	4

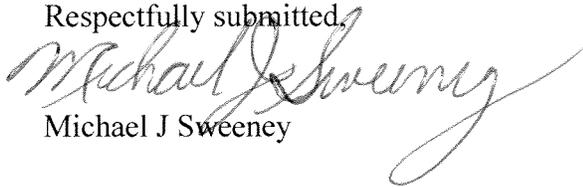
The following is a list of department activity for the year 2014

Rescue.....	807
Building Fire.....	9
Appliance Fire.....	7
Brush Fire.....	13
Outside Fire.....	23
Vehicle Fire.....	2
Fire Alarms.....	126
Investigations.....	32
Accidents.....	40
Gas Leaks.....	25
Co Calls.....	25
Rescue Assists.....	127
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	2
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	42
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	71

Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....99  
Service Calls.....45  
Drills.....13  
Meetings.....44  
Burning Permits.....418  
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....192

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

## 2014 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected William T. Walsh as Chairman, Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman and Peter C. Ryan, Sr. as a member. Mr. Walsh was re-elected to the Board of Health in the Spring 2014 election.

The Board of Health regionalized its health care services with the Town of Upton. We welcome Patricia Parent, RN who will be providing home health care services, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics and other health related services for the seniors and handicapped residents of our community. Senior participation in the blood pressure clinics continues to increase. The Board of Health is thankful to Laurie Keefe and her staff for their assistance and commitment with monitoring the health and welfare of our community. The Board would like to thank all municipal departments and Blackstone residents who assisted the Board of Health with the Flu Clinics.

The Blackstone Regional Recycling Center (BVRRC) recently opened the sorting facility. Residents can now commingle the plastic, metal and glass in one container and paper products in the second container. The BVRRC has also expanded the commercial branch of the operations center, with a bumper program. The BVRRC will continue to look for revenue producing venues.

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 and Earl J. Vater for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the residents and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Walsh, Chairman  
Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman  
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Member

## 2014 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

### BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

After years of striving to create active interest in the chronicling of events in the community, a period which began with a tenuous plan for the rescue of a once devastated dwelling at 23 Main Street, your Blackstone Historical Museum stands today a very respected and substantial repository of this town's lore and, in addition, its interpretation.

This result has come about not due to any single being, but rather by a melding of efforts by a hefty well structured cadre of those in town government, as well as on various commissions and committees, and, too, those of the horde of citizen volunteers. Without this brand of home grown activism our efforts may well not have come to fruition. We are grateful to all who have participated.

Presentations began this year in February with a month-long unique display of venerable Valentine's Day cards with their dainty envelopes of their day. The sizeable collection was discovered in recent time, stowed away in a town farmhouse being readied for sale. The contributor, whose primary concern was, quite properly, unharmed perpetuity for the distinctive recollections of long ago, decided that they should be added to the multitude of memorabilia that we currently display.

The namesake of our town, William Blackstone, whose birthday was March 5, 1595, was remembered in a March memorial celebration including a cake with fitting décor and shared with visitors. Appropriate displays were also arranged for the commemoration of his life and times throughout the Valley.

At Monument Square in town on May 17 members of the Commission took part in a gala re-dedication ceremony at the Civil War Monument following the site's major refurbishing. Upon completion of the festivities all in attendance were invited to the Museum for a reception and refreshments. It should be noted that in just days preceding the re-dedication a new flagpole was erected in the minipark adjacent to Museum property where Old Glory will continue to fly daily in a most fitting manner.

As part of our annual open house Heritage Homecoming feature on October 11 William Blackstone "visited" the Museum in the person of Blackstone Valley Corridor Ranger John McNiff. Replete in garb of the times, with a fitting brogue to match, and well-armed with a virtual plethora of tales of yore, the talented historic impersonator regaled his audience to their

delight throughout the presentation. Upon completion, this was followed by a Q&A period among his onlookers where once more he displayed his considerable wit and charm.

Having made application for membership and duly following established protocol resulting ultimately in approval by the Board of Selectmen, Mary Bulso was warmly welcomed at our October 1 meeting as the Commission's newest member. Mrs. Bulso brings to the Commission a background of networking with a number of agencies allied to historical documentation and we look forward to an interesting relationship.

November having been decreed as Veterans' Month at the Museum saw a salute to all of our visitors who have served their country. As a salute to these visitors each was given a guided tour of the premises, highlighted by a featured newly refurbished Veterans' Room. Here at their leisure they were afforded an opportunity to quietly reminisce while perusing our ever increasing compilation of World War II news briefs on events from 1941 through 1945, as well as various military artifacts. Perhaps our proudest display is the room's hearty collection of uniforms from every branch of the military. Visiting veterans throughout the period were each presented with a flag lapel pin as a token of their service.

This year's recognition of the onset of the yuletide season was marked by somewhat of a departure from some of the previous long standing offerings which during their tenure did work well. However demands of logistics have dictated change. The updated presentation this year was An Olde Fashioned Christmas. Garlands and ornaments were evident throughout the Museum, including the mandated attractive Christmas tree. This year additional decorating included a lighted ornament laden evergreen tree located outside in the minipark abutting Museum property which shone brightly throughout the season day and night with assistance from that area's flag pole lighting.

Two Girl Scout choral groups appeared in a program of caroling, one being scheduled in the forenoon, the other in the afternoon. Rescheduling these appearances for two separate presentations proved eminently more successful than in years past when overcrowding of parents and visitors occurred in a limited space. As in the past musical accompaniment was provided by commission member and in-house organist Helen Murray at the venerable pedal pump organ on display.

The Blackstone Historical Museum is open to all each Thursday from noon to 4pm as well as the first and third Saturday of each month from 11am to 4pm. Admission is free and includes homemade baked goods with a pot of hot coffee nearby.

Popularity of the Museum remains high demonstrated by guest book registration. Trained competent staff members are always available to usher visitors around who choose their service. Anyone who has not yet done so owes it to himself to partake of an adventure here sure to culminate in a wonderfully memorable experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Marchand, Chairman

Helen Murray, Vice Chairman

Mary Bulso

Jesse Deacon

Richard Ryan

Lawrence Weber

Donald Westberg

Alt: Thomas Marchand

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 15 Fox Brook Manor, Blackstone, MA. As of January 1, 2015 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Robert Drainville 12 Raynor Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Chairman	April, 2019
Gary Kellenberger 549 Summer Place Blackstone, MA 01504	Vice-Chairman	April, 2015
Lynn Morin 48 Mendon Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Treasurer	April, 2018
Margaret T. Keegan 25 Kanatha Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Asst. Treasurer	April, 2016

OFFICER

Carrie A. Caouette 8 Windsor Road Blackstone, MA 01504	Executive Director
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The Blackstone Housing Authority meets the second Tuesday 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 15 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

## **2014 Annual Report of the Blackstone Public Library**

On June 11, 2014, the Blackstone Library celebrated its tenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. A reception was held to commemorate this event. The library ended 2014 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

Besides an extensive collection of popular books, movies, and CDs, the library offers a variety of services to its patrons. Families can attend story-time programs, participate in a varied array of children's, young adult and adult programming, book group meetings, as well as meet visiting authors. The library also offers computers with Internet and printing access, a public photo copier, and fax machine. Patrons can sit quietly and research Blackstone history in the Historical Room, or book the two quiet study rooms. They can reserve the large comfortable meeting room, which was reserved 199 times in 2014.

A member of The Massachusetts Library System (MLS), the library benefits from sharing among member libraries of all types. In addition, the Blackstone Library supports an annual membership to Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (CW MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of material from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

The library currently boasts a collection of 61,523 items, including materials in print format, magazines, audio books, music CDs, DVD and videos. The Blackstone Public Library continues to move forward to adapt to the ever increasing demand for technology with the purchase of e-Books and audio books through its CWMARS membership. During 2014, Blackstone patrons borrowed 2,467 items from Overdrive, which included e-Books, plus downloadable audio and video. These items were downloaded directly to patrons' eReaders, tablets, cell phones and computers.

The library's museum passes can be reserved from home through Tix Keeper, an online reservation system. In keeping with the demands of technology, use of the library's 19 public access computers continues to be popular with 5,865 patron log-ons in 2014. A donation of four reconditioned computers from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School allowed patrons more access to electronic media. Patrons can also access free Wi-Fi for their laptops and handheld devices at the library. Individualized computer training was offered by library staff during the last quarter of 2014. During 2014, online software and computer training was available through Atomic Training, and movie streaming through Indie Flix. These programs continue to be available by accessing the library's webpage.

Total circulation during 2014 was 74,027 items, including items received from interlibrary loan. Circulation of Blackstone items at other libraries for Inter-library loan was 13,845 items. At year's end, the library had a total of 7,206 card- holding patrons, with approximately 44,194 visitors to the library.

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. The children's librarian held 180 children's programs with 2,818 in attendance. A summer reading

program was held with several performers and activities. Seventy-six children completed the 2014 summer reading program. Several popular children's programs were *The Awesome Robb Show*, *Creepy Crawly Creatures*, *Toe Jam Puppet Band*, *Touch the Trucks*, and *Nightmares in the Library Halloween Party*. The library offered 40 programs for adults and teens with 710 in attendance. Some popular programs were the *Downton Abby Tea*, *Poetry Contest and Reception*, *Calligraphy Classes*, *Wreath Workshop*, *Zumba*, *Self Defense for Women*, and several concerts, writing workshops, and author visits. These programs were possible due to grants/donations from UniBank, Dean Bank, The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library, the library's gift/grant account, and other sources.

The library is open 35 hours per week: Monday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Wednesday. More information can be found at the library's web page, [www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org](http://www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org) and the library's Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/blackstone-public-library](http://www.facebook.com/blackstone-public-library). Updates can also be received via twitter at [www.twitter.com/blackstonelibr1](http://www.twitter.com/blackstonelibr1).

For the first time in five years, the Blackstone Public Library was fully compliant in the requirements for State Aid, and did not need to apply for a waiver in order to remain certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Certified libraries are eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and are also eligible to apply for other state grants, such as the LSTA grant.

The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library meet regularly at the library and provide invaluable support for the library and its programs. These services include performers, museum passes, and craft supplies/materials for the Summer Reading Program. The Board of Directors includes Dianne Buehler, President; Paula Sullivan, Secretary; and Ann Borges, Treasurer. Thank you to Kristen Marino, who resigned as President after many years of volunteering.

The library's staff members include Lisa Cheever, Director; Tressy Collier, Assistant Director & Children's Librarian; Donna Ansell, Head of Circulation & Technical Services; and the following library aides: Denise Binette, Dianne Buehler, Donna Foster, Ellen Goudreau, Olivia Herbert, Cheryl Marino-Page, Amy Mezzadri, Sheila Robeau, and Karen Miller; and custodian Roger Marvelle.

The Blackstone Public Library Board of Trustees members include Mary Lou Branchaud, Chair; Linda Hemphill, Vice-Chair; Patricia Guzinski, Secretary; Jean Alexandrowicz, Debra Ristaino and Kathryn Tata, and former member Lisa Sparks.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cheever  
Library Director

## **BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2014**

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 seen continued improvements in our fields. Seeding and fertilizing have been effective. The infield material/clay was upgraded at the Goulet little league field (behind the elementary school) and much anticipated lighting was installed. Plans to irrigate the soccer fields are in the research phase and we hope to have irrigation in the summer of 2015.

Roosevelt baseball /softball field and the Babe Ruth field will be getting new electronic scoreboards this year.

The committee has approved the purchase of a seeder/spreader. In the past we were forced to rent/borrow one. This purchase will help keep our fields in top condition.

We have re-instated Gale associates as consultants to the Veteran Park project. The necessary permits have to be re- obtained from the DEQE for wetlands area. This project has been long in the works and we expect progress this coming year. Our hope is to open new fields in a phased in process so that we can put a concentrated effort into one or two at a time.

A memorial plaque was placed at Valarti Park in honor of the late John "Chip" Dilibero for his longtime support of Tags and Trout tournament. Tags and Trout is an annual free event for the towns children and the Park and Recreation Committee supports this effort put on by the Lions and PACC.

We had some activities at Daniels farm that included an Easter egg hunt, Pumpkin painting/carving and a Manhunt game. These activities we would like to expand and welcome any suggestions for fun/recreational activities.

If you are reading this and have a skill that can help our Parks and Recreation department such as a profession in architect, construction, grant writing, etc. or you are just a citizen that wants to help, please get in touch with one of the board members as we have many projects that we are hoping to get community help. Our meeting schedule is posted at the town hall but are generally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Senior Center .

Respectfully submitted by,

Kevin Hart, Vice Chair  
Celeste Langlois, Chairperson  
Don Cox, Treasurer  
Kim Peloquin, Liaison  
Bob Morse, Field Director  
Deb Bissonette, scribe

# **2014 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

## **Members:**

In 2014, 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, Owen Bebeau and Alternate Member Darren LaBonne.

Amy Sutherland served as the Board's Secretary until November 2014. Nicholas Burnham was hired as the Board's Secretary as of December 2014.

The Planning Board continues to work with Consultant Gino Carlucci from PGC Associates of Franklin, Massachusetts, funded through the Planning Board's Professional and Technical budget.

## **Meetings:**

The Planning Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. All meetings are recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel and available through the Government Access on Demand webpage on the Town website.

## **Memberships:**

The Town of Blackstone is a member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and was represented by Joseph Belrose. Owen Bebeau and Gerry Rivet serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

## **Projects:**

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2014 are listed as follows:

- Presented successful article to Town Meeting to require that the Open Space created through Flexible Residential Developments can only be used for recreation or conservation purposes.
- Concluded the 'Rolling Brook' subdivision by signing as-built plans and street acceptance plans of Rolling Brook Lane.
- Granted two (2) special permits for accessory apartments.
- Endorsed an Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan on Glenside Road.
- Granted a special permit modification and subdivision modification to expand 'The Meadows at Harris Pond'.
- Continued to monitor construction progress at 'The Meadows at Harris Pond' and 'Sycamore Estates' developments with the assistance of the Blackstone Department of Public Works and environmental engineering consultants, Tetra Tech, of Framingham.
- Monitored construction progress of the Blackstone River Greenway.

Respectfully submitted,

The Blackstone Planning Board



# BLACKSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

15 Saint Paul St. Blackstone, Massachusetts 01504

Business Line: (508) 883-1212 | Fax: (508) 883-2318 | [chief@BlackstonePolice.org](mailto:chief@BlackstonePolice.org)

**Ross A. Atstupenas, Chief of Police**

## Blackstone Police Department FY/2014 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2014.

During FY2014, 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 at no cost. Grants often allow us to promote and provide safety programs in an effort to better protect our children. These grants included:

1.	<b>State 911 Support Grant</b>	\$23,675.00
2.	<b>State 911 Training Grant</b>	\$10,000.00
3.	<b>Alcohol Enforcement Grant</b>	\$ 5,000.00

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. With the State 911 Training Grant, it provides funding for training of full and part time dispatchers. The Alcohol Enforcement Grant provides funds to the department for enforcing alcohol laws including underage purchases, licensee's selling to minors, and other illegal activities relative to alcohol procurement.

Another program that I feel is very important to the public and residence of Blackstone is **Smart911**. This program is free of charge and will provided important information to dispatch in an emergency. With Smart911, you can log into [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and create a profile. At that time you will be able to put whatever information you want about family members, medication, pets, etc. When you dial 911 in an emergency, the information you provided will come up at dispatch only and only when you dial 911. Once the call is closed, the information clears and the information is private and no one is able to access it except you. If you are traveling threw another community or state that has smart911, your information follows you. For more information or questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

The police department website continues to provide the public with valuable information about the department and includes links to such things as accident reports, sex offender lists,

child safety and internet safety pages. You can email or text anonymous tips to our department in an effort to help us solve crimes in your area and all information is kept confidential.

Our Facebook and Twitter accounts also have helped us not only to notify the community about important matters, but have also helped us in solve some serious crimes. We encourage this continued assistance from the community.

I have provided you with a breakdown of our activity from calls received at dispatch to our enforcement and traffic actives:

	<u><b>FY/2013</b></u>	<u><b>FY2014</b></u>	
<b>Total Calls Received by Dispatch:</b>	<b>18804</b>	<b>18062</b>	<b>-3.95%</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>+6.67%</b>
<b>Protective Custody:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>+125.00%</b>
<b>Criminal Complaint Applications:</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>+1/03%</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>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-15.79%</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Calls:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>+44.44%</b>
<b>Incident Reports Investigated:</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>-2.50%</b>
<u>Breakdown:</u>	158	162	open
	177	164	closed
	10	14	arrested
	323	302	no crime
<b>Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+85.71%</b>
	1	10	Stolen
	6	3	Recovered
<b>Field Interviews:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-31.25%</b>
<b>Missing/Runaways:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>
<b>Accidents Investigated:</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>+16.94%</b>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:</b>	<b>2161</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>-6.43%</b>
- Civil	483	515	+6.63%
- Complaint App	204	188	-7.84%
- Warnings	256	310	+21.09%
- Arrests	140	117	-16.43%
- Verbal Warnings	1078	892	-17.25%

<b>Parking Tickets Issued:</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>+18.64%</b>
<b>Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-37.54%</b>
- License to Carry	277	169	-38.00%
- FID Card	24	19	-20.83%
<b>Civil Possession of Marijuana</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>+76.90%</b>

We were recognized and received the Bronze Award for outstanding achievements in traffic safety and our efforts to educate and protect the citizens of our community by AAA of Southern New England at a luncheon in Worcester this past year.

In 2014 we had an officer transfer to Bellingham Police Department. Off Michael Pavone Jr. was hired to fill the opening and because of his prior training, he was able to integrate into the department in a short period of time. He comes to our department fully trained and certified. We wish him well in his career.

Officer Niemczyk continues to be active as a child car seat safety technician. He is available during the week or on weekends. Officer Niemczyk works the day shift as well as by appointment so this allows a wide range of days and times to get a car seat checked for proper installation. We have also received car seats through a state grant. If there are any residence that are having problems getting a certified car seat, please contact Officer Joseph Niemczyk and he will be able to assist you as long as we have some available.

"Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not address the tragedy that was uncovered on St. Paul Street late last year. I cannot pretend to understand what motivates people to commit unspeakable acts, but what motivates me to come into work every day is the unshakable determination and bravery shown by each of our officers and the sense of community pride and coming together that was shown by everyone in Blackstone in the wake of this horrible incident.

In the aftermath of what is certainly one of the gravest crimes in the history of our town, I am proud of the way our community responded and how everyone has acknowledged the role we play in checking in on our neighbors and remaining alert for when things seem out of the ordinary. Tragedy can happen anywhere, but it is how a community handles tragedy and emerges from it that comes to define it."

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, its 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chief Ross A. Atstupenas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ross A. Atstupenas  
Chief of Police

## **2014 Annual Report** **Department of Public Works**

### **Highway Division:**

In the spring of 2014, the highway division started and completed its annual clean-up season. All streets were swept, street lines and cross walks were painted. The town's highway division repaved numerous streets, Elm St., Mendon St., Marszalkowski St., upper Summer St., and Rathbun Street. The sidewalk at Valati Park was also repaved. There were new reflective signs made and installed. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. We would like to thank the Department of Corrections for their assistance throughout the year. They worked on painting, weeding, raking, and mulching, the grounds at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Historian Museum, Roosevelt Field, Highway Barn and Valati Park. They assisted with the clean-up for the annual Memorial Day Parade. The Department of Correction work crew #1687 also assisted with cleaning the parks in preparation for the fishing tournament. We appreciate their service to the Town. We assisted the State with the moving the water and sewer lines on Main Street as part of the bridge project. There were numerous snow storms during the 2014 season. We thank the residents for their patience while we clear and clean the street.

### **Water Division:**

The Department of Public Works personnel continue to operate and maintain five pumping stations that pump water from seven wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The meters in all wells were calibrated. The water distribution system includes four water storage standpipes and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of our population. The water department has continued the annual water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons. The Department continues to work on the water meter replacement program. One of the big projects was the stripping, cleaning and painting of the lower Blackstone Street water tank. The Department thanks the towns people for the new water truck. Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month we collect bacteria samples from nineteen locations throughout the water distribution system. During the year, we also sampled for contaminants such as: Carbon based products called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Disinfectant Byproducts such as Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acids and others such as Nitrate, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese and asbestos. The sampling for lead and copper is required every three years. The Water and Sewer Commission implemented the new water and sewer rates in the spring of 2014. The Town worked with Toomey to inspect the backflow devices throughout town. There were two water breaks on Edgewater Drive and St. Paul Street. The town's fire hydrants were winterized in the fall to protect them from freezing.

### **Sewer Division:**

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water pumps stations throughout the town. These pump stations were checked daily by DPW employees. This past year, there were several electrical issues at the stations. All the sewer stations were cleaned.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes, Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all other boards or departments that assisted us in any way this past year. To the residents of Blackstone, we ask for your patience and support as we continue to strive to improve our level of service and our water, wastewater and highway infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Sullivan  
Superintendent

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
2014**

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 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals members are Chairman, Paul Marvelle, Vice Chairman, Jim Pitler, and Members John Therrien, Gary Jolicoeur, Joe Belrose along with Marc Gregoire.

During the 2014 Fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals had five Public hearings. These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws. The Board also has a active part in the recommendations of the various zoning articles which were passed at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting

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

We cordially invite the residents of the town to attend our meeting, 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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
YEAR ENDING 2014

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2014 calendar year. It has been a very rewarding year for the Town Clerk's Office.

As a result of the 2014 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 9,054. I would like to thank the residents who faithfully return their census forms year after year. The accurate town population numbers gathered through the annual census are vital to the submittal process when town departments apply for various grants. Also, by answering the town census, voters ensure that their status remains active. By State law the Town Clerk's Office is required to inactivate voters who do not respond to the census.

From the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845, our vital records total the following: Births, 18,593; Marriages, 10,081; and Deaths, 11,245. Since 2011, the Town Clerk's Office receives birth information via the internet through the state's computerized software database program. A similar electronic system for death records was implemented in October 2014, to be followed by a program for marriages.

It was another busy election year beginning with the Annual Town Election on April 7, 2014. There were eleven positions on the ballot, and 1,198 voters came out to cast their ballots. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 27, 2014. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening with 411 resident voters acting on thirty-two articles. The State Primary Election was held on September 9, 2014, and the election season wound down with the State Election on November 4, 2014. We are fortunate to have a great team of at least thirty dedicated election workers who, year after year, help to insure prompt and accurate election results.

A special thanks to the Board of Registrars members, Daniel T. Doyle, Marc J. V. Greenwald, and Suzanne Mercier for their assistance with the many voter registration deadlines.

The Town Clerk's Office Assistant, Julie Picard, has been in that position for a year and a half now. She is an asset to the office not only in the effort she puts into the job but in her warm and friendly manner.

A note of thanks goes out to Barbara Boucher for her assistance in helping to prepare our records for microfilming and updating census and her willingness to lend us a helping hand proof-reading voting lists prior to elections and town meetings.

A note of appreciation goes to Police Chief Ross Atstupenas, who also serves as Animal Control Officer, and also to Kevin Sullivan, the Assistant ACO, for their assistance with the dog-licensing aspect of our department. At the end of 2014 we had a total of 1,476 dogs in our data system.

Lastly I would like to thank my Assistant Town Clerk, Donna M. Bik. Donna has worked in the Town Clerk's Office for 15 years and is very familiar with the many varied aspects of the Town Clerk's Office. Her meticulous attention to detail and exemplary work ethics are highly recognizable.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk

**VISIT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Administers Oath of Office to Appointed and Elected Officials  
Annual Town Census Generation and Data Input  
Attorney General Submittals/Approvals/Rejections  
Audit Reports  
Bazaar and Raffle Permits  
Birth, Death & Marriage Records  
Board & Committee Meeting Minutes  
Burial Permits  
Business Certificates  
Campaign and Political Finance Reports  
Certifies Copies of Records  
Charter and Town By-laws  
Claims & Legal Action Against the Town  
Distributes Conflict of Interest Summaries to all Employees, Elected & Appointed Officials  
Distributes Warrants for Town Meeting  
Dog Licenses and Regulations  
Elderly Resident Lists  
Elections and Recounts  
Federal and State Tax Liens  
Federal Census Tract Number  
General By-law Information  
Historical Information  
Information on Public Records  
Initiative Petitions  
Joint Pole Locations  
Jury List  
Keeper of the Town Seal  
Marriage Licenses  
Massachusetts General Laws Accepted/Rejected  
Meetings and Agendas Posted  
Microfilming of Town Records  
Nomination Papers  
Notary Public Services  
Open Meeting Laws  
Party Enrollment Change Cards  
Receives Appointments and Resignations  
Receives Referendum Petitions  
Street Acceptances  
Street Listing Books  
Subdivision Regulations  
Time Keeper to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town Maps  
Town Meeting Information  
Town Meeting Votes  
Town Reports  
Voter Registration  
Voting Lists  
Zoning By-laws  
Zoning Variance Applications

## **AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, was completed by Melanson Heath & Company.

A copy of the financial report issued by Melanson Heath & Company, 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 7, 2014**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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

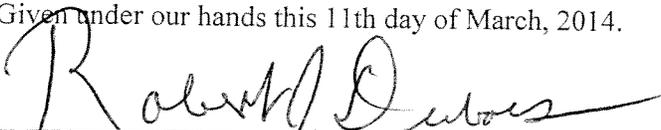
The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

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

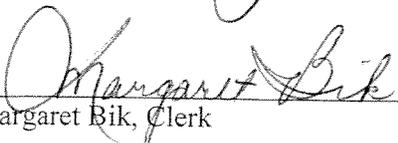
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for an Unexpired 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One 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 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 each.

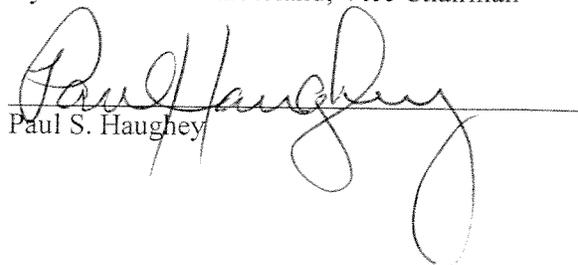
Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

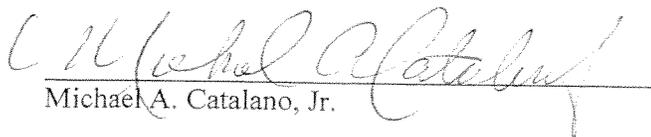
Given under our hands this 11th day of March, 2014.

  
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Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

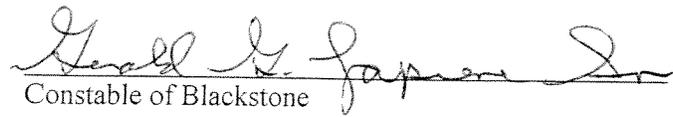
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Ryan Steffin Chamberland, Vice Chairman

  
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Margaret Bik, Clerk

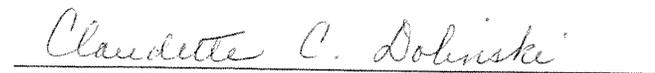
  
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Paul S. Haughey

  
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Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, 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.

  
Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:

  
Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
 April 7, 2014

**WARDENS:**

Precinct #1: Arthur W. Langelier  
 Precinct #2: Corrinne T. Beane  
 Precinct #3: Robert A. Gilbert

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	415
Prec #2	375
Prec #3	408
Total	1198

<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	296	291	284	871
Others	1	0	0	1
Blanks	118	84	124	326

**BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YRS)**

*Robert A. Drainville	291	296	286	873
Others	1	1	0	2
Blanks	123	78	122	323

**BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (Unexpired 5-Yr. Term to Expire ATE 2016)**

*Margaret T. Keegan	286	281	279	846
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	129	94	129	352

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

Michael J. Buckley	161	156	172	489
*Georgette A. Jarret	211	200	214	625
Others	1	0	3	4
Blanks	42	19	19	80

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

*Jane C. Reggio	275	269	271	815
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	140	106	137	383

**BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)**

*William T. Walsh	303	295	306	904
Others	0	1	1	2
Blanks	112	79	101	292

**MODERATOR (3 YRS)**

*Frederick J. Stone	306	297	311	914
Others	2	1	0	3
Blanks	107	77	97	281

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
(3 YRS)**

*Kimberly D. Peloquin	299	290	303	892
Others	2	1	1	4
Blanks	114	84	104	302

**PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)**

*Owen T. Bebeau	291	290	291	872
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	124	85	117	326

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS) -- Two Positions**

*Margaret Bik	230	202	184	616
Michael D. Ando	134	124	174	432
Russell P. Arnold	204	170	167	541
*Russell L. Wells, Sr.	213	208	245	666
Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	49	46	45	140

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6197

Total voters--1198

19% of the eligible voters cast ballots.



**Claudette C. Dolinski**  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 27, 2014

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 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$254.52 to pay prior year bill payable to Citizens Bank for lock box charges, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$53,083.34 to pay the outstanding balance from MIAA (Blue Cross/Blue Shield), or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum up to \$100,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account, or take any action in relation thereto.

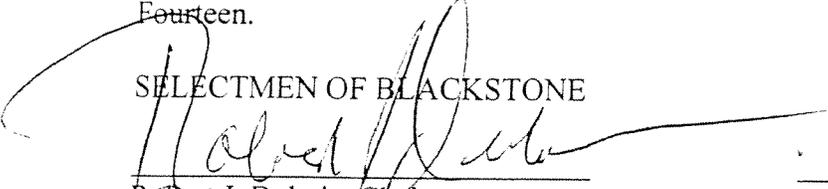
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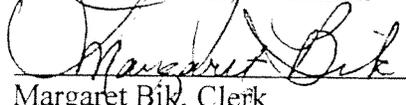
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

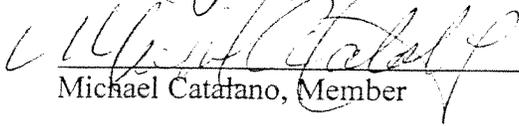
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the 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 .

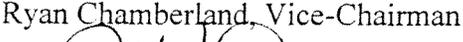
Given under our hands this 25th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.

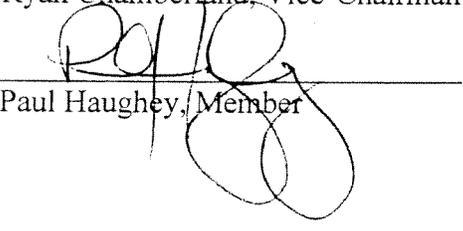
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

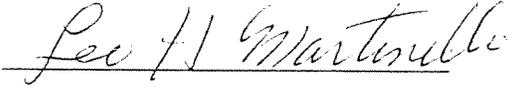
  
Margaret Bilk, Clerk

  
Michael Catalano, Member

  
Ryan Chamberland, Vice-Chairman

  
Paul Haughey, Member

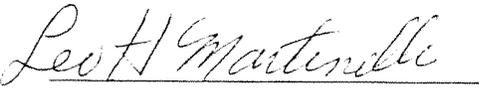
A true copy attest:

  
Leo H. Martenelli

Constable of Blackstone

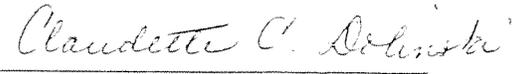
Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 26th day of March, 2014 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.

  
Leo H. Martenelli

Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
Claudette Dolinski  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 270 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: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; and Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 1.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$254.52 to pay prior year bill payable to Citizens Bank for lock box charges.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$53,083.34 to pay the outstanding balance from MIIA (Blue Cross/Blue Shield).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum up to \$87,912.30 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:23 p.m.



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Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 27, 2014

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 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

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

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**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, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 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 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2, the District establish a Stabilization Fund effective July 1, 2014, or take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town of Blackstone will vote to appropriate the total \$2.9 million debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on April 17, 2014 for costs of adding to, equipping, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with the Town's apportioned share of debt payments computed in accordance with the Regional Agreement and commencing in fiscal year 2016, or take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and 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, or otherwise, 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 9.** 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 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto; the receipts from use of the Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$1,500 during Fiscal Year 2015, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector/Treasurer to increase Motor Vehicle Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property Demand fee to \$25, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40U providing an alternative collection procedure for the collection of municipal fines imposed for violations of rules, regulations, orders or bylaws regulating housing, sanitary or snow and ice removal requirements, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Health)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt procedures for the payment of municipal fines imposed for violations per GL, Chapter 40U, Section 3, schedule of fines to be established by bylaw per Section 11, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Health)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,673.56 to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Reserve Account as reimbursement to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Reserve Account for the overpayment of employee benefits in FY12, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B ½, to adopt the following by-law enabling the Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for or in possession of certain licenses including, but not limited to, those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers, and Hackney Drivers, and to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this by-law, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Chapter 93**  
**Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks**

**§ 93-1 Purpose and Authorization.**

In order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone, and as authorized by Chapter 6, section 172B ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws as enacted by Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, this by-law shall require: a) applicants for certain Town licenses permitting the engagement in specific occupational activities within the Town as enumerated in Section 93-2 below to submit to fingerprinting by the Blackstone Police Department, b) the Police Department to conduct criminal record background checks based on such fingerprints, and c) the Town to consider the results of such background checks in determining whether or not to grant a license. The Town authorizes the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Systems (DCJIS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as may be applicable, to conduct on the behalf of the Town and its Police Department fingerprint-based state and national criminal record background checks, including of FBI records, consistent with this by-law. The Town authorizes the Police Department to receive and utilize FBI records in connection with such background checks, consistent with this Bylaw.

**§ 93-2 Applicant's Submission to Fingerprinting by the Police Department.**

Any applicant for a license to engage in any of the following occupational activities within the Town shall submit a full set of fingerprints taken by the Blackstone Police Department within ten (10) days of the date of the application for a license for the purpose of conducting a state and national criminal record background check to determine the suitability of the applicant for the license: Manager of Alcoholic Beverage License, Hawker and Peddler, Owner or Operator of Public Conveyance, Dealer of Second-Hand Articles, Ice Cream Truck Vendor. At the time of fingerprinting, the Police Department shall notify the individual fingerprinted that the fingerprints will be used to check the individual's FBI criminal history records.

**§ 93-3 Police Department Processing of Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks and Communication of Results.**

The Police Department shall transmit fingerprints it has obtained pursuant to Section 93-2 of this by-law to the Identification Section of the Massachusetts State Police, DCJIS, and/or the FBI as may be necessary for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based state and national criminal records background checks of license applicants specified in Section 93-2. The Police Department shall provide the applicant with a copy of the results of his or her fingerprint-based criminal record background check and supply the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in it, including in the FBI identification record. The Police Department shall also supply applicants with information regarding the

procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of a criminal record, including a copy of 28 C.F.R. Part 16.34 pertaining to FBI identification records. The Police Department shall not utilize the fingerprint-based criminal record background check pursuant to the paragraph below until it has taken the steps detailed in this paragraph and otherwise complied with the Town's policy applicable to Town licensing-related criminal record background checks. The Police Department shall communicate the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks to the applicable licensing authority within the Town. The Police Department shall indicate whether the applicant has been convicted of, or is awaiting final adjudication for, a crime that bears upon his or her suitability as a licensee, or any felony or misdemeanor that involved force or threat of force, controlled substances or a sex-related offense.

**§ 93-4 Reliance on Results of Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks.**

Licensing authorities of the Town shall utilize the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks for the sole purpose of determining the suitability of the subjects of the checks in connection with the license applications specified in Section 93-2. A Town licensing authority may deny an application for a license on the basis of the results of a fingerprint-based criminal record background check if it determines that the results of the check render the subject unsuitable for the proposed occupational activity. The licensing authority shall consider all applicable laws, regulations and Town policies bearing on an applicant's suitability in making this determination. The licensing authority shall not deny a license based on information in a criminal record unless the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.

**§ 93-5 Compliance with Law, Regulation, and Town Policy.**

Implementation of this by-law and the conducting of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks by the Town shall be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and Town policies, including, but not limited to, the Police Department's policies and regulations applicable to licensing-related criminal record background checks, which shall include record retention and confidentiality requirements. The Town shall not disseminate the results of fingerprint-based criminal background checks except as may be provided by law, regulation, and Town policy. The Town shall not disseminate criminal record information received from the FBI to unauthorized persons or entities.

**§ 93-6 Fees.**

The fee charged by the Police Department for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based criminal record background checks shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). A portion of the fee, as specified in Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B 1/2, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee may be retained by the Town for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,550 to replace five computers in five Police line cruisers, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,300 to install a GPS tracking system into all Police line cruisers or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$338,559 to replace the existing radio system or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 for Hepatitis B Booster, Hepatitis B Series, Tuberculosis and such other testing for all Town personnel including Police, Highway, Board of Health and Fire Department employees, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Fire Department)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way, as shown on the plan entitled “\_\_\_\_\_” dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, and prepared by \_\_\_\_\_, which layout shall have been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to the date of the vote hereunder and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain taking any land necessary for the purpose of such way as so laid out, and, as necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the way, provided, however, that the construction of said road is acceptable to the Planning Board and Director of Public Works, or take any other action relating thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123.13.1 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection F Open space as shown below with **bold type** indicating additions:

#### **Flexible Residential Development Open Space**

F Open space. Any proposed open space within the development shall **either** be conveyed to the Town **and accepted by it for park or open space use, or be conveyed** to a nonprofit organization **the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, or to be conveyed** to a corporation or trust owned by or to be owned by the owners of the lots **or**

**residential units** within the development. **If such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units. In any case where such land is not conveyed to the Town, a restriction enforceable by the Town, or, in any case where such land is conveyed to the Town, enforceable by a nonprofit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and not be built for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway, as provided by MGL c. 40A, S. 9, the Zoning Act, or take any other action related thereto.**

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or otherwise acquire, any fee, easement, or other interest in all or any part of land shown as lots 8 and 21 on Assessors' Map 26, now or formerly of Ronald Padula, consisting of approximately .35 and 4.00 acres respectively, said land to be placed in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, and to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Open Space Fund or other available funds for the purpose of funding said acquisition, including survey work, appraisal and legal fees necessary therefore; and further, to authorize the Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission to place a conservation restriction on said land in perpetuity to be held by a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve open space, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the provisions of the Blackstone Code, Chapter 114, (VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD) by deleting the existing Sections 114-1 and 114-2 and substituting therefore the following revised sections:

Section 114-1 Written permission required for use in certain areas. No person shall use or operate for recreation use a motorized off-road vehicle, including but not limited to minibikes, trail bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) or snowmobiles, or a similar motorized vehicle which is eligible for registration under Chapter 90B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, on **(1)** any Town-owned property, except public roads and streets, or **(2)** private property, without prior written consent of the Town authority or landowner having the responsibility for the management of such property. Any such consent shall be temporary in nature, shall specify the period of time during which it is in force and shall be subject to the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements of all general laws, including, without limitation, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90B.

Furthermore, unless a permit for such recreational use is obtained from the Blackstone Police Department, no such consent shall be granted for any parcel(s) of land with an area less than 1 acre, nor for any land within 200 feet of any residence other than the residence of the owner of the parcel(s) on which the consent is granted. Operation of such recreational vehicles shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and to a maximum of 2 hours during this time period on any day.

Section 114-2 Enforcement. The provisions of this article may be enforced by the Blackstone Police Department. Violators, including operating a motorized off-road vehicle or granting

permission for such use that is not in compliance with the provisions of 114-1, shall be subject to a fine. Said fine shall be \$50 per offense and shall be enforced by the appropriate enforcing person and be enforced in the method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations. Violations of Chapter 90B shall be punishable as indicated in said Chapter 90B.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Blackstone by adding a Section 123-23.6 regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities, adding a definition of Medical Marijuana Facilities to Section 123-24 and adding Medical Marijuana Facilities to Section 123-11 Use Schedule. The new Section 123-23.6 is as follows:

**123-23.6. Medical Marijuana Facilities**

A. Purpose. This section regulates Medical Marijuana Facilities for the following purposes:

(1) To provide for the establishment of Medical Marijuana Facilities in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with the passage of Initiative Petition 11-11 (as codified by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012, An Act For The Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana).

(2) To minimize the adverse impacts of Medical Marijuana Facilities on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where children congregate, local historic districts, and other land uses potentially incompatible with said Facilities.

(3) To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Medical Marijuana Facilities.

B. Applicability

(1) The commercial cultivation], production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana for Medical Use is prohibited unless permitted as a Medical Marijuana Facility under this Section 123-23.6..

(2) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section 123-23.6.

(3) Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws and regulations governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs.

(4) If any provision of this Section or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be invalid, the remainder of this Section, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provision of this Section are severable.

C. Eligible Locations for Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Medical Marijuana Facilities may be allowed in the Industrial Zoning District by Special Permit issued by the Blackstone Planning Board provided that the facility meets the requirements of this Section 123-23.6.

D. General Requirements and Conditions for all Medical Marijuana Facilities.

- (1) All non-exempt Medical Marijuana Facilities shall be contained within a building or structure.
- (2) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall have a gross floor area of less than 2,500 square feet or in excess of 10,000 square feet.
- (3) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall not be located in a building that contains any medical doctor office or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of medical marijuana.
- (4) The hours of operation of Medical Marijuana Facilities shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall said Facilities be open and/or operating between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- (5) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be located within 500 feet of a residential zoning district.
- (6) No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of a Medical Marijuana Facility.
- (7) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.
- (8) Signage for the Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following language: "Registration card issued by the MA Department of Public Health Required." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height.
- (9) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall provide the Blackstone Police Department, Building Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders for the purposes of notification and contact if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

E. Special Permit Requirements

- (1) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall only be allowed by special permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, §9, subject to the following statements, regulations, requirements, conditions and limitations.
- (2) A special permit for a Medical Marijuana Facility shall be limited to one or more of the following uses that shall be prescribed by the Special Permit Granting Authority:

a) cultivation of Marijuana for Medical Use (horticulture), provided that uses qualifying for exemption from regulation under Chapter 40A Section 3 shall not require a special permit;

b) processing and packaging of Marijuana for Medical Use, including Marijuana that is in the form of smoking materials, food products, oils, aerosols, ointments, and other products;

c) retail sale or distribution of Marijuana for Medical Use to Qualifying Patients:

(3) In addition to the application requirements set forth in Sections D and E of this Bylaw, a special permit application for a Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following;

a) the name and address of each owner of the facility;

b) copies of all required license, permits and approvals from the Facility issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies;

c) evidence of the Applicant's right to use and control the site of the Facility, such as a deed, or lease;

d) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure statement contains the names of individuals;

e) a certified list all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;

f) Proposed security measures for the Medical Marijuana Facility, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

(4). Mandatory Findings. The Special Permit Authority shall not issue a special permit for a Medical Marijuana Facility unless it finds that:

a) the Facility is designated to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 11;

b) the Facility demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and

c) the Applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of Sections D and E herein:

(5) Annual Reporting. Each Medical Marijuana Facility permitted under this Bylaw shall as a condition of its special permit file an annual report with and appear before the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Town Clerk no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the Facility and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

(6) A special permit granted under this Section shall be limited to the term of the Applicant's ownership of the premises as a Medical Marijuana Facility. A special permit may be transferred only upon the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit subject to all information required in this Section 123-23.6.2.

(7) The Applicant must post a bond at the time of construction in an amount and form deemed sufficient by the Planning Board to cover costs for the removal of the Medical Marijuana Facility in the event the Town must remove the facility. The amount of the bond shall be based upon the anticipated costs required to completely remove and dispose of all the items noted in Section 123-23.6.2.7.2 and to properly clean the premises at prevailing wage rates. The amount of the bond shall be determined based upon three (3) written bids/proposals addressing the scope of removal/cleaning work required herein provided by the Applicant to the Planning Board. An incentive factor of 1.5 shall be applied to all bonds to assure compliance and the availability of adequate funds for the Town to remove all Facility components and material at prevailing wage rates.

#### F. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

(1) A Special Permit shall lapse if not exercised within one year of issuance.

(2) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

a) prior to surrendering its state issued licenses or permits; or

b) within six months of ceasing operations; whichever comes first

And further, add the following to Section 123-24 Definitions:

#### 123-23.6.2.3 Definitions

##### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY**

A not-for-profit entity (also known as a "Medical marijuana treatment center") registered under 105 CMR 725.100, to be known as a registered marijuana dispensary (RMD), that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products (MIPs), tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

And add the following to Section 123-11 Use Schedule under **INSTITUTIONAL USES**:

	<b>R-1,</b>			
	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Medical Marijuana Facility	No	No	No	PB

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Liability Trust Fund, to designate the State Health Care Security Trust as custodian of said Fund, and to raise, transfer and appropriate a sum of money for said Fund, or take other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of repairing the main sewer pumping station, including all design, construction and other costs related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a 4 x 4 water truck with plow and electric lift gate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 to purchase a 2014 – F150 4-wheel drive pick-up truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to extend its prior authorization pursuant to Clause 56 of G.L. c. 59, Section 5, authorizing the Board of Assessors to exempt up to 100% of real & personal property taxes assessed to Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists for any fiscal year in which they are deployed on active duty overseas, or take and other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Economic Development Committee (EDC) By-Law, or take and other action in relation thereto.

**Chapter 34**  
**Economic Development Committee**

**§ 34-1. Establishment.**

There is hereby established in the Town of Blackstone the Blackstone Economic Development Committee, which shall serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards, committees and agencies with respect to matters relating to economic and business development within the Town.

**§ 34-2. Purpose.**

A. Mission

The mission of the Economic Development Committee is to promote and develop business and industry for the purpose of strengthening the local economy, generating jobs, and advancing economic growth to ensure the fiscal stability of the Town of Blackstone.

B. Role of the Economic Development Committee

The role of the Economic Development Committee, hereafter referred to as the EDC, is to act as an advisor to the Board of Selectmen and other Town agencies with respect to the preparation and implementation of economic development plans and initiatives for the Town. The EDC may make recommendations to Town boards and committees, including, but not limited to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Finance Committee regarding the economic and business development needs of the Town, and may offer suggestions as to how such needs may be most effectively addressed. The EDC may, at the request of the Selectmen or Town Administrator, participate in the recruitment and retention of companies or industries within the business community to advance and secure sound economic growth in Blackstone. The EDC may also become involved in such other tasks as may be requested by other Town boards and committees. Additional subcommittees or task forces may be created within the EDC, as needed to fulfill this role.

**§ 34-3. Appointment and Terms.**

The EDC shall consist of no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10) members, including ex officio members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen or, in the case of ex officio members, by their respective public bodies, to serve staggered terms of three (3) years. Certain initial appointments to the EDC may be for lesser terms in order to implement this “staggered term” provision. Members may serve an unlimited number of terms. The Selectmen should endeavor to include as members of the EDC at least two (2) Blackstone business owners. If a vacancy on the EDC occurs by reason of death, resignation, or any other cause, the vacant seat shall be filled, upon recommendation of the EDC Chairman, by the Board of Selectmen for the duration of the unexpired term.

**§ 34-4. Officers and Duties.**

A. The officers of the EDC shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

(1) Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership of the EDC from among its voting members. The term of the Chairperson shall be for one year and until a successor is elected, beginning with the first regular January meeting of each calendar year. The Chairperson shall be eligible for reelection. The Chairperson (unless absent or excused), shall chair each meeting of the EDC and shall be a full voting member. The

Chairperson shall decide upon all points of order and procedure at EDC meetings. The Chairperson shall represent the EDC when called upon or directed by the EDC to do so.

(2) Vice-Chairperson

A Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from among the members in the same manner and for the same term as the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Acting Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and in such capacity, shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairperson.

**§ 34-5. Ex Officio Members.**

A representative of the Blackstone Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Finance Committee shall be designated by each respective body to serve as ex officio members of the EDC.

Ex-Officio members will not be counted for quorum purposes and will not have the right to vote. Ex-Officio members are encouraged to participate in discussion at meetings and to assist with other aspects of the EDC's agenda, including coordinating initiatives among other Town boards, committees and departments.

**§ 34-6. Meetings.**

A. Open Meetings Law

The EDC shall be considered a "public body" and is subject to all provisions and regulations applicable to public bodies contained in the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 30A, §§19-25). The EDC may, at times, need to discuss specific economic development projects and, therefore, may meet in executive session, as permitted under an applicable exception to the Open Meeting Law. The Chairperson, in consultation with the Town Counsel, shall recommend when the EDC meets in executive session and shall be responsible for adherence to all laws regarding such meeting sessions.

B. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the EDC shall be held monthly, commencing in July 2014. Notice of a meeting, with information on agenda items shall be posted and supplied to all members at least forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before each meeting.

C. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the EDC may be called at any time by the Chairperson or Acting Chairperson in the Chair's absence. Notice of the time and place of a called meeting shall be given to all members and the media at least forty-eight hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the meeting by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will attempt to contact each member of the EDC as soon as possible after a special meeting is set.

D. Quorum.

A quorum of the EDC shall be required to open any meeting and to conduct business. A quorum shall be a minimum of three (3) voting members. Members may participate in a meeting remotely with voting privileges and be counted present for quorum purposes in accordance with applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law and regulations/policies promulgated thereunder.

E. Participation.

Members of the EDC are strongly encouraged to participate and attend EDC meetings. Any member, who shall fail to attend at least 75% of the regular and special meetings of the EDC during any one- year period, shall be subject to removal. The Chairperson shall notify the Board of Selectmen of any member who shall so fail to attend. Upon vote of the Board of Selectmen, said position shall be deemed vacant. The vacancy shall thereupon be filled, upon recommendation of the EDC Chairperson, by the Board of Selectmen.

**§ 34-7. Conduct of Meetings**

A. All meetings shall be convened in a public forum. The order of business at meetings shall generally be as follows:

- (1) Open Meeting & Declare a Quorum
- (2) Approval of Minutes
- (3) Old Business
- (4) New Business
- (5) Adjournment

B. The Chairperson shall have the authority to amend the order of business at any meeting. All items of business for discussion at the meeting shall appear on the posted agenda.

**§ 34-8 Member Rules of Conduct.**

No member of the EDC shall seek to influence a decision, participate in any action or cast a vote involving any matter that is before the EDC which may result in a private benefit to him/herself, his/her immediate relatives or their business interests. If an EDC member determines that he/she may have a conflict of interest on a particular issue, he/she shall declare the nature of such conflict and ask to be excused from deliberating and voting on the issue related to the conflict. If a member is excused from voting, he/she shall leave the meeting table and not participate in any further discussion on the matter.

**§ 34-9 Adoption of Policies/ Regulations.**

The EDC may adopt policies and/or Regulations governing its procedures by majority vote of the EDC. Said Policies/ Regulations shall at all times be consistent with all statutes,

laws, Bylaws, regulations and general policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Blackstone.

(Submitted by the 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.

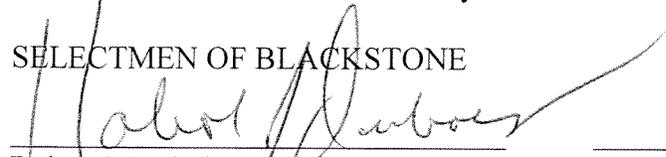
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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

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

Given under our hands this 25th day of March 2014.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

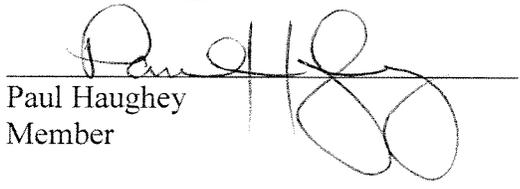


Robert J. Dubois  
Chairman

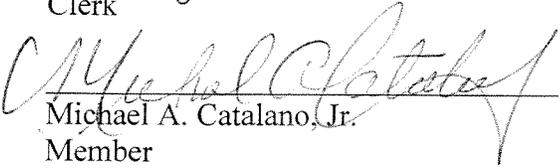
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Vice-Chairman



Margaret Bik  
Clerk



Paul Haughey  
Member



Michael A. Catalano, Jr.  
Member

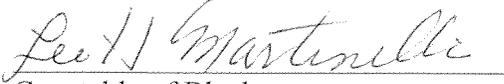
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Constable of Blackstone

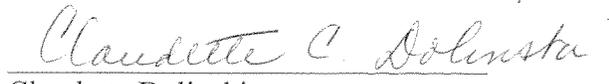
Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 26th day of March, 2014 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:



Claudette Dolinski  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 325 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: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Jean Doiron, Director Council on Aging; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Kyle Gibbons, Police IT; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Perry Davis, Interim 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 raise and appropriate **\$22,513,338** to fund 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, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 15,658,872	raised from FY'15 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,431,885	raised from FY'15 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,117,327	raised from FY'15 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,555,052	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$ 250,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ -	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund

That \$ 1,561,284 raised from FY'15 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues  
 That \$ - transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings  
 That \$ 538,918 raised from FY'15 Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues  
 That \$ 200,000 transferred from Stabilization  
 That \$ 200,000 use of Free Cash  
 That \$ - use of Overlay

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$20,140	
EXPENSES	\$50,850	
TOTAL	\$70,990	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$144,676	
EXPENSES	\$13,500	
TOTAL	\$158,176	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$3,000	
EXPENSES	\$6,300	
TOTAL	\$9,300	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132 RESERVE FUND		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$75,000	
TOTAL	\$75,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$5,100	
TOTAL	\$6,600	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$92,826	
EXPENSES	\$13,350	
TOTAL	\$106,176	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$118,870	
EXPENSES	\$47,375	
TOTAL	\$166,245	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$121,205	
EXPENSES	\$24,750	
TOTAL	\$145,955	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$100,000	
TOTAL	\$100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155 DATA PROCESSING		
EXPENSES	\$140,000	
TOTAL	\$140,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01158 COPIER		
EXPENSES	\$17,070	
TOTAL	\$17,070	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$196,508	
TOTAL	\$196,508	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$111,383	
EXPENSES	\$18,195	
TOTAL	\$129,578	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$7,620	
EXPENSES	\$20,760	
TOTAL	\$28,380	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$2,150	
EXPENSES	\$4,000	
TOTAL	\$6,150	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	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,250	
TOTAL	\$2,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$172,000	
TOTAL	\$172,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$274,500	
TOTAL	\$274,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,274,577	
EXPENSES	\$161,972	
TOTAL	\$1,436,549	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$211,360	
EXPENSES	\$1,900	
TOTAL	\$213,260	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$687,853	
EXPENSES	\$34,200	
TOTAL	\$722,053	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$6,261	
EXPENSES	\$47,000	
TOTAL	\$53,261	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$54,261	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$57,761	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$14,232	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$15,365	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$8,492	

EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$9,142	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$3,500	
EXPENSES	\$16,250	
TOTAL	\$19,750	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$16,557	
EXPENSES	\$7,700	
TOTAL	\$24,257	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$5,750	
EXPENSES	\$17,700	
TOTAL	\$23,450	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by William Chaplin, Chairman of the BMR School Committee, to increase the BMR assessment for Fiscal Year 2015 by \$400,000 for a department total of \$8,099,172 and to transfer said amount from: \$200,000 from Free Cash and \$200,000 from Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded, and a lengthy discussion ensued.

288 YES      94 NO  
TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY HAND COUNT TO AMEND

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$8,099,172	
TOTAL	\$8,099,172	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED)

A motion was made by Michael Buckley and seconded to reconsider the BMR school budget.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$738,841	
TOTAL	\$740,341	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$336,940	
TOTAL	\$336,940	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01411 CONSULTING		
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01412 ENGINEERING		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$27,131	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$27,131	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$238,565	
TOTAL	\$238,565	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$34,858	
TOTAL	\$34,858	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,168	
TOTAL	\$110,668	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$87,500	
TOTAL	\$87,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$64,200	
TOTAL	\$64,200	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made by Selectman Robert J. Dubois and seconded to amend Line Item 01429-58400 Improvement Streets from \$250,000 to \$275,000 to be funded from local receipts.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$277,500	
TOTAL	\$277,500	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED)
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$523,223	
TOTAL	\$523,223	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$23,149	
EXPENSES	\$71,866	
TOTAL	\$95,015	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$149,466	
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$159,466	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,200	
EXPENSES	\$136,170	
TOTAL	\$141,370	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$197,386	
EXPENSES	\$164,989	
TOTAL	\$362,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$60,748	
EXPENSES	\$54,800	
TOTAL	\$115,548	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
SALARIES	\$1,800	
EXPENSES	\$5,300	
TOTAL	\$7,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01693 CULTURAL COUNCIL		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$994,224	
TOTAL	\$994,224	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$403,917	
TOTAL	\$403,917	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$0	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$7,000	
TOTAL	\$7,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$655,133	
TOTAL	\$655,133	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$459,169	
TOTAL	\$459,169	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$59,000	
TOTAL	\$59,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES		
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCES		
EXPENSES	\$7,500	
TOTAL	\$7,500	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>\$20,413,136</b>	
<b>WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE</b>		

60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$55,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$55,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$164,723	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$164,723	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$158,864	
TOTAL	\$158,864	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$404,450	
TOTAL	\$404,450	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>\$783,037</b>	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$145,142	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$145,142	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$70,081	
TOTAL	\$70,081	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$449,955	
TOTAL	\$449,955	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$45,000	
TOTAL	\$45,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$16,069	
TOTAL	\$16,069	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>\$778,247</b>	
<b>TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE</b>	<b>\$1,561,284</b>	
RECYCLING CENTER ENTERPRISE		

65132 RECYCLING RESERVE FUND		
RECYCLING RESERVE FUND	\$15,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
65433 RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION		
SALARY TOTAL	\$291,717	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$203,877	
TOTAL	\$495,594	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT RECYCLE		
EXPENSES	\$25,800	
TOTAL	\$25,800	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$2,524	
TOTAL	\$2,524	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
<b>TOTAL RECYCLING</b>	<b>\$538,918</b>	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER &amp; SEWER &amp; RECYCLING BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$22,513,338</b>	

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5.** The Finance Committee recommended and moved that NO ACTION BE TAKEN on this article.

Original Article:

*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)*

A motion was made by William Chaplin, Chairman of the BMR School Committee, and seconded to amend that recommendation to allow the Town to vote to take action.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND**

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.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6.** 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 approve in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16G ½, the District establish a Stabilization Fund effective July 1, 2014, or take any action relative thereto.*

*(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)*

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION**

**ARTICLE 7.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote TO DISAPPROVE this article.

Original Article:

*To see if the Town of Blackstone will vote to appropriate the total \$2.9 million debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on April 17, 2014 for*

*costs of adding to, equipping, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with the Town's apportioned share of debt payments computed in accordance with the Regional Agreement and commencing in fiscal year 2016, or take any action relative thereto.*

*(Submitted by Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District)*

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DISAPPROVE ARTICLE

**ARTICLE 8.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and 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, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

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 enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 10.** 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 roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 11.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto; the receipts from use of the Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$1,500 during Fiscal Year 2015.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 12.** 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 authorize the Collector/Treasurer to increase Motor Vehicle Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property Demand fee to \$25, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

*(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

**ARTICLE 13.** 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 adopt the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40U providing an alternative collection procedure for the collection of municipal fines imposed for violations of rules, regulations, orders or bylaws regulating housing, sanitary or snow and ice removal requirements, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

*(Submitted by Board of Health)*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

**ARTICLE 14.** 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 adopt procedures for the payment of municipal fines imposed for violations per GL, Chapter 40U, Section 3, schedule of fines to be established by bylaw per Section 11, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

*(Submitted by Board of Health)*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

**ARTICLE 15.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,673.56 to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Reserve Account as reimbursement to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center Reserve Account for the overpayment of employee benefits in FY12.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 16.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B ½, to adopt the following by-law enabling the Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for or in possession of certain licenses including, but not limited to, those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers, and Hackney Drivers, and to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this by-law.

**Chapter 93**  
**Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks**

**§ 93-1 Purpose and Authorization.**

In order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone, and as authorized by Chapter 6, section 172B ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws as enacted by Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, this by-law shall require: a) applicants for certain Town licenses permitting the engagement in specific occupational activities within the Town as enumerated in Section 93-2 below to submit to fingerprinting by the Blackstone Police Department, b) the Police Department to conduct criminal record background checks based on such fingerprints, and c) the Town to consider the results of such background checks in determining whether or not to grant a license. The Town authorizes the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Systems (DCJIS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as may be applicable, to conduct on the behalf of the Town and its Police Department fingerprint-based state and national criminal record background checks, including of FBI records, consistent with this by-law. The Town authorizes the Police Department to receive and utilize FBI records in connection with such background checks, consistent with this Bylaw.

**§ 93-2 Applicant's Submission to Fingerprinting by the Police Department.**

Any applicant for a license to engage in any of the following occupational activities within the Town shall submit a full set of fingerprints taken by the Blackstone Police Department within ten (10) days of the date of the application for a license for the purpose of conducting a state and national criminal record background check to determine the suitability of the applicant for the license: Manager of Alcoholic Beverage License, Hawker and Peddler, Owner or Operator of Public Conveyance, Dealer of Second-Hand Articles, Ice Cream Truck Vendor. At the time of fingerprinting, the Police Department shall notify the individual fingerprinted that the fingerprints will be used to check the individual's FBI criminal history records.

**§ 93-3 Police Department Processing of Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks and Communication of Results.**

The Police Department shall transmit fingerprints it has obtained pursuant to Section 93-2 of this by-law to the Identification Section of the Massachusetts State Police, DCJIS, and/or the FBI as may be necessary for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based state and national criminal records background checks of license applicants specified in Section 93-2. The Police Department shall provide the applicant with a copy of the results of his or her fingerprint-based criminal record background check and supply the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in it, including in the FBI identification record. The Police Department shall also supply applicants with information regarding the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of a criminal record, including a copy of 28 C.F.R. Part 16.34 pertaining to FBI identification records. The Police Department shall not utilize the fingerprint-based criminal record background check pursuant to the paragraph below until it has taken the steps detailed in this paragraph and otherwise complied with the Town's policy applicable to Town licensing-related criminal record background checks. The Police Department shall communicate the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks to the applicable licensing authority within the Town. The Police Department shall

indicate whether the applicant has been convicted of, or is awaiting final adjudication for, a crime that bears upon his or her suitability as a licensee, or any felony or misdemeanor that involved force or threat of force, controlled substances or a sex-related offense.

**§ 93-4 Reliance on Results of Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks.**

Licensing authorities of the Town shall utilize the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks for the sole purpose of determining the suitability of the subjects of the checks in connection with the license applications specified in Section 93-2. A Town licensing authority may deny an application for a license on the basis of the results of a fingerprint-based criminal record background check if it determines that the results of the check render the subject unsuitable for the proposed occupational activity. The licensing authority shall consider all applicable laws, regulations and Town policies bearing on an applicant's suitability in making this determination. The licensing authority shall not deny a license based on information in a criminal record unless the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.

**§ 93-5 Compliance with Law, Regulation, and Town Policy.**

Implementation of this by-law and the conducting of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks by the Town shall be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and Town policies, including, but not limited to, the Police Department's policies and regulations applicable to licensing-related criminal record background checks, which shall include record retention and confidentiality requirements. The Town shall not disseminate the results of fingerprint-based criminal background checks except as may be provided by law, regulation, and Town policy. The Town shall not disseminate criminal record information received from the FBI to unauthorized persons or entities.

**§ 93-6 Fees.**

The fee charged by the Police Department for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based criminal record background checks shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). A portion of the fee, as specified in Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B 1/2, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee may be retained by the Town for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 17.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$17,550 to replace five computers in five Police line cruisers.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 18.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,300 to install a GPS tracking system into all Police line cruisers.

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

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

88 YES      111 NO  
MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE NOT TO APPROVE

**ARTICLE 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$338,559 to replace the existing radio system.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 for Hepatitis B Booster, Hepatitis B Series, Tuberculosis and such other testing for all Town personnel including Police, Highway, Board of Health and Fire Department employees.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 21.** 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 the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way, as shown on the plan entitled "\_\_\_\_\_ " dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, and prepared by \_\_\_\_\_, which layout shall have been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to the date of the vote hereunder and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain taking any land necessary for the purpose of such way as so laid out, and, as necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the way, provided, however, that the construction of said road is acceptable to the Planning Board and Director of Public Works, or take any other action relating thereto.*

*(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Mr. Paul Marvelle, Chairman of the Planning Board, indicated the Board had recommended Article 22.

**ARTICLE 22.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123.13.1 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection F Open space as shown below with **bold type** indicating additions:

**Flexible Residential Development Open Space**

F Open space. Any proposed open space within the development shall **either** be conveyed to the Town **and accepted by it for park or open space use, or be conveyed** to a nonprofit organization **the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, or to be conveyed** to a corporation or trust owned by or to be owned by the owners of the lots **or residential units** within the development. **If such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units. In any**

case where such land is not conveyed to the Town, a restriction enforceable by the Town, or, in any case where such land is conveyed to the Town, enforceable by a nonprofit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and not be built for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway, as provided by MGL c. 40A, S. 9, the Zoning Act.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Paul Marvelle, Chairman of the Planning Board, indicated the Board had recommended Article 23.

**ARTICLE 23.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or otherwise acquire, any fee, easement, or other interest in all or any part of land shown as lots 8 and 21 on Assessors' Map 26, now or formerly of Ronald Padula, consisting of approximately .35 and 4.00 acres respectively, said land to be placed in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, and to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Open Space Fund or other available funds for the purpose of funding said acquisition, including survey work, appraisal and legal fees necessary therefore; and further, to authorize the Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission to place a conservation restriction on said land in perpetuity to be held by a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve open space.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 24.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town TAKE NO ACTION on this Article.

Original Article:

*To see if the Town will vote to amend the provisions of the Blackstone Code, Chapter 114, (VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD) by deleting the existing Sections 114-1 and 114-2 and substituting therefore the following revised sections:*

*Section 114-1 Written permission required for use in certain areas. No person shall use or operate for recreation use a motorized off-road vehicle, including but not limited to minibikes, trail bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) or snowmobiles, or a similar motorized vehicle which is eligible for registration under Chapter 90B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, on **(1)** any Town-owned property, except public roads and streets, or **(2)** private property, without prior written consent of the Town authority or landowner having the responsibility for the management of such property. Any such consent shall be temporary in nature, shall specify the period of time during which it is in force and shall be subject to the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements of all general laws, including, without limitation, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90B.*

*Furthermore, unless a permit for such recreational use is obtained from the Blackstone Police Department, no such consent shall be granted for any parcel(s) of land with an area less than 1 acre, nor for any land within 200 feet of any residence other than the residence of the owner of the parcel(s) on which the consent is granted. Operation of such recreational vehicles shall be*

limited to the hours of 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and to a maximum of 2 hours during this time period on any day.

*Section 114-2 Enforcement.* The provisions of this article may be enforced by the Blackstone Police Department. Violators, including operating a motorized off-road vehicle or granting permission for such use that is not in compliance with the provisions of 114-1, shall be subject to a fine. Said fine shall be \$50 per offense and shall be enforced by the appropriate enforcing person and be enforced in the method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations. Violations of Chapter 90B shall be punishable as indicated in said Chapter 90B.

*(Submitted by the Police Department)*

## TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Mr. Paul Marvelle, Chairman of the Planning Board, indicated the Board had recommended Article 25.

**ARTICLE 25.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Blackstone by adding a Section 123-23.6 regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities, adding a definition of Medical Marijuana Facilities to Section 123-24 and adding Medical Marijuana Facilities to Section 123-11 Use Schedule. The new Section 123-23.6 is as follows:

### **123-23.6. Medical Marijuana Facilities**

A. Purpose. This section regulates Medical Marijuana Facilities for the following purposes:

(1) To provide for the establishment of Medical Marijuana Facilities in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with the passage of Initiative Petition 11-11 (as codified by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012, An Act For The Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana).

(2) To minimize the adverse impacts of Medical Marijuana Facilities on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where children congregate, local historic districts, and other land uses potentially incompatible with said Facilities.

(3) To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Medical Marijuana Facilities.

B. Applicability

(1) The commercial cultivation], production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana for Medical Use is prohibited unless permitted as a Medical Marijuana Facility under this Section 123-23.6..

(2) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section 123-23.6.

(3) Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws and regulations governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs.

(4) If any provision of this Section or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be invalid, the remainder of this Section, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provision of this Section are severable.

#### C. Eligible Locations for Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Medical Marijuana Facilities may be allowed in the Industrial Zoning District by Special Permit issued by the Blackstone Planning Board provided that the facility meets the requirements of this Section 123-23.6.

#### D. General Requirements and Conditions for all Medical Marijuana Facilities.

(1) All non-exempt Medical Marijuana Facilities shall be contained within a building or structure.

(2) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall have a gross floor area of less than 2,500 square feet or in excess of 10,000 square feet.

(3) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall not be located in a building that contains any medical doctor office or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of medical marijuana.

(4) The hours of operation of Medical Marijuana Facilities shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall said Facilities be open and/or operating between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

(5) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be located within 500 feet of a residential zoning district.

(6) No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of a Medical Marijuana Facility.

(7) No Medical Marijuana Facility shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.

(8) Signage for the Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following language: "Registration card issued by the MA Department of Public Health Required." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height.

(9) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall provide the Blackstone Police Department, Building Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders for the purposes of notification and contact if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

#### E. Special Permit Requirements

(1) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall only be allowed by special permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, §9, subject to the following statements, regulations, requirements, conditions and limitations.

(2) A special permit for a Medical Marijuana Facility shall be limited to one or more of the following uses that shall be prescribed by the Special Permit Granting Authority:

a) cultivation of Marijuana for Medical Use (horticulture), provided that uses qualifying for exemption from regulation under Chapter 40A Section 3 shall not require a special permit;

b) processing and packaging of Marijuana for Medical Use, including Marijuana that is in the form of smoking materials, food products, oils, aerosols, ointments, and other products;

c) retail sale or distribution of Marijuana for Medical Use to Qualifying Patients:

(3) In addition to the application requirements set forth in Sections D and E of this Bylaw, a special permit application for a Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following;

a) the name and address of each owner of the facility;

b) copies of all required license, permits and approvals from the Facility issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies;

c) evidence of the Applicant's right to use and control the site of the Facility, such as a deed, or lease;

d) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure statement contains the names of individuals;

e) a certified list all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;

f) Proposed security measures for the Medical Marijuana Facility, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

(4). Mandatory Findings. The Special Permit Authority shall not issue a special permit for a Medical Marijuana Facility unless it finds that:

a) the Facility is designated to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 11;

b) the Facility demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and

c) the Applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of Sections D and E herein:

(5) Annual Reporting. Each Medical Marijuana Facility permitted under this Bylaw shall as a condition of its special permit file an annual report with and appear before the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Town Clerk no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the Facility and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

(6) A special permit granted under this Section shall be limited to the term of the Applicant's ownership of the premises as a Medical Marijuana Facility. A special permit may be transferred only upon the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit subject to all information required in this Section 123-23.6.2.

(7) The Applicant must post a bond at the time of construction in an amount and form deemed sufficient by the Planning Board to cover costs for the removal of the Medical Marijuana Facility in the event the Town must remove the facility. The amount of the bond shall be based upon the anticipated costs required to completely remove and dispose of all the items noted in Section 123-23.6.2.7.2 and to properly clean the premises at prevailing wage rates. The amount of the bond shall be determined based upon three (3) written bids/proposals addressing the scope of removal/cleaning work required herein provided by the Applicant to the Planning Board. An incentive factor of 1.5 shall be applied to all bonds to assure compliance and the availability of adequate funds for the Town to remove all Facility components and material at prevailing wage rates.

#### F. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

(1) A Special Permit shall lapse if not exercised within one year of issuance.

(2) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

- a) prior to surrendering its state issued licenses or permits; or
- b) within six months of ceasing operations; whichever comes first

And further, add the following to Section 123-24 Definitions:

123-23.6.2.3 Definitions

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY**

A not-for-profit entity (also known as a “Medical marijuana treatment center”) registered under 105 CMR 725.100, to be known as a registered marijuana dispensary (RMD), that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products (MIPs), tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

And add the following to Section 123-11 Use Schedule under **INSTITUTIONAL USES**:

	<b>R-1,</b>			
	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Medical Marijuana Facility	No	No	No	PB
	TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE			

**ARTICLE 26.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Liability Trust Fund, to designate the State Health Care Security Trust as custodian of said Fund, and to raise, transfer and appropriate a sum of money for said Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 27.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of repairing the main sewer pumping station, including all design, construction and other costs related thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 28.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer 1/3 from Free cash and 2/3 from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a 4 x 4 water truck with plow and electric lift gate.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 29.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$38,000 to purchase a 2014 – F150 4-wheel drive pick-up truck.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 30.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to extend its prior authorization pursuant to Clause 56 of G.L. c. 59, Section 5, authorizing the Board of Assessors to exempt up to 100% of real & personal property taxes assessed to Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists for any fiscal year in which they are deployed on active duty overseas.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 31.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the following Economic Development Committee (EDC) By-Law.

**Chapter 34**  
**Economic Development Committee**

**§ 34-1. Establishment.**

There is hereby established in the Town of Blackstone the Blackstone Economic Development Committee, which shall serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards, committees and agencies with respect to matters relating to economic and business development within the Town.

**§ 34-2. Purpose.**

A. Mission

The mission of the Economic Development Committee is to promote and develop business and industry for the purpose of strengthening the local economy, generating jobs, and advancing economic growth to ensure the fiscal stability of the Town of Blackstone.

B. Role of the Economic Development Committee

The role of the Economic Development Committee, hereafter referred to as the EDC, is to act as an advisor to the Board of Selectmen and other Town agencies with respect to the preparation and implementation of economic development plans and initiatives for the Town. The EDC may make recommendations to Town boards and committees, including, but not limited to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Finance Committee regarding the economic and business development needs of the Town, and may offer suggestions as to how such needs may be most effectively addressed. The EDC may, at the request of the Selectmen or Town Administrator, participate in the recruitment and retention of companies or industries within the business community to advance and secure sound economic growth in Blackstone. The EDC may also become involved in such other tasks as may be requested by other Town boards and committees. Additional subcommittees or task forces may be created within the EDC, as needed to fulfill this role.

### **§ 34-3. Appointment and Terms.**

The EDC shall consist of no fewer than four (4) and no more than eight (8) members, including ex officio members, each of them whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to serve staggered terms of three (3) years. Certain initial appointments to the EDC may be for lesser terms in order to implement this “staggered term” provision. Members may serve an unlimited number of terms. If a vacancy on the EDC occurs by reason of death, resignation, or any other cause, the vacant seat shall be filled, upon recommendation of the EDC Chairman, by the Board of Selectmen for the duration of the unexpired term.

### **§ 34-4. Officers and Duties.**

A. The officers of the EDC shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

#### (1) Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership of the EDC from among its voting members. The term of the Chairperson shall be for one year and until a successor is elected, beginning with the first regular July meeting of each calendar year. The Chairperson shall be eligible for reelection. The Chairperson (unless absent or excused), shall chair each meeting of the EDC and shall be a full voting member. The Chairperson shall decide upon all points of order and procedure at EDC meetings. The Chairperson shall represent the EDC when called upon or directed by the EDC to do so.

#### (2) Vice-Chairperson

A Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from among the members in the same manner and for the same term as the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Acting Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and in such capacity, shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairperson.

### **§ 34-5. Ex Officio Members.**

A representative of the Blackstone Board of Selectmen, shall be designated by the Board to serve as an ex officio member of the EDC. This ex-Officio member will not be counted for quorum purposes and will not have the right to vote. The ex-Officio member is encouraged to participate in discussion at meetings and to assist with other aspects of the EDC’s agenda, including coordinating initiatives among other Town boards, committees and departments.

### **§ 34-6. Meetings.**

#### A. Open Meetings Law

The EDC shall be considered a "public body" and is subject to all provisions and regulations applicable to public bodies contained in the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law

(G.L. c. 30A, §§19-25, as may be amended). The EDC may, at times, need to discuss specific economic development projects and, therefore, may meet in executive session, as permitted under an applicable exception to the Open Meeting Law. The Chairperson, in consultation with the Town Counsel, shall recommend when the EDC meets in executive session and shall be responsible for adherence to all laws regarding such meeting sessions.

B. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the EDC shall be held monthly, commencing in July 2014. Notice of a meeting, with information on agenda items shall be posted and supplied to all members at least forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before each meeting.

C. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the EDC may be called at any time by the Chairperson or Acting Chairperson in the Chair's absence. Notice of the time and place of a called meeting shall be given to all members and the media at least forty-eight hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the meeting by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will attempt to contact each member of the EDC as soon as possible after a special meeting is set.

D. Quorum.

A quorum of the EDC shall be required to open any meeting and to conduct business. A quorum shall be a minimum of three (3) voting members. Members may participate in a meeting remotely with voting privileges and be counted present for quorum purposes in accordance with applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law and regulations/policies promulgated thereunder.

E. Participation.

Members of the EDC are strongly encouraged to participate and attend EDC meetings. Any member, who shall fail to attend at least 75% of the regular and special meetings of the EDC during any one year period, shall be subject to removal. The Chairperson shall notify the Board of Selectmen of any member who shall so fail to attend. Upon vote of the Board of Selectmen, said position shall be deemed vacant. The vacancy shall thereupon be filled, upon recommendation of the EDC Chairperson, by the Board of Selectmen.

**§ 34-7. Conduct of Meetings**

A. All meetings shall be convened in a public forum. The order of business at meetings shall generally be as follows:

- (1) Open Meeting & Declare a Quorum
- (2) Approval of Minutes
- (3) Old Business
- (4) New Business
- (5) Adjournment

B. The Chairperson shall have the authority to amend the order of business at any meeting. All items of business for discussion at the meeting shall appear on the posted agenda.

**§ 34-8 Member Rules of Conduct.**

No member of the EDC shall seek to influence a decision, participate in any action or cast a vote involving any matter that is before the EDC which may result in a private benefit to him/herself, his/her immediate relatives or their business interests. If an EDC member determines that he/she may have a conflict of interest on a particular issue, he/she shall declare the nature of such conflict and ask to be excused from deliberating and voting on the issue related to the conflict. If a member is excused from voting, he/she shall leave the meeting table and not participate in any further discussion on the matter.

**§ 34-9 Adoption of Policies/ Regulations.**

The EDC may adopt policies and/or Regulations governing its procedures by majority vote of the EDC. Said Policies/ Regulations shall at all times be consistent with all statutes, laws, Bylaws, regulations and general policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Blackstone.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 32.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$78,124.61 from Free Cash to the stabilization fund.

**TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Finance Committee**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
James T Watson III	Unex 3 yrs expiring ATM 2016
William B. Macy	3 yrs expiring ATM 2017
Paul M. Muller	3 yrs expiring ATM 2017
John M. Wozniak	3 yrs expiring ATM 2017

Stephen P. Goudreau	Unex 3 yrs expiring ATM 2016
James R. Belisle	Unex 3 yrs expiring ATM 2015

**Deputy Moderator**

Daniel T. Doyle	3 yrs expiring ATM 2017
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On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

*Claudette C. Dolinski*

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Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

**GREETINGS:**

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

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

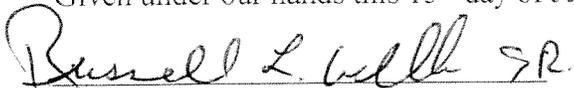
On **THURSDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

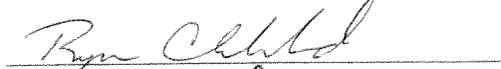
- SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- GOVERNOR.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- ATTORNEY GENERAL.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- SECRETARY OF STATE.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- AUDITOR.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....SECOND DISTRICT
- COUNCILLOR.....SEVENTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
- SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....MIDDLE DISTRICT
- REGISTER OF PROBATE.....WORCESTER COUNTY

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

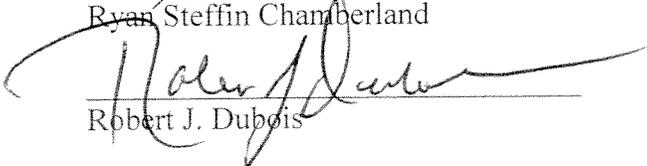
Given under our hands this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014

  
Russell L. Wells, Sr., Chairman

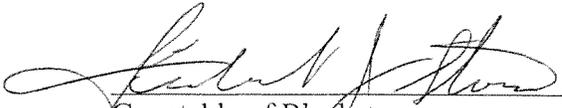
  
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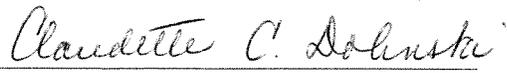
  
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Robert J. Dubois

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2014, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun St.; and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.

  
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY  
September 9, 2014**

<b>WARDENS:</b>	Precinct #1	Margaret T. Keegan
	Precinct #2	Corrine T. Beane
	Precinct #3	Frederick J. Stone

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

The votes were recorded as follows:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

\*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Democrat	126
Prec #2	Democrat	140
Prec #3	Democrat	96
	Total	362

	<b>PREC 1</b>	<b>PREC 2</b>	<b>PREC 3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

*Edward J. Markey	96	109	65	270
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	30	30	31	91

**GOVERNOR**

Donald M. Berwick	30	26	21	77
*Martha Coakley	53	65	42	160
Steven Grossman	39	47	31	117
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	4	2	2	8

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Leland Cheung	19	23	19	61
*Stephen J. Kerrigan	70	75	52	197
Michael E. Lake	20	26	13	59
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	17	16	12	45

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

*Maura Healey	73	90	49	212
Warren E. Tolman	46	41	41	128
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	9	6	22

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

*William Francis Galvin	101	115	74	290
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	25	25	22	72

**TREASURER**

Thomas P. Conroy	36	41	31	108
Barry R. Finegold	33	45	28	106
*Deborah B. Goldberg	47	43	28	118
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	11	9	30

**AUDITOR**

*Suzanne M. Bump	90	104	66	260
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	36	36	30	102

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--****Second District**

*James P. McGovern	93	109	67	269
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	33	31	29	93

**COUNCILLOR--Seventh District**

Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	126	139	96	361

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

*Richard T. Moore	109	121	68	298
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	17	19	28	64

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

*Joseph M. Hall	90	102	65	257
Write-Ins	0	2	0	2
Blanks	36	36	31	103

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District**

*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	99	112	69	280
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	27	28	27	82

**REGISTER OF PROBATE--Worcester County**

*Stephen G. Abraham	94	105	64	263
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	32	35	32	99

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

\*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	47
Prec #2	Republican	60
Prec #3	Republican	67
	Total	174

PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
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**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

*Brian J. Herr	35	53	53	141
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	12	7	14	33

**GOVERNOR**

*Charles D. Baker	28	45	52	125
Mark R. Fisher	19	14	14	47
Write-Ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	0	0	0	0

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

*Karyn E. Polito	39	53	53	145
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	8	6	14	28

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

*John B. Miller	34	53	50	137
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	7	17	37

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

*David D'Arcangelo	33	49	50	132
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	14	11	17	42

**TREASURER**

*Michael James Heffernan	33	48	51	132
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	14	12	16	42

**AUDITOR**

*Patricia S. Saint Aubin	32	49	49	130
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	15	11	18	44

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--****Second District**

Write-Ins	0	0	3	3
Blanks	47	60	64	171

**COUNCILLOR--Seventh District**

*Jennie L. Caissie	30	47	47	124
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	17	13	20	50

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

*Ryan C. Fattman	40	56	58	154
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	4	9	20

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

*Kevin J. Kuros	32	50	57	139
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	15	10	10	35

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District**

Write-Ins	0	0	3	3
Blanks	47	60	64	171

**REGISTER OF PROBATE--Worcester  
County**

*Stephanie K. Fattman	38	49	50	137
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	11	17	37

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6174

Total voters--all parties--536

.09% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

*Claudette C. Dolinski*

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Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT  
STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2014

**WORCESTER SS.**

To the Constables of the City/Town of Blackstone

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at:

Precinct #1—Senior Center, Municipal Center (Lower Level), 15 St. Paul Street  
Precinct #2—St. Theresa Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street  
Precinct #3—Main Conference Room, Municipal Center (Upper Level), 15 St. Paul Street

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
ATTORNEY GENERAL . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
SECRETARY OF STATE . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
TREASURER . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
AUDITOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . SECOND DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR . . . . . SEVENTH DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY. . . . . MIDDLE DISTRICT  
REGISTER OF PROBATE. . . . . WORCESTER COUNTY  
REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE. . . . . BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

*A YES VOTE* would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

**QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

## SUMMARY

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

*A YES VOTE* would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

### QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

## SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to

existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

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

*A YES VOTE* would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

#### **QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state

wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

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

Given under our hands this 7th day of October, 2014.

Russell L. Wells, Sr.  
Russell L. Wells, Sr., Chairman

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.  
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Ryan Steffin Chamberland  
Ryan Steffin Chamberland

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Margo Bik

Robert J. Dubois  
Robert J. Dubois

**Selectmen of Blackstone**

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, 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 #2 on Rathbun Street, and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.

Leo H. Martonelli  
Constable

Oct. 8, 2014.  
(month and day)

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

Claudette C. Dolinski  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION  
November 4, 2014**

**WARDENS:**

Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan  
 Precinct #2: Corrinne T. Beane  
 Precinct #3: Frederick J. Stone

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	892
Prec #2	1016
Prec #3	1005
Total	2913

**PRECINCT 1    PRECINCT 2    PRECINCT 3    TOTAL**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

*Edward J. Markey	454	526	439	1419
Brian J. Herr	402	450	525	1377
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	36	40	41	117

**GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

*Baker and Polito	499	567	621	1687
Coakley and Kerrigan	317	374	320	1011
Falchuk and Jennings	33	42	33	108
Lively and Saunders	10	15	10	35
McCormick and Post	16	8	12	36
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	17	10	9	36

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

*Maura Healey	466	528	456	1450
John B. Miller	383	445	492	1320
Write-ins	0	0	2	2
Blanks	43	43	55	141

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

*William Francis Galvin	501	600	532	1633
David D'Arcangelo	311	334	381	1026
Daniel L. Factor	41	34	39	114
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	39	48	53	140

**TREASURER**

Deborah B. Goldberg	401	491	384	1276
*Michael James Heffernan	389	446	523	1358

Ian T. Jackson	40	25	42	107
Write-ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	62	54	55	171

**AUDITOR**

Suzanne M. Bump	383	468	385	1236
*Patricia S. Saint Aubin	381	444	495	1320
MK Merelice	43	25	37	105
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	85	79	88	252

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District**

*James P. McGovern	618	712	660	1990
Write-ins	6	1	6	13
Blanks	268	303	339	910

**COUNCILLOR--Seventh District**

*Jennie L. Caissie	596	705	692	1993
Write-ins	5	1	3	9
Blanks	291	310	310	911

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

Richard T. Moore	408	445	404	1257
*Ryan C. Fattman	465	554	584	1603
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	19	17	17	53

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

*Kevin J. Kuros	469	503	604	1576
Joseph M. Hall	329	412	305	1046
Joseph F. Guertin	35	46	35	116
Write-ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	59	55	60	174

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District**

*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	649	718	679	2046
Write-ins	2	1	6	9
Blanks	241	297	320	858

**REGISTER OF PROBATE--Worcester County**

Stephen G. Abraham	388	447	386	1221
*Stephanie K. Fattman	438	505	547	1490
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	66	64	72	202

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Bellingham**

*Joseph M. Hall	610	724	675	2009
Write-ins	2	1	2	5
Blanks	280	291	328	899

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone**

*Joseph A. Broderick	622	741	698	2061
Write-ins	2	0	3	5
Blanks	268	275	304	847

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Douglas**

*John C. Lavin, III	577	686	646	1909
Write-ins	2	0	3	5
Blanks	313	330	356	999

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Grafton**

*Anthony M. Yitts	565	664	615	1844
Write-ins	2	0	0	2
Blanks	325	352	390	1067

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Hopedale**

Write-ins	6	2	4	12
Blanks	886	1014	1001	2901

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Mendon**

*Dennis P. Braun	543	637	595	1775
Write-ins	2	1	0	3
Blanks	347	378	410	1135

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Milford**

*Arthur E. Morin, Jr.	552	652	587	1791
Write-ins	2	0	0	2
Blanks	338	364	418	1120

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Millbury**

*Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.	388	464	417	1269
Maryann Yaghoobian	213	227	239	679
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	290	325	349	964

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Millville**

*Gerald M. Finn	558	647	608	1813
Write-ins	3	0	0	3
Blanks	331	369	397	1097

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Northbridge**

*Jeff T. Koopman	550	631	578	1759
Write-ins	3	0	0	3
Blanks	339	385	427	1151

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Sutton**

Write-ins	5	2	5	12
Blanks	887	1014	1000	2901

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Upton**

*David R. Bartlett	541	627	575	1743
Write-ins	2	0	0	2
Blanks	349	389	430	1168

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Uxbridge**

*James H. Ebbeling	541	631	580	1752
Write-ins	2	0	0	2
Blanks	349	385	425	1159

**QUESTION #1--Eliminating Gas Tax Indexing**

*Yes	450	523	528	1501
No	368	443	439	1250
Blanks	74	50	38	162

**QUESTION #2--Expanding the Beverage Container Deposit law**

Yes	92	98	117	307
*No	741	889	866	2496
Blanks	59	29	22	110

**QUESTION #3--Expanding Prohibitions on Gaming**

Yes	204	227	253	684
*No	627	755	723	2105
Blanks	61	34	29	124

**QUESTION #4--Earned Sick Time for Employees**

*Yes	464	523	458	1445
No	370	464	517	1351
Blanks	58	29	30	117

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6,208

Total voters--2913

47% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

*Claudette C. Dolinski*

**Claudette C. Dolinski**  
**Town Clerk of Blackstone**

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's office provides accounting support to all departments, boards 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 your continuous cooperation and communication with the Accounting Department. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hebert  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	L-T Debt	Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital k Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & k Agency	Account Group	(Memo Only)
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash & investments	3,620,184	1,011,575	1,034,095	809,806	6,539,945	-	13,015,605
Petty Cash	975						975
Receivables:							-
Property taxes	483,963	-	-	-	-	-	483,963
Motor vehicle excise	221,712	-	-	-	-	-	221,712
Tax Liens	656,007	-	-	-	-	-	656,007
Water		-	-	90,219	-	-	90,219
Sewer		-	-	137,264	-	-	137,264
Other		282,607	-	-	-	-	282,607
Special assessments			-	-	-	-	-
Pre-Paid Expenses		-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from State		83,854	-	-	-	-	83,854
Due from Other				30,473			30,473
Amounts to be Provided		-	-	-		10,869,436	10,869,436
Loans Authorized		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,982,841</b>	<b>1,378,036</b>	<b>1,034,095</b>	<b>1,067,762</b>	<b>6,539,945</b>	<b>10,869,436</b>	<b>25,872,115</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; reserves</b>							
Warrants & accounts payable	4,397	386	-	1,739		-	6,522
Payrolls payable & withholdings	(6,695)	-	-			-	(6,695)
Other liabilities	9,754	-	-			-	9,754
Due to other funds						-	-
Notes payable		-	1,007,000			-	1,007,000
Bonds payable		-	-			10,869,436	10,869,436
Loans Authorized and Unissued		-	-			-	-
Deferred revenue & provision	779,222	366,461		227,483			1,373,166
Overlay Balance	582,465						582,465
<b>Total liabilities &amp; reserves</b>	<b>1,369,143</b>	<b>366,847</b>	<b>1,007,000</b>	<b>229,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,869,436</b>	<b>13,841,648</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>							
Reserved							
Encumbrances	131,000	26,039		254,237			411,276
Free Cash for Expenditures	704,574						704,574
Continued appropriations	785,976	-	-	36,250	-	-	822,226
Overlay for Expenditures	-	-	-	113,333	-	-	113,333
Special Purposes		-	27,095		6,539,945	-	6,567,040
Undesignated	1,992,148	985,150		434,720			3,412,018
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>3,613,698</b>	<b>1,011,189</b>	<b>27,095</b>	<b>838,540</b>	<b>6,539,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,030,467</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>4,982,841</b>	<b>1,378,036</b>	<b>1,034,095</b>	<b>1,067,762</b>	<b>6,539,945</b>	<b>10,869,436</b>	<b>25,872,115</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis**  
**Fiscal Year 2014**

**Fund 01**

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<b>Beginning Balance, July 1, 2013:</b>		<b>\$ 1,509,793</b>
Date of Entry		
Close FY2014 Revenue/Expenditures		731,173
Close FY2014 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend		983,547
Close FY2014 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		395,085
Close FY2014 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		205,712
Establish FY2015 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		(785,976)
Establish FY2015 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		(131,000)
Establish FY2015 Free Cash Reserv for Expend.		(704,574)
Reserve Overlay Vote for Expenditures		
Prior Year Adjust after Close FY13		(287,294)
Adjust for PY PO liquidate		75,682
Prior Year Audit Adjust		
Adjust for Cash Recons Variance per monthly recvbl		
<b>Ending Balance, June 30, 2014 Undes.</b>		<b><u>1,992,148</u></b>

**Balance Sheet**

**Summary Total Fund Balance:**

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances		131,000
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations		785,976
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expend		704,574
Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash		
Undes. Fund Balance		1,992,148

<b>Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2014</b>		<b><u>\$ 3,613,698</u></b>
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<b>From Balance Sheet</b>		<b><u>\$ 3,613,698</u></b>
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2014 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>
MODERATOR	550			550	473	-	77
SELECTMEN	65,726		18,328	84,054	62,118	78	21,858
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	152,878			152,878	151,857	71	950
FINANCE COMMITTEE	12,550	(4,000)		8,550	4,291	-	4,259
RESERVE FUND	75,000	(31,825)		43,175	-		43,175
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	6,600	-		6,600	3,787	-	2,813
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	107,122			107,122	96,111	10,935	76
ASSESSORS	174,376			174,376	144,555	1,031	28,790
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	144,016	-	255	144,271	122,100	515	21,656
TOWN COUNSEL	100,000	(5,000)		95,000	58,924		36,076
DATA PROCESSING	137,000	(1,549)		135,451	116,560	2,264	16,627
COPIER	14,822	-		14,822	14,636		186
BONDS & INSURANCE	178,871	(4,537)		174,334	161,975	328	12,031
TOWN CLERK	125,269			125,269	116,781	6,760	1,728
ELECTIONS	11,360		212	11,572	9,552		2,020
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	5,850			5,850	5,570		280
CONSERVATION COMM	4,225			4,225	4,016		209
OPEN SPACE			100,000	100,000			100,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,331		28,050	54,381	23,841		30,540
ZONING BOARD	8,389			8,389	4,000		4,389
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT				-			0
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,250			2,250	2,229		21
GENERAL	172,000	(5,000)		167,000	132,790	479	33,731
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	261,000		235,500	496,500	254,212	4,003	238,285
TOWN REPORT	3,000			3,000	2,093		907
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,789,185</b>	<b>(51,911)</b>	<b>382,345</b>	<b>2,119,619</b>	<b>1,492,471</b>	<b>26,464</b>	<b>600,684</b>
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,342,136	8,660	25,467	1,376,263	1,361,848	3,738	10,677
POLICE DISPATCHERS	204,909	7,250		212,159	211,803	300	56
FIRE DEPARTMENT	689,095	9,000	46,431	744,526	730,901	28	13,597
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	-			-			0
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	-			-			0
AMBULANCE	50,136	(5,000)	250,302	295,438	42,084		253,354
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	53,223			53,223	52,195	600	428
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	14,950			14,950	14,778		172
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000			2,000	1,750		250
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	8,894			8,894	8,828		66
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	18,750			18,750	15,970		2,780

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2014 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>
ANIMAL CONTROL	23,774			23,774	23,624		150
FORESTRY	23,200			23,200	22,782		418
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>2,431,067</b>	<b>19,910</b>	<b>322,200</b>	<b>2,773,177</b>	<b>2,486,563</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>281,948</b>
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	7,551,900			7,551,900	7,551,900	-	0
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	688,502			688,502	688,502	-	0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	396,580			396,580	298,898	-	97,682
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>8,636,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,636,982</b>	<b>8,539,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,682</b>
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	-			-			0
ENGINEERING	15,000			15,000	4,125	10,875	0
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	24,998			24,998	24,605		393
HIGHWAY LABOR	217,766			217,766	208,912		8,854
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	32,214		238,635	270,849	248,109		22,740
SNOW & ICE	110,637	87,912		198,549	198,549		0
STREET LIGHTING	87,500			87,500	86,276		1,224
MECHANICAL REPAIR	64,200			64,200	50,123	2,129	11,948
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	252,500			252,500	216,454	36,046	0
STREET CLEANING	2,000			2,000	1,964		36
WASTE COLLECTION	516,284			516,284	469,166	14,700	32,418
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,323,099</b>	<b>87,912</b>	<b>238,635</b>	<b>1,649,646</b>	<b>1,508,283</b>	<b>63,750</b>	<b>77,613</b>
BOARD OF HEALTH	91,617			91,617	80,496	11,120	1
COUNCIL ON AGING	150,983		75,000	225,983	150,479	25	75,479
VETERANS	106,270	30,000		136,270	116,363	2,361	17,546
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>348,870</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>453,870</b>	<b>347,338</b>	<b>13,506</b>	<b>93,026</b>
LIBRARY	331,772	7,285		339,057	336,091	2,966	0
PARKS	107,368		162,457	269,825	169,973	19,649	80,203
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000	1		2,001	2,001		0
MEMORIAL DAY	5,600			5,600	5,600		0
CULTURAL COUNCIL	-			-			0
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>446,740</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>162,457</b>	<b>616,483</b>	<b>513,665</b>	<b>22,615</b>	<b>80,203</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2014 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	1,004,224			1,004,224	1,004,224	-	0
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	446,280			446,280	446,280	-	0
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	5,000			5,000	-	-	5,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>1,455,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,455,504</b>	<b>1,450,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	6,600	1		6,601	6,600	-	1
COUNTY RETIREMENT	558,402			558,402	558,402	-	0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000	(3,660)		46,340	17,354		28,986
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	452,294	(5,000)	53,083	500,377	470,665		29,712
LIFE INSURANCE	2,750			2,750	2,242	-	508
MATCHING MEDICARE	52,000	1,549		53,549	53,548	-	1
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	9,982	-	18
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500			7,500	7,500		0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	41,103			41,103	41,103	-	0
COURT JUDGMENT	-			-		-	0
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>1,180,649</b>	<b>(7,110)</b>	<b>53,083</b>	<b>1,226,622</b>	<b>1,167,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,226</b>
<b>G F OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	<b>17,612,096</b>	<b>86,087</b>	<b>1,233,720</b>	<b>18,931,903</b>	<b>17,505,520</b>	<b>131,001</b>	<b>1,295,382</b>
TRANS TO STABILIZATION					286,887	-	-286,887
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	-	-			10,674	-	-10,674
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-	-				-	0
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	1,890,000			1,890,000	1,923,902	-	-33,902
	1,890,000	-	-	1,890,000	2,221,463	-	-331,463
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT				-			0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY				-			0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS				-			0
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION				-			0
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL				-			0
	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS</b>	<b>19,502,096</b>	<b>86,087</b>	<b>1,233,720</b>	<b>20,821,903</b>	<b>19,726,983</b>	<b>131,001</b>	<b>963,919</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2014**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
<b>Receipts:</b>				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	84,476	83,616	(860)	-1.02%
A2 School Transportation	-	38,035	38,035	100.00%
	<u>84,476</u>	<u>121,651</u>	<u>37,175</u>	<u>44.01%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,185,081	1,185,081	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive	-	-	-	
B7 Veterans Benefits	33,498	45,264	11,766	0.00%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	36,276	38,448	2,172	5.99%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly	-	-	-	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	15,882	16,184	302	1.90%
Additional State Aid		-	-	100.00%
	<u>1,270,737</u>	<u>1,284,977</u>	<u>14,240</u>	<u>1.12%</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>1,355,213</u>	<u>1,406,628</u>	<u>51,415</u>	<u>3.79%</u>
<b>Offset Items</b>				
<b>TOTAL, All Receipts</b>	<u>1,355,213</u>	<u>1,406,628</u>		
<b>Charges:</b>				
A County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3 Mosquito Control	26,711	26,056	655	2.45%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	2,374	2,388	(14)	-0.59%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	12,660	12,659	1	0.01%
	<u>41,745</u>	<u>41,103</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>1.54%</u>

**Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2014**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
<b>Local Receipts:</b>				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	775,000	1,138,803	363,803	46.94%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	63,247	141,359	78,112	123.50%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	11,577	15,516	3,939	34.02%
10 FEES:	25,000	36,804	11,804	47.22%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	115,000	161,583	46,583	40.51%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	58,841	23,841	68.12%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	35,000	10,013	(24,987)	-71.39%
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:			-	0.00%
22 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	<u>10,000</u>	<u>22,385</u>	<u>12,385</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>23</b>	<u>1,069,824</u>	<u>1,585,304</u>	<u>515,480</u>	<u>48.18%</u>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**June 30, 2014**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments	\$ (24,945)	(1,605)	\$ 1,038,125	\$ 1,011,575
Accounts receivable	-		282,607	282,607
Due from Commonwealth	24,945	58,909	-	83,854
Due from Federal Government	-		-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	-	57,304	1,320,732	1,378,036

**Liabilities & Fund Bal.**

Warrants/Accounts payable	-	369	17	386
Due to other funds	-		-	-
Deferred revenue	24,945	58,909	282,607	366,461
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-		-
Fund balance - reserved	-	2,104	23,935	26,039
Unreserved fund balance	(24,945)	(4,078)	1,014,173	985,150
	\$ -	\$ 57,304	\$ 1,320,732	\$ 1,378,036
	0	0	0	0

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
Year ended June 30, 2014**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Federal & State Grants	214,348	95,236	557,619	\$ 867,203
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-	-	\$ -
	214,348	95,236	557,619	\$ 867,203

<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government	-	-	89,398	\$ 89,398
Public Safety	-	26,442	5,184	\$ 31,626
Education	-	-	7,019	\$ 7,019
Public works	238,770	35,234	9,518	\$ 283,522
Human services	-	12,248	2,481	\$ 14,729
Culture & recreation	-	35,486	25,427	\$ 60,913
Insurance & other	-	-	-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	27	\$ 27
Debt Service	-	-	-	\$ -
	238,770	109,410	139,054	\$ 487,234

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures</b>	(24,422)	(14,174)	418,565	\$ 379,969
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<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	-	-	-	\$ -
<b>Transfers in</b>	-	-	-	\$ -
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	-	(73,397)	(552,623)	\$ (626,020)
	-	(73,397)	(552,623)	(626,020)

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers</b>	(24,422)	(87,571)	(134,058)	(246,051)
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/13</b>	(523)	85,597	1,172,166	\$ 1,257,240
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/14</b>	(24,945)	(1,974)	1,038,108	1,011,189
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**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2014**

	<b>Department Roadway Imp Fund 31</b>	<b>Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31</b>	<b>Recyc Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32</b>	<b>Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33</b>	<b>Millerville Sewer Fund 35</b>	<b>Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36</b>	<b>Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36</b>	<b>Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37</b>	<b>Stormwater Retro Fund 38</b>	<b>Well #9 Fund 39</b>	<b>TOTAL Capital Projects Fund</b>
<b>Assets</b>												
Cash and investments	1,693	212,239	19,492	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	474,170	-	83	182,888	1,034,095
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,693	212,239	19,492	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	474,170	-	83	182,888	1,034,095
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>												
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	382,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	1,007,000
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	(169,761)	(105,508)	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	(25,830)	-	83	182,888	27,095
	1,693	212,239	19,492	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	474,170	-	83	182,888	1,034,095

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
Year ended June 30, 2014**

	<b>Department Roadway Imp Fund 31</b>	<b>Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31</b>	<b>Recyc Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32</b>	<b>Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33</b>	<b>Millerville Sewer Fund 35</b>	<b>Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36</b>	<b>Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36</b>	<b>Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37</b>	<b>Stormwater Retro Fund 38</b>	<b>Well #9 Fund 39</b>	<b>TOTAL Capital Projects Fund</b>
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	55
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	55
<b>Expenditures</b>												
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	187,437	-	-	25,830	-	-	-	213,267
Supplies	-	169,761	105,508	-	-	-	-	-	1,276	-	-	276,545
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	169,761	105,508	-	187,437	-	-	25,830	1,276	-	-	489,812
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	(169,761)	(105,508)	-	(187,437)	-	-	(25,830)	(1,276)	55	-	(489,757)
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182,888	182,888
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(182,888)	-	-	(182,888)
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(182,888)	-	182,888	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	(169,761)	(105,508)	-	(187,437)	-	-	(25,830)	(184,164)	55	182,888	(489,757)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/13</b>	1,693	-	-	14,140	298,834	-	17,993	-	184,164	28	-	516,852
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/14</b>	1,693	(169,761)	(105,508)	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	(25,830)	-	83	182,888	27,095

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
Year ended June 30, 2014**

	<b>Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60</b>	<b>Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61</b>	<b>Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65</b>	<b>TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments	511,356	353,771	(55,321)	865,127
Accounts receivable user fees	128,127	83,371		211,498
Accounts receivable lien	9,137	6,848		15,985
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-		-
Due from other funds	-	-	30,473	-
	648,620	443,990	(24,848)	1,092,610

**Liabilities & Fund Bal.**

Warrants/Accounts payable	-	320	1,419	320
Accrued Payroll				-
Deferred revenue	137,264	90,219		227,483
Notes payable		-		-
Fund balance - reserved for cont app	17,503	15,612	3,135	33,115
Fund balance - reserved for expendit	80,000	33,333	-	113,333
Fund balance - reserved for encumbr	198,620	53,836	1,781	252,456
Unreserved fund balance	215,233	250,670	(31,183)	465,903
	648,620	443,990	(24,848)	1,092,610

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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

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

Year ended June 30, 2014

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60</b>	<b>Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61</b>	<b>Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65</b>	<b>TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund</b>
Intergovernmental		-	-	-
Charges for Services	738,784	799,189	326,030	1,537,973
Other			30,473	-
	738,784	799,189	356,503	1,537,973

<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personal Services	126,802	182,795	244,973	309,597
Purchase of Services	286,589	356,258	112,706	642,847
Supplies	-		-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-		-	-
Capital Outlay	-			-
Prior Year Encumbrance	4,869	47,812	1,230	52,681
Debt Service	-	58,253	28,283	58,253
	418,260	645,118	387,192	1,063,378

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures</b>	320,524	154,071	(30,689)	474,595
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<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers in</b>	-		10,674	-
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	(64,000)	(16,000)		(80,000)
	(64,000)	(16,000)	10,674	(80,000)

<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers</b>	256,524	138,071	(20,015)	394,595
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/13</b>	254,832	215,380	(6,252)	470,212
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<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/14</b>	511,356	353,451	(26,267)	864,807
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY2014 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-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>
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Personnel	151,802	-	-	151,802	126,802	-	25,000
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	314,016	175,000	-	489,016	273,200	198,252	17,564
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SEWER</b>		<b>465,818</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>640,818</b>	<b>400,002</b>	<b>198,252</b>	<b>42,564</b>
<b><u>SEWER ARTICLES</u></b>								
90801 ATM 5/13 #22 ELMWOOD GEN		10,500	-	-	10,500	6,596	268	3,636
98201 ATM 12 art 29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
90802 ATM 5/13 #23 MONTCALM GEN		10,500	-	-	10,500	6,793	100	3,607
98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade		8,460	-	-	8,460	-	-	8,460
Total Sewer Articles		31,260	-	-	31,260	13,389	368	17,503
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>		<b>497,078</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>672,078</b>	<b>413,391</b>	<b>198,620</b>	<b>60,067</b>
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	Expenses	175,000	(175,000)	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND-WATER	Expenses	35,000	-	-	35,000	-	-	35,000
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>		<b>210,000</b>	<b>(175,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>
WATER LABOR	Personnel	139,270	-	-	139,270	128,229	-	11,041
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	61,286	-	-	61,286	54,566	-	6,720
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	493,013	-	-	493,013	354,598	53,836	84,579
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	45,000	-	-	45,000	45,000	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	13,253	-	-	13,253	13,253	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA		2,000	-	-	2,000	1,660	-	340
<b>WATER</b>		<b>753,822</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>753,822</b>	<b>597,306</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>102,680</b>
<b><u>WATER ARTICLES</u></b>								
90904 ATM 05/09#13		13,812	-	-	13,812	-	-	13,812
98001 ATM 05/12#29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
98010 ATM5/07#13		17,733	-	-	17,733	-	-	17,733
Total Water Articles		17,733	-	-	33,345	-	-	33,345
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>		<b>771,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>787,167</b>	<b>597,306</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>136,025</b>
RESERVE FUND-RECYCLING	Expenses	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>		<b>15,000</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	223,895	21,079	-	244,974	244,973	-	1
	Expenses	202,961	(6,079)	-	196,882	112,620	1,781	82,481
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT PRN	Expenses	25,800	-	-	25,800	25,800	-	-
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT INT	Expenses	2,484	-	-	2,484	2,483	-	1
<b>RECYCLING CENTER</b>		<b>455,140</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>470,140</b>	<b>385,876</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>82,483</b>
<b><u>RECYCLING ARTICLES</u></b>								
90801ATM5/08#12		42	-	-	42	-	-	42
90802ATM05/11#12		328	-	-	328	86	-	242
90804STM10/11#7		2,893	-	-	2,893	-	-	2,893
Total Recycling Articles		3,263	-	-	3,263	86	-	3,177
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>		<b>1,937,036</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,967,648</b>	<b>1,396,659</b>	<b>254,237</b>	<b>316,752</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
FY14 TRUST/AGENCY FUNDS**

	Fund		Investment		Transfers	Balance
	Balance July 1, 2013	Receipts	Income	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2014
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>						
#84 - Stabilization Fund	2,943,043	-	32,924	-	286,887	3,262,854
#84 - Law Enforcement	4,309	581		1,188	-	3,702
<b>Total Fund #84:</b>	<b>2,947,352</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>32,924</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>286,887</b>	<b>3,266,556</b>
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	2,241,683	-	31,528		308,405	2,581,616
<b>Total Fund #85:</b>	<b>2,241,683</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>308,405</b>	<b>2,581,616</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>	<b>5,189,035</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>64,452</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>595,292</b>	<b>5,848,172</b>

**Agency Funds**

	Balance July 01, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2014
Police Outside Detail	(1,987)	150,557	161,945	(13,375)
Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535			2,535
ANP Escrow	576,961	36,858		613,819
Performance Bonds	63,058	33	6,943	56,148
Bond Rolling Brook	5,894	4	5,898	-
Deputy Fees	2,581	32,462	36,996	(1,953)
Fish & Game - State	71			71
Police FID	-	3,263		3,263
ANP Sewer Charges	3,137	32,168	32,168	3,137
Recycling Agency Fund	-	28,999	17,879	11,120
Sycamore Estates	2,000	15,008		17,008
Warrants Payable	4,160		4,160	-
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>658,410</b>	<b>299,352</b>	<b>265,989</b>	<b>691,773</b>

**Total Trust & Agency Funds**

**6,539,945**

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**MUNICIPAL CENTER EXTENSION LIST**

<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	
116	Town Clerk	Claudette Dolinski
124	Office Assistant	Donna Bik
146	Assistant Town Clerk	Julie Picard
117	Collector/Treasurer	Steven Perrault
118	Assistant Collector	Catherine Muller
119	Clerk/Collector/Treasurer's Office	Lauren Zahorsky
121	Assistant Assessor	Patricia Salamone
122	Administrative Asst/Assessor's Office	Rachel Campopiano
123	Town Accountant	Julie Hebert
148	Assistant Accountant	Jillian Muller
129	Building Inspector/Board of Health	Colleen Strapponi
130	Municipal Inspector	
168	Conservation Commission	Lisa Larue, Sec.
156	Zoning Board of Appeals	Nick Burnham, Sec.
157	Cultural Council	
158	Finance Committee	Kevin DeLeo, Chair
159	Historical Commission	Theresa Marchand, Chair
161	Board of Selectmen	
163	Planning Board	Nicole Marvelle, Sec.
126	Veteran's Agent	Robert Greenhalgh
265	DPW Office Assistant	Kelly Shea
	<b>SENIOR CENTER:</b>	
125	Intake & Information	
133	Transportation	Dennis Pimenta
134	COA Director	Laurie Keefe
135	Outreach Program	
150	Activities Assistant	
151	General Info/Nutrition Site	Gail LeClair
508-883-9331	Department of Public Works	James Sullivan
508-883-9169	Recycling Center	William Walsh