

2015

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OF OFFICERS
OF THE

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS



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THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845
COUNTY: Worcester
POPULATION: 8599
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 2016 TAX RATE: \$19.34. 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 3,576 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 2015

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	WOZNIAK, JOHN MATTHEW
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	LARKIN, TARA L
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	BARTLETT, DAVID R
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRAUN, DENNIS P
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRODERICK, JOSEPH A
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	MITCHELL, JULIE H
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	MORIN, ARTHUR E, JR
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	YITTS, ANTHONY M
COLLECTOR TREASURER	PERRAULT, STEVEN J
CONSTABLE	BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E
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	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	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	KEEFE, DANIEL P
TOWN CLERK	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2015

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
BURIAL AGENT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	PICARD, JULIE E
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH
C M R P C/DELEGATE	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	KEEFE, DANIEL P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	LABONNE, DARREN R
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	PERRAULT, STEVEN J
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/DEPUTY	GRADY, ROBERT
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	JORDAN, KEVIN
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	DILIBERO, JAMES
COUNCIL ON AGING	DRAKE, AUDREY
COUNCIL ON AGING	DUBOIS, PATRICIA F
COUNCIL ON AGING	WINGATE, JULIE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CARDOZA, CHRISTINE
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	BLANCHETTE, ANDREW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	BUCKLEY, MICHAEL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CIAK, RANDY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	MARTINS, BRENDA
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BELISLE, JAMES P
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BELISLE, JAMES R

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FINANCE COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P
FINANCE COMMITTEE	MACY, WILLIAM B
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ST AMANT, JACOB W
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, KATHRYN M
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	WINGATE, JULIE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	ARSENAULT, HUBERT N
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	ANDERSON, ALLYSON
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ANDERSON, WAYNE
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
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 R
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 2015

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	VACANT
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
STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	HEBERT, JULIE M
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	ZAHORSKY, LAUREN
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	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 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>
Russell L. Wells, Sr.	Board of Selectmen	1/6/2015
Ryan Chamberland	Capital Outlay Committee	1/13/2015
Gerald G. Lapierre, Sr.	Constable	3/9/2015
Paul S. Haughey	Finance Committee	4/7/2015
John J. Eldridge	Memorial Day Parade Committee	4/13/2015
Daniel P. Keefe	Water and Sewer Commission	4/13/2015
Anthony M. Catalano, Sr.	Memorial Day Parade Committee	6/30/2015
Julie Wingate	Historical Commission/Alternate	7/13/2015
Christopher J. Ryan	Water and Sewer Commission	10/13/2015
Nancy J. DelGizzi	Council on Aging	10/30/2015
Paul M. Muller	Finance Committee	11/6/2015
Daniel E. Marcotte	Parks & Recreation Commission	11/19/2015
Lauren Zahorsky	Assistant Collector	12/1/2015

2015 Report of the Town Administrator

The Board of Selectmen welcomed two new members, Blackstone Businessman Daniel P. Keefe, Jr. and the return of Paul S. Haughey, Principal of the Millville Elementary School to fill an unexpired term. I mention this because it gives the Board and the citizens of the Town of Blackstone a diverse group of members serving on the Board, with experience in both business and education.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is in the final stage of completion of the Greenway Bike Trail. The trail will connect throughout the Blackstone Valley to the State of Rhode Island for a bike path that extends from Worcester to Providence, Rhode Island. This places Blackstone right in the center of the project and makes us a destination community. Over the next few years we plan to revitalize the Main Street corridor due to the positive impact the Greenway Bike Trail will have here in Town.

A Master Plan is in the process of being completed. The present plan has not been updated in over twenty years and participation by the public is vital to the success of this document. The plan will be a blueprint for Town Officials as we continue to move forward into the 21st century. The plan is to update the document annually to ensure that future officials and residents have a current document to move the Town forward.

A Special Town Meeting was held this past February to address the future of Economics and Community Development in Town. Veteran's Park has been sitting idle for some time and may finally have a future for recreational and housing programs. The townspeople voted favorably to "change in use" a portion of the town owned land, which now allows the Board of Selectmen to ask for requests for proposals to pave the way for much needed recreational ball fields and housing for Veterans.

We continue to meet the challenges that confront us every day. The Department Heads and members of the staff take great pride in the work they do for the Town and we will continue to strive to make Blackstone a better place to live.

Daniel M. Keyes
Town Administrator

2015 REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen, with the cooperation of the Finance Committee and Municipal Department Heads, will once again work to balance the budget. The Board has been meeting with Power Plant representatives to negotiate a ten year extension; however, all facilities owned by the current company are in the process of being sold. We will meet with the new owners to negotiate an extension in 2016. The Town is faced with substantial reductions in local aid from the state and have been dealing with this since 2002. This has led to a substantial increase in property tax. In 2001, the state allocated 1.7 billion for cities and towns and has not reached even half that amount since.

The three and half miles of the Blackstone portion of the bike trail is nearing completion, and with continued cooperation from several town boards and state officials, we will get through the process with ease. We will have a beautifully finished product by early spring.

Through the efforts of our Town Administrator, Daniel M. Keyes, we are proposing a veteran's housing project called SOLDIER ON. This project is being proposed at the VETERAN'S PARK area on Elm Street, known by many as the Red Morse Parcel. This group will develop housing for our homeless veteran's and will help reach our threshold percentage as required by the state. The Soldier On group will develop and maintain soccer and other fields, which is exactly what the Town has attempted to accomplish for many years. The housing project will not only be a new tax base, but it will help service many of our veterans who have served our country. It will provide many benefits and is a win for everyone.

The town was able to maintain an AA+ bond rating. In addition, we received an excellent audit report from Melanson and Heath in regards to the financial team that we have in place. Many areas of concern, such as reconciliation issues, have been corrected and addressed. Our tax rate has dropped for the first time in ten years to \$19.34 per thousand.

The Woonsocket Waste Water agreement has finally been signed for an additional twenty years. The heating and cooling system in the Municipal Center, from a \$151,000 grant, has finally been completed. Well # 8 is now on line and the drilling of Well #9 has started. Blackstone will have the best quality and quantity of water available. I must mention the fact that this area was designated as the best for this purpose in the entire the town. This report was completed by Ted Morine in 1997, and D.L. Maher in 1987.

The Board hired the Keasarge Corp. to begin our process for a solar farm on the former Chestnut Street landfill. This will help reduce the impact of our electric bills in town and serve as a revenue source.

Our Department of Public Works completed the drainage and paving of Milk Street, along with St. Germain Street, Marcel Lane, Woodcrest Lane, Canal Street, Farnum Street, Mann Street and portions of Rathbun and Union Streets. Through the efforts of Senator Fattman we are working with Mass D.O.T. to repave Main Street. If we are successful in the completion of this

project, we will also replace the existing water lines. We are presently having a survey done regarding our Master Plan update. This will be used as a guide by our Economic Development Director, Gino Carlucci. It will also be used as a plan of action in upgrading our infrastructure and assisting in attracting business to town. It may also help to address possible town needs such as a new senior center and public safety complex. The town may look into purchasing a 61A Horticulture property for future needs.

We would like to congratulate our BMR High School Band in winning first place at the competition at Met Field in the state of New Jersey. We are all very proud of them for their great performance.

The Board would like to thank townspeople and employees of the town for their patience and understanding. Together we are going through a great deal of change; however, together we can make a positive difference for our community.

We wish all a Happy Year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ROBERT J. DUBOIS, CHAIRMAN
MARGARET BIK, VICE CHAIRMAN
PAUL S. HAUGHEY, CLERK
MICHAEL CATALANO, MEMBER
DANIEL P. KEEFE, MEMBER

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2015, *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 the negotiation of the amended Wastewater Treatment Interjurisdictional Agreement with the City of Woonsocket, implementation of the solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility project at the Chestnut Street Landfill, preparation of plans for the disposition/ future use of Veterans Park, and resolution of pending subdivision completion issues.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2015 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.**

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 at 26R Pickering Road. 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. This case was dismissed without prejudice by the Court on February 19, 2015 due to the Plaintiff's failure to provide a case status report to the Court. This matter is, thus, now closed.

**Katie L. Leahey v. Monique H. Jean, et al (Town of Blackstone)
Land Court Action No. 15 MISC 000248 (HPS)**

This action seeks Land Court determination of the rights and responsibilities of the respective parties in and to a portion of the "paper street" identified as Montcalm Avenue. The Town filed its Answer in this action on November 6, 2015, denying that the referenced "paper street" is, or has even been treated by the Town, as a public way and asserting other appropriate defenses to the Plaintiffs' claims.

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 2016.

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

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2015 Annual Report of the Superintendent of School

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 has been a year of exciting and energizing educational opportunities at BMRSD. We are continuing to update our curriculum and technology to help our students meet the challenges they will face in an uncertain and rapidly changing world. Our elementary schools continue to work to meet the educational needs of all students. Thank you for the support our PTO's provide and to our communities for always being there for our students. The Middle School welcomed Travis Roy and Curt Schilling who gave inspiring messages to our students and our Grade 8 students were in the audience in the West Wing of the White House in April when President Obama welcomed the college football champions. Our Charger Marching Band once again were crowned National Champions and congratulations to staff, volunteers, parents, and students who worked with focus and energy all season to attain such success. Our High School was again awarded the highest level of accountability and was ranked in the top third of all high schools in Massachusetts. We had a successful accreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in October and the entire student body impressed the visiting team with their scholarship and character.

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. We know that we will need to renovate both the High School and the JFK Elementary School in the near future. 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 become life-long learners.

In today's world, the work of public education is challenging and 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. It is indeed an honor to serve as your Superintendent and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen W. Himmelberger
Superintendent of Schools

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School - 2015 Principal's Report

The end of the year is a good opportunity to take a moment to reflect back and embrace all the successes, the learning, the decisions, and established relationships. As a community of learners that welcomes our goal of meeting the needs of all our students, I am proud of the accomplishments gained at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School.

The 2015 school year was highlighted by the forty-fifth Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening the fifth of June. Class advisors, Mrs. Tracey Ducharme and Mrs. Susan Desilets led the ninety-one graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Mr. Allen Himmelberger presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Connor McNamara, Salutatorian Addi Catarina, and class president Cameron Russell delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The keynote speaker, retired Woonsocket police detective and current Hopkinton Chief of Police, Edward Lee (class of '86), spoke about his positive memories of BMR and shared insight on how to lead a happy and successful life. The members of the graduating class chose to enter the workforce, serve our country in the Armed Forces, or continue their studies at a college/university level. Many of the prestigious college and universities graduates are currently attending included University of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnical Institute, Providence College, Hofstra University, McGill University, and Boston University.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2016 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: Penn State, University of Minnesota, The Citadel, Quinnipiac University, St. John's University, Xavier University, and Duke University. Additional academic accolades include several of our students scoring a perfect "800" on their SAT exams, as well as increased participation in academic competitions including WPI's Math Meet and Blackstone Lion's Club Speech Competition.

During the 2015 school year, Blackstone-Millville Regional High School was awarded the Mass Insight Advanced Placement Initiative Grant. In order to extend on student opportunities within the classroom, this timely initiative allowed the high school to offer a larger number of advanced placement courses, increasing our sections from 4 to 9 courses. Further, this grant offered staff professional development focusing on effective instructional practices and student engagement. Additionally, an invaluable amount of financial resources, student workshops, and faculty mentorships have increased community awareness in raising the academic bar for all students. Our efforts to increase AP level enrollments and challenging students in a rigorous academic setting have paid off. Our students' qualifying AP scores have increased from 23 in 2014, to 47 in 2015. Currently, we have a record number of students (Over 90) enrolled in Advanced Placement courses.

Demonstrating the value of personal responsibility and service to others, the National Honor Society members continue to actively engage in their school and greater community in a number of ways. Members volunteer their time to tutor their peers, write letters to elementary students from Santa, supervise young students during elementary parent conferences, and help maintain the Verry Family Cemetery. Community Service projects include volunteering at the community food pantry, constructing shoes for villagers in Uganda with the program "Sole Hope", and collect hats and mittens for those in need.

The high school's recognized "silver" Student Council was also very active in the school and community. Behind the campaign slogan of "CDMASC runs on Eric", BMR senior, Eric Eisner, was elected as President of the Central District of Massachusetts Associations of Students Councils. Leadership opportunities continued to be part of the student council experience as several of our members attended the following: annual state conference in Hyannis, national student council conference in New Mexico (2 members), MASC summer leadership training at Worcester State (3 members), as well as multiple regional conferences. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising and community

efforts including: an “autism awareness” drive, as well as their lively participation as “fans in the stands” at the Special Olympics/Unified Sports event.

Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, our middle and high school musicians continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. In March, the Jazz Ensemble received a silver medal at the Central District Jazz Festival at Nipmuc High School. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band both received silver medals at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association festival at Hopkinton High School. April saw our Winter Percussion team win first place in their division at the New England Scholastic Band Association Championships. Most significantly, our Marching Band won Blackstone-Millville’s first ever Open Class National Championship at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Many other department initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering and exploring their talents and interests. Student leaders attended several conferences including Girls State and Boys State, as well as the Hugh O’Brien Leadership Conference at Bentley College, and the START Leadership Conference at Becker College. Students also toured Brown University’s robotics and graphic arts department, experiencing 21st century technology and research. BMR robotics program continues to grow, competing and placing at local competitions in hopes of participating in the 2016 National Robotics Competition in Lexington, Kentucky. Under the direction of staff and student leaders our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances.

“Charger Pride” continues to grow on the athletic fields and courts. Student-athletes have opportunities to learn and lead others through their involvement in MIAA conferences and workshops. BMR’s student-athlete numbers continue to grow in several sports. Competitively, our track teams performed well in the districts. Most notable, several members of the track team placed at the State and New England meets.

The last four years of my principalship have been rewarding, while simultaneously affording me opportunities to grow and evolve as an administrator. It is an honor to serve a community dedicated to communication, academic excellence, respect, and personal responsibility. The community support of the arts, athletics, and academic programs in the district have allowed us to meet the needs and interests of our students. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. This positive energy, in particular, is evident in our “**level 1**” status three years in a row. Our common goal to continue the great efforts of our district, while setting high goals for all will remain our focus. During the 2015 school year, we have met our goals and continue to close achievement gaps. We are proud to say that Blackstone-Millville Regional High School ranks in the top ⅓ of the state. Let us continue to build a strong community together!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Dudek
Principal

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2015 Annual Report Office of Special Education

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Office of Special Education is committed to providing students with a safe and supportive learning environment that promotes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and social development necessary for success in a changing world. The Office of Special Education wholeheartedly believes in the development of collaborative approaches to meet the myriad of complex challenges that arise in fulfilling our collective legal obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE).

We continue to offer a robust core of educational experiences. Improving achievement is contingent upon maintaining a continuum of service delivery options which has been a key part of the District's Improvement Plan. Providing students with disabilities the environment they need may not simply call for supplying a teacher in a classroom. It entails providing related services, computer software, and assistive devices. All of which can be extremely expensive. Thus, Special Education cost continue to rise.

The mental health of our children is a natural and important concern for us all. The number of students with Emotional Disabilities continued to be the fastest growing area of disability throughout the District and Commonwealth. Therefore, a priority has been on maximizing the potential of students requiring sub-separate services due to Emotional Disabilities.

In an ongoing and intentioned focus to meet the diverse needs of the District's students with Autism, an elementary sub-separate Pragmatic Learning Classroom has been developed. The PLC-Pragmatic Learning Classroom is designed to maximize the strengths of a child with Autism.

Literacy continues to be an area of concern for the Office of Special Education. Currently more than half of all students receiving special education services within BMRSD have been identified with a Specific Learning Disability in Reading.

The special education system relies heavily on parent advocacy and participation. This remains an area for further development. When a parent is engaged in their child's education and is actively participating throughout the special education process, special education works most effectively.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Braverman, MSW, Director

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School
2015 Report of the Principal

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School proudly opened for the school year on September 2, 2015. As of October 1, 2015 the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6	143 students
Grade 7	136 students
Grade 8	151 students
Total	430 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, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). 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, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). 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, PE, Wellness, Art, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Band is an elective class as well as Chorus, Exploring the Arts and Fitness for Life.

New to our curriculum this year are the Intervention and Enrichment classes. Students are tested each quarter to determine if they will take Intervention classes in Math and ELA or Enrichment classes such as Exploratory Italian, 21st Century Technology, Fitness Frenzy, Math Enrichment, History Enrichment and Virtual Middle School. 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 staff that is willing to lead students in after school activities. Starting in September, our after school programs included: Morning Healthy Start Club, Hiking Club, PBIS Heroes for Change Club, School Store Club, Math Club, Yoga Club, Photography Club and Homework/Study Club. In the mid-Winter and Spring sessions staff and students have expressed interest in the following clubs: Cooking Club, Basketball Club, Friends of the Library Club, Ultimate Werewolf Club, Lego Club and Ski/Snowboard Club.

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 8th grade class has traveled to Washington D.C., the 7th grade to New York City, and the 6th 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 third 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.

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising through the middle school by hosting several school wide events such as the annual Volleyball Marathon and the Live & Silent Auction. The PTO continues to collect Box Tops For Education and are a member of the Stop and Shop A Plus Program. These programs help raise funds for field trips, assemblies, honor roll breakfasts, and special events.

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

John F. Kennedy and A. F. Maloney Elementary Schools
2015-2016 Annual Town Report

The 2015-2016 school year began with a reconfiguration of the J. F. Kennedy and A. F. Maloney Elementary Schools. J.F. Kennedy welcomes Mrs. Varsha Desai as principal of kindergarten through second grade. Mrs. Carol Brown is principal of grades three through five at the A. F. Maloney Elementary School. Both principals collaborate to ensure a smooth transition from one school to two for all staff, students and families. Our schools are a unique blend of lower and upper grade levels with opportunities for students/staff to collaborate are optimized.

Our parent-teacher organization, BEPO, continues to support both JFK and AFM as we jointly plan fundraising events, such as the Move-A-Thon. Due to the huge success of this event, BEPO graciously funds after-school clubs, in-house assemblies, student agendas and folders, as well as buses for field trips. Many thanks go to Mrs. Kerry Olson, BEPO President, Mrs. Jo-Anne Watson, Vice President, Mrs. Sherie Bellan, Treasurer, and Mrs. Kristen Marino as Secretary.

Teachers continue to work diligently on the alignment of our math and ELA curricula with the Massachusetts State and Common Core Standards. As part of our ongoing need to provide the best curriculum and instructional practices for our students, we launched the enVisions Math Program. This research-based math program facilitates mathematical critical thinking skills to prepare all students for ongoing success for higher education.

Literacy continues to be our focus as we provide specific professional development for all staff. This year will mark the end of phase one for kindergarten teachers; phase two for first and second grade teachers and phase three for teachers in grades three through five. Overall staff is noticing measurable improvement in reading comprehension.

The leveled book room is now operational, and supports literacy instruction for all staff. A very special thanks to Mrs. Sherie Bellan who worked tirelessly to catalogue and organize books. We also want to acknowledge our reading specialists, Mrs. Torvi and Mrs. Tasick, for taking the lead in the ordering and leveling of the books. Teachers also volunteered their time to type book lists and we thank them for their help. Through dedication and teamwork we are able to provide this valuable resource for students and staff.

Last but not least we extend our deep gratitude to Superintendent Himmelberger and our Assistant Superintendent Dr. Thomson for their support and dedication to our District. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. Braverman as our Director of Special Education, and Mrs. Wen Cobb as our District Business Manager. Mr. Osiris Gonzalez continues to lead the way for technological updates for students and staff.

Respectfully,

Varsha B. Desai
Principal JFK

Carol A. Brown
Principal AFM

Millville Elementary School 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Principal

The Millville Elementary School houses approximately 273 students in Grades Prek - 5. Current administration includes Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D., Principal. There are 14 classroom teachers and 41 additional support staff. Students receive a rich education that includes weekly art, music, physical education, computer/technology and library/media center classes. Some of the programs and activities held throughout the year are as follows.

Curriculum and Instruction Programs

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS): This year, Millville Elementary School earned a "Level 1" determination from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary Education for their outstanding performance on the MCAS in Math, ELA and Science. Curriculum, instruction and assessment professional development was offered to MES faculty and staff throughout the school year - that focused upon improving teaching and learning experiences for all students in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics...

Teachers for Teachers, led by Clare Landrigan and Tammy Mulligan, focuses upon effective professional development that is customized and includes side by side teaching; discussions of current research; analysis of student work; and mutual trust and respect. This professional development is in its third year of implementation within the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District in grades 3-5; and is now beginning in the kindergarten through grade 2 classrooms with fidelity.

The enVisionmath2.0 is an elementary math program, K - 5, that promotes focus and coherence. According to Pearson, the major work at every grade is the priority for earlier in the year, enabling extensive exposure prior to assessments. The new enVisionmath2.0 program allows our faculty to customize content, auto-assign differentiation, and use assessment data quickly and easily to adjust instruction for our students by uploading district content and other favorite resources; customizable topics and lessons; and testing measures in line with the format of the new high-stakes assessments like PARCC and the upcoming MCAS 2.0 System currently in development by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

enVisionmath 2.0 works to implement best teaching practices that bring about deeper critical thinking and problem solving skills in our students through problem-based learning, visual learning, and personalize learning of "rigorous" mathematics. The new enVisionmath2.0 program engages students with Interactive learning aids and video tutorials; personalized practice and immediate feedback; and built-in RtI activities in multiple modalities.

Response to Intervention

Since our school opened its doors in September, all faculty and staff have been implementing Response to Intervention (RTI). RTI is a three tiered approach to education in which a student's academic performance is closely monitored to see if he or she improves with the implementation of a 'well-defined, scientifically based intervention.' In reality, RTI effects of all our students here at Millville Elementary School since the first tier deals with a school's core academic program. It specifies that the core program be a high quality, scientifically based program. Our reading series fulfills that requirement. Tier I also includes the differentiation of instruction, which means that teachers and specialists work

together to present this core material in different formats so that the content is accessible to all of our students. Thus giving every student equal access to high-quality education.

Tier II of RTI addresses 15% of a school's students, and adds targeted intervention to the Tier I instruction, based on students' needs. Progress in the intervention is closely monitored to see if a child's performance improves. If further Interventions are necessary, Tier III of the RTI model targets 5% of a school's population and includes all of the core Instruction plus intensive intervention in small groups; again, progress is very closely monitored.

The Three R's at Millville Elementary School - PBIS (Positive Behavior Instructional Strategies): Millville Elementary School students are Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn (Cooperation and Effort). These are our school rules. This theme was consistently incorporated into daily announcements, lunch, recess, and Open Circle lessons to create a trusting and caring school environment.

The Millville Elementary School Parents Association (MESPA) primary goals are to form a closer relationship between home and school, to be of service to teachers and students, and to raise funds for special programs and activities. MESPA officers Included: Kara Kirby (President), Caryn Vernon (Vice President), Aimee Robinson (Secretary), Maribeth Haynes (Correspondent Secretary), and Stephanie Saraidarian (Treasurer).

Some of the many events sponsored by MESPA during the 2015-2016 academic year included but were not limited to: "Student of the Month" Recognition Luncheon with the Principal, the Ice Cream Social, "Halls-O-Ween Trick or Treat" Event, Davis Bates Storytelling, Square One Art, Holiday Shop, Cookies & Sleigh Rides with Santa, Movie Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Family Fun Night, Wise Guys Trivia Night, the Spring Dance, Box Tops Grant, MES Spiritwear, MES Yearbook, Dodgeball Tournament, the Scholastic Book Fair and numerous Faculty/Staff Appreciation Events, and many after-school clubs and student-led productions/plays.

Special thanks to Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools, and David L. Thomson, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, for providing guidance and support this year. Our entire faculty and staff truly appreciate the hard work put forth all year long - by everyone connected to Millville Elementary School - who helped make Blackstone-Millville Regional School District's vision of "School and Community Working in Unity" a reality...

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.

Principal

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 2015

SALARY LISTING

Abisla, Stephanie P	\$71,931.00	Keefe, Lauren	\$57,539.00
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$71,931.00	Keefe, Lucille A	\$8,660.52
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$20,454.12	Kiely, Kevin P	\$68,234.00
Allard, Denise L	\$21,551.81	King, Kenneth L	\$41,149.00
Allard, Pamela J	\$50,868.00	Kozlowski, Rosann M	\$65,022.00
Almquist, Gail D	\$68,234.00	Labrecque, Diane F	\$54,747.00
Anderson, Jillien L	\$46,122.00	Labrie, Lauri A	\$19,102.71
Anderson, Stefanie A	\$68,234.00	Lachance, Constance	\$14,040.54
Andrade, Denise M	\$18,592.74	Lacroix, Tina M	\$48,847.50
Angelini, Stephen T	\$57,539.00	Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$23,138.46
Archetto, Joann H	\$37,459.50	Lanctot, Richard J	\$40,365.00
Atstupenas, Hillary J	\$41,149.00	Landry, Richard N	\$39,097.50
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$10,825.65	Landry, Susan A	\$20,527.16
Bacon, Paul M	\$40,170.00	Langone, Kerri	\$69,721.00
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$42,022.50	Laporte, Janis H	\$83,940.00
Bak, Tracy J	\$7,058.70	Laporte, Janis H	\$83,940.00
Baldini, Ann M	\$9,462.42	Laren, Norma C	\$65,199.00
Barber, Wendy S	\$18,136.31	LaRose, Dennis J	\$39,097.50
Barrette, Katherine M	\$50,641.00	Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$15,206.73
Barros, Holly A	\$41,149.00	Latraverse, Debra	\$22,001.34
Bartusek, Karen E	\$19,785.06	Lauzon, Karen E	\$71,931.00
Basal, Linda	\$69,721.00	LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$49,076.00
Beaven, Donna M	\$7,217.10	Lee, Linda P	\$39,273.00
Beech, Lona M	\$9,688.14	Leggio, Bree E	\$45,315.00
Begnoche, Louise M	\$19,785.06	Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$71,931.00
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$61,132.00	Levitre, Suzanne E	\$40,345.50
Blackburn, Rebecca L	\$41,149.00	Liard, Linda M	\$19,337.94
Blanchard, Michele M	\$68,234.00	Liard, Roy J Sr	\$67,484.00
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$68,234.00	Lipsett, Edward F	\$39,097.50
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$74,193.00	Lutrario, Lisa E	\$53,536.00
Bossolt, Kathleen E	\$52,059.00	MacMillan, Maureen	\$69,721.00
Bourassa, Susan D	\$15,711.30	Mailloux, Jennifer M	\$17,551.38
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$68,234.00	Maloney, Deborah A	\$21,834.36
Boyan, William J	\$39,097.50	Marchand, Kimberly A	\$42,417.00
Boyko, Michael	\$39,097.50	Marlborough, Carrie A	\$18,749.61
Breault, Karen J	\$44,343.00	Martinelli, Christine J	\$20,584.08
Brown, Carol A	\$103,843.00	Martins, Kevin M	\$44,022.00
Buteau, Karen E	\$17,785.85	Martufi, Caitlin P	\$51,896.00
Buurma, Ann P	\$27,720.00	Maurice, Jamie A	\$62,981.00
Cameron, Justin A	\$102,398.00	Maynard, Robin A	\$5,215.32
Carpentier, Jamie L	\$41,149.00	McCall, Candace M	\$19,402.74
Carr, Hillary M	\$15,206.73	McCormick, W John	\$68,234.00

Carroll, Deborah A	\$67,484.00	McCourt, Kevin M	\$68,234.00
Carson, Lauren M	\$62,981.00	McLean, Marianne J	\$71,931.00
Carty, Monica M	\$43,247.00	McNamara, Keith M	\$51,896.00
Chaplin, Victoria A	\$17,785.85	Medeiros, Jessica S	\$52,059.00
Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$57,539.00	Menard, Jacqueline A	\$20,716.56
Chase, Louise W	\$69,721.00	Mignanelli, Barbara	\$68,234.00
Colahan, Elizabeth T	\$59,387.00	Montague, Barbara A	\$65,199.00
Colgan, Susan M	\$51,275.00	Moreau, Linda A	\$62,981.00
Conklin, Samual AJ	\$53,308.00	Morin, Diane M	\$71,209.00
Conrad, Eleanor M	\$71,209.00	Mullins, David J	\$44,749.00
Conti, Carol M	\$68,234.00	Najarian, Robin A	\$68,234.00
Corbeille, Megan L	\$44,749.00	Nerbonne, Jean M	\$20,455.74
Cordova, Donna M	\$20,790.00	Nerbonne, Richard E	\$41,149.00
Costa, Maria	\$68,234.00	Newman, Colette L	\$69,721.00
Costantino, Paul J	\$39,097.50	Normandin, Vanessa P	\$9,462.42
Costello, Diane L	\$18,648.63	Olbrys, Maria S	\$62,382.00
Cote, Esther H	\$68,234.00	Oliveira, Rachel R	\$23,012.71
Courtemanche, Lauren A	\$18,333.07	O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$40,345.50
Croteau, Leslie A	\$20,356.38	Osorio, Jennifer R	\$37,479.00
Cunningham, Marcia D	\$68,234.00	Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$71,931.00
Curran, Jeffrey M	\$66,702.00	Pilling, Christopher S	\$44,749.00
Cusack, Sharon K	\$22,517.46	Plante-Goldstein, Sharon	\$71,209.00
Daignault, Denise C	\$66,702.00	Poirier, Tina M	\$25,945.38
D'Andrea, Tara J	\$44,022.00	Poisson, Doris A	\$71,209.00
Dansereau, Linda A	\$57,539.00	Powers, Patricia J	\$71,931.00
Davia, Janine M	\$65,199.00	Ranieri, Christina M	\$66,921.00
Davidge, Debra A	\$18,477.86	Rayos, Lora J	\$27,444.06
Davies, Mary F	\$9,462.42	Reilly, Sheri L	\$56,465.00
Davis, Karyn A	\$17,785.85	Renz, Christine E	\$47,614.00
Day, Susan G	\$55,008.00	Rielly, Susan S	\$62,660.00
Demers, Lisa M	\$66,702.00	Roberts, Kathryn P	\$51,896.00
Denomme, Elise A	\$57,539.00	Robertson, Christine R	\$62,981.00
DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$62,981.00	Robinson, Lynn A	\$10,588.05
Dery, Diane M	\$18,136.31	Roche, Jessica L	\$44,022.00
Desai, Varsha B	\$96,448.00	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$13,949.15
Deschamps, Lisa A	\$20,095.56	Roe, Ethan	\$68,234.00
Desilets, Susan J	\$21,523.86	Romano, Ann M	\$25,890.40
Dewolf, Mark A	\$61,132.00	Rondeau, Jill A	\$39,273.00
Dextraze, Michelle D	\$46,645.00	Rose, Maureen	\$68,234.00
DiCecco, Dawn M	\$65,199.00	Rounds, Lisa A	\$49,076.00
DiCecco, Kristie J	\$66,702.00	Rousselle, Linda A	\$71,209.00
Dorfman, Sarah P	\$46,209.00	Rousselle, Renee	\$71,209.00
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$67,484.00	Ruscitti, Ann V	\$67,484.00
Dubois, Katharine E	\$59,387.00	Ryan, Michelle J	\$16,088.77
Ducharme, Keith A	\$88,978.00	Ryan, Paula M	\$53,728.00
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$67,484.00	Ryan, Rebecca A	\$69,721.00
Dudek, Michael E	\$105,063.00	Salome, Linda A	\$48,847.50
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$25,818.00	Samson, Barbara E	\$52,059.00

Duncan, Jenny L	\$47,169.00	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$65,199.00
Dutremble, Carolyn	\$5,254.92	Sawyer, Laura D	\$77,952.00
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$5,254.92	Scott, Lynne S	\$68,234.00
Euglow, Joshua M	\$41,149.00	Scott, Sean P	\$37,264.50
Fanelli, Vicky A	\$69,721.00	Scungio, Donna	\$71,947.00
Fanning, Kevin T	\$35,490.00	Shafer, Todd L	\$64,726.00
Faulkner, Edie A	\$69,721.00	Sheehan, Chester D	\$40,950.00
Finn-Campopiano, Barbara	\$35,604.50	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$32,609.00
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$60,813.00	Sherman, Mary B	\$71,209.00
Floria, Shaelyn M	\$39,918.00	Simard, Monique F	\$47,677.50
Folan, Nicole E	\$43,247.00	Simonetti, Pamela J	\$17,551.38
Foley, Cassie L	\$67,484.00	Slate, Steven H	\$64,726.00
Fortini, Meghan A	\$46,125.00	Solari, Jennifer A	\$68,234.00
Franzosa, Tara K	\$65,199.00	Soule, Patricia E	\$68,234.00
Frend, Doreen C	\$5,254.92	Spont, Anne M	\$51,896.00
Gallagher, Amy L	\$47,614.00	Staples, John C	\$82,786.00
Gallagher, Jason E	\$38,239.50	Stefanik, Karen M	\$20,839.32
Ganis, Elizabeth	\$40,677.00	Tahan, Meredith N	\$43,247.00
Gaudet, Damien W	\$41,149.00	Takessian, Brenda L	\$10,103.94
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$23,314.50	Tasick, Lori A	\$68,234.00
Gentile, Charlsey L	\$44,022.00	Taylor, Nancy E	\$71,931.00
Gomes, Lynne M	\$65,199.00	Tenenholtz, Karl N	\$46,122.00
Gonzalez, Osiris R	\$90,000.00	Tessier, Maureen R	\$69,721.00
Goulet, William	\$25,686.86	Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$56,465.00
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$50,868.00	Thompson, Karen P	\$66,702.00
Greene, Roy E	\$68,234.00	Thomson, David	\$97,471.24
Greer, Christina A	\$68,234.00	Torvi, Janice A	\$69,721.00
Grube, Lynnell	\$44,022.00	Tosti, Jill M	\$47,614.00
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$23,200.56	Trottier, Lisa A	\$68,234.00
Haggas, Lory J	\$21,817.28	Turgeon, Emily E	\$56,465.00
Hannon, Heather M	\$50,868.00	Vallee, Lynne M	\$68,234.00
Hardy, Natalie A	\$54,747.00	Varon, Regina N	\$35,992.42
Harpin, Rebecca E	\$61,132.00	Vaughan, Maryalice	\$41,149.00
Haughey, Paul S	\$106,422.00	Verreault, Amy L	\$49,076.00
Healy, Brendan M	\$43,247.00	Volk, Kari M	\$50,868.00
Hebert, Debra A	\$17,282.43	Wahl, Denise Q	\$42,790.00
Hebert, Ethan J	\$37,264.50	Walker, Matthew B	\$38,239.50
Hebert, Scott A	\$40,365.00	Walsh, Brigitte B	\$45,100.00
Highcove, Dawn	\$68,234.00	Warren, Maureen L	\$71,209.00
Himmelberger, Allen W	\$151,000.00	Whittemore, Janice A	\$21,927.51
Holihen, Amy M	\$68,234.00	Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$58,159.00
Hook, David C	\$47,614.00	Wolfgang, Lea D	\$19,606.68
Hughes, Karen A	\$24,140.75	Wolford, Julianne C	\$19,402.74
Ireland, Mickey G	\$49,076.00	Wong, Bryan W	\$57,539.00
Isenberg, David	\$71,931.00	Young, Karen M	\$47,903.00
Jackson, Lynnea D	\$9,462.42	Zotos, Elena M	\$19,025.16
Jones, Kathleen M	\$67,484.00		
Juba, Mark P	\$60,813.00		

**Blackstone Valley
Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

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.

A Message from the Superintendent-Director

Thank you for your interest in the Annual Report of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District. As a resident of our 13-town District with a vested interest in the success of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, please consider this document an account of how your investment was utilized and the return it yielded in Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15), July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

FY15 will proudly be recalled as the year in which the 72nd Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shined a spotlight on your vocational technical education delivery system. Deservedly so, Governor Charlie Baker's "Spotlight on Excellence" inaugural event included a tour of Valley Tech's vocational technical programs, in which students acquire industry-relevant technical skills. Yet the inaugural event also highlighted Valley Tech's athletics, honors and Advanced Placement courses, and dozens of extracurricular clubs and activities. These entities are likely not the first to come to mind when thinking about a vocational technical school, but they play a critical role in providing our students the skills they need to succeed in the global economy.

As confirmed by the more than 500 business and industry representatives on Valley Tech's Program Advisory Committees, technical skills alone are no longer enough to secure professional success and career longevity. The employers of today and tomorrow require employees with mastery of both technical skills and the "soft" skills of communication, collaboration, problem-solving, creative thinking, and adaptability. Considered vital in the 21st century, such soft skills enable our graduates to keep pace with inevitable advancements over the course of decades-long careers; like that of their alma mater, Valley Tech graduates' sustained success depends upon their ability to adapt to an ever-changing world of work.

Accordingly, innovative programming and extracurricular activities have joined expert technical training and academic rigor as cornerstones of the BVT experience. Multicultural collaboration is practiced by teaming up with high school peers in Russia to study the International Space Station. Communication skills are honed at the annual career fair, where students talk one-on-one with employers eager to hire them through the BVT cooperative education program. The value of teamwork is proven on the athletic field, while the ability to solve problems and think creatively are mastered in SkillsUSA, student government, and community service.

As with all of our methods, the effectiveness of Valley Tech's emphasis on 21st century skills is exemplified by our graduates. In FY15, Ryan Chamberland and Bella Picard utilized the tools of communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and adaptability to reach remarkable milestones.

I invite you to join me in exploring their stories, and I thank you for your continued support of Blackstone Valley Tech.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director
BVT To Beacon Hill

It was obvious back when he walked the hallways of Blackstone Valley Tech and it remains readily apparent today as he walks the historic halls of the Massachusetts State House:

Ryan Chamberland is the quintessential *people person*.

Whether in Upton or Boston, the 2006 BVT graduate always seems to know everyone by name and always has time to stop and share a few kind words. Seeing such affability in action, it's no wonder that Ryan has established himself in Massachusetts politics as a hard working young man with a knack for pounding the pavement, knocking on doors, and rallying voters.

Although, to be fair, there is one person in the State House who doesn't appear to know Ryan: It's Governor Charlie Baker, who spots Ryan outside the Governor's Office and stops to ask, "Hey, who's this troublemaker?"

Of course, Governor Baker is only kidding. He's known Ryan Chamberland for years - he just likes to give the man he named Director of the Governor's Office for Western Massachusetts a good natured ribbing.

Sitting in the Governor's Council Chamber reflecting on his journey from BVT to Beacon Hill, Ryan says it all began when he won a five-way race for BVT Junior Class President by only 10 votes. As President, Ryan put on BVT's first-ever Battle of the Bands and raised thousands of dollars to offset the prom's fiscal impact on students and families. The hard work of his first term was rewarded by his classmates, who re-elected Ryan by an overwhelming majority.

"I always cite that election as the reason I fell in love with politics: If you actually do the job, people will appreciate it, and reward you for it" Ryan recalls.

With encouragement and guidance from teachers, counselors, and administrators, Ryan honed his community service skills in the BVT Student Ambassadors, Student Government, and Model United Nations programs, and soon set his sights on a career pathway in public service.

"Everyone at Valley Tech fostered my sense of public service. They saw that I loved it and they were all very supportive."

Since graduating, Ryan has crafted an impressive resume in state politics, including roles such as Deputy Campaign Manager for former state representative Senator Ryan Fattman, as well as Campaign Manager and Chief of Staff for Representative Leah Cole. It was his service on the local level, however, that first caught the attention of the man who would one day lead the Commonwealth. In 2012, after meeting Ryan and applauding him for commuting 90 minutes

from his hometown of Blackstone to attend Salem State University, the future governor was floored to learn that the 23-year-old also served on his hometown's board of selectmen.

"I was a young guy who knocked on 956 doors, beat a 17 year incumbent with 60% of the vote, and wanted to challenge the status quo," Ryan says. "We built a bond around that."

In late 2013, when then-candidate Baker announced his second gubernatorial bid, Ryan jumped onto the campaign trail, first as the MassVictory Central Massachusetts Field Director and then as Deputy Statewide Field Director. More than a year later, as the votes were being tallied, Ryan spoke with the Governor-elect, who congratulated Ryan on an overwhelming victory in Central Massachusetts.

"We won by the largest percentage of votes in the state. I've never been prouder than that moment," Ryan says with a smile.

With victory secured and a three-day inaugural ceremony underway, Ryan's political journey came full circle on January 9, 2015, when he returned to Valley Tech alongside Governor Baker for a "Spotlight on Excellence" inaugural celebration.

"It was the first time I'd been back to BVT since 2006, so it was very special for me. I couldn't stop talking about it. Everyone on the Governor's staff was teasing me, saying, 'Yeah, yeah, we get it. You went to Valley Tech.' "

In the years ahead, as he continues serving the 72nd Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Ryan is hopeful that his dreams and aspirations, both personal and political, will once again meet at Blackstone Valley Tech.

"I know the Governor will continue to make Massachusetts great again. Massachusetts is my home and it's a place I'd like to start a family and raise my children. And if I do have kids, I'd love for them go to Blackstone Valley Tech and have the same experience as me."

One Step at a Time

Considering she once led the nation with a batting average of .877, it's surprising to learn that softball is not a lifelong passion of Isabella "Bella" Picard. The younger sister of a star UCONN soccer player and U.S. Women's National Team roster member, Bella grew up following in her sister's footsteps and dreamed of playing Division I soccer.

But the 2013 Blackstone Valley Tech graduate's dream came to a drastic halt after two successful seasons at BVT. Diagnosed with chronic compartment syndrome, Bella's body rebelled against the sport she loved, and the constant running inherent to soccer began causing numbness in her feet and cutting off circulation to her legs.

"The doctors told me, 'If you think you're playing Division I soccer, you're crazy,' " Bella recalls.

Turns out, the doctors were only half right. Although it wouldn't be on the soccer field, Bella would indeed go on to play at the pinnacle of college athletics. Forced to leave soccer behind,

Bella listened to the encouragement of her friends, coaches, and Valley Tech teachers and administrators, and set her sights on softball.

"The coaches told me I had a lot of potential and people were telling me I could do it. It was uplifting after having soccer ripped away."

Applying the same grit, determination, and work ethic she the once brought to the soccer field, Bella soon emerged as an elite softball player. Her junior year, she held the top batting average in the nation. Senior year, she helped Valley Tech capture its first state vocational softball championship and signed a National Letter of Intent to play Division I softball at Saint Joseph's University.

Little could Bella know, however, that becoming a Division I athlete would result in the unexpected challenge of a lifetime. In April 2015, during the first inning of a game against Fordham University, Bella's head-first slide into second base resulted in a head-on collision with an opposing player's knee. When she regained consciousness, Bella walked off the diamond, but experienced fatigue and numbness in her right arm. A CAT scan revealed that she had hyperextended her spinal cord and fractured her fifth cervical vertebra (C5).

Days later, spinal swelling caused Bella to lose sensation in the right side of her body, and a six-hour surgery to fuse her C4, C5, and C6 vertebrae ensued. When doctors told Bella that she would likely regain the ability to walk in one to two years, but would never return to the physical form of a Division I athlete, the diagnosis was met with an unexpected response.

"I couldn't help but laugh. My whole life, I've been into sports and doing things like teaching myself to juggle four balls, or get 518 juggles with my feet. So when I heard that I'll never do those things again, I just laughed because those things are my life. I was made to be an athlete."

Defying her diagnosis would require Bella to approach physical therapy with the same tenacity that made her a Division I athlete in her second-choice sport. Fortunately for the BVT graduate, embracing a difficult challenge was nothing new.

"At BVT, if there was a challenge you didn't think you could meet, you had the teachers, the staff, even Dr. Fitz [Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick], encouraging you to try. If you fail, so what? Nothing bad can happen if you try your hardest. BVT promotes that confidence in its students."

Mere months following her accident, Bella says her doctors have marveled at her "miraculous" progress, including her ability to walk with a walker and fully extend her right arm. Bella credits her recovery to her faith, family, friends, and supporters, and thanks Valley Tech for first showing her the power of healthy relationships.

"At BVT, they treat you like an adult. Like a coworker in the real-world. If you build good relationships with people, that's what happens; you treat them like a human being. BVT showed me that people skills and social skills are so important to success. Whether I'm a freshmen at

BVT meeting new people, or I'm paralyzed in a rehab hospital, those skills are crucial to life in general."

As her rehabilitation continues, Bella knows the road to recovery will include more unexpected twists, turns, and detours, but she remains confident that she will reach her final destination and make a frequent stop along the way.

"BVT played a big part in who I am and is playing a big part now as I'm battling this unfortunate incident. I'm going to give back to that school in any way I can. I'll probably be walking those halls when I'm 80."

For Bella and those fortunate enough to know her, there is no doubt she will.

Spotlight on Excellence: Governor shares big day with BVT

On January 9, 2015, Blackstone Valley Tech proudly hosted Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito for a "Spotlight on Excellence" inaugural event.

"As one of the Commonwealth's twenty-six regional vocational technical systems, we were pleased and honored to host Governor Baker and his team during his very first day in office," commented Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. "Throughout his campaign, the Governor promoted the vision, vitality, and versatility of the state's quality vocational technical education network. We eagerly showcased our commitment in response to that quest."

Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito began the event with a tour of Valley Tech's Drafting Technology program, where students worked with new software donated by industry-partner Siemens to design and 3D-print customized "Keys to Valley Tech." In the new Engineering Technology laboratory, the visiting dignitaries teamed up to sink a basketball using a student-designed robot. The tour concluded in the Manufacturing Technology shop, where students demonstrated Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) equipment recently acquired via grant funding and support from private partners.

Following their tour, the state's top policy makers joined a crowd in excess of 1,500 students, teachers, and invited guests for a spirited "Spotlight on Excellence" celebration in the Valley Tech Competition Center. Led by Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Anthony Steele, a group of Honors American Government students presented the state's new leaders with gifts crafted in Valley Tech programs, including 3D-printed "Keys to Valley Tech," a 3D-printed model of the Massachusetts State House, and customized hard hats and photo IDs to make sure the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are always prepared for another visit to BVT.

The event concluded with energized addresses from Lt. Gov. Polito and Gov. Baker, both of whom thanked the students for an enthusiastic welcome and applauded them for exemplifying the value of a vocational technical education.

"There's no greater opportunity we can give a young man or a young woman than a great education," Governor Baker said. "One of the things I love about schools like this is that they've figured out how to combine education with purpose. They help kids find direction and they help kids figure out what it is they want to do with their lives."

New Career Pathway: *Engineering Technology program officially launches*

It may be the newest shop at the 50-year-old school, but Valley Tech's Engineering Technology program wasted no time in earning national accolades and placing its students on a launch pad to success.

Although extremely high public demand has filled the current instructional space to capacity, Valley Tech began making room for the new program in the spring of 2014 by utilizing volunteers, internal expertise, and donated materials to convert existing space into a state-of-the-art engineering laboratory. In August 2014, a group of sixteen freshmen comprising 7 females and 9 males enrolled in the program, which was officially approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in March 2015. As with all vocational technical programs, earning DESE approval was a defining milestone for Valley Tech's new career pathway.

"Vocational technical schools are uniquely capable of meeting the state's strict standards for professional instruction, relevant technology, and student-immersion in a given trade," explained Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. "Meeting these standards ensures that our graduates get a significant head start on their chosen career pathways."

Following state approval, the shop received national certification from Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education programs. According to Engineering Technology Team Leader Matthew Connors, the program's first class of students jumped at the chance to earn college credits by taking the national PLTW Intro to Engineering Design exam. Each BVT student scored Advanced or Proficient on the test, with 9 students earning Advanced scores in the 95th percentile of students nationwide.

"I was truly impressed with how high their scores were," Connors remarked. "It's a testament to the effectiveness of a full-time, immersive program. This isn't an elective; this is a program for students who picked this shop, who want to be here, and who are engaged in engineering. It's an amazing environment."

According to Superintendent-Director Fitzpatrick, Valley Tech is one of roughly a dozen schools statewide to host a nationally certified PLTW program. Citing the global economy's growing demand for a high-skill STEM workforce, Fitzpatrick commended Valley Tech's 13 member communities for expanding opportunities in STEM education.

Employers Pursue BVT Students: *Career fair highlights demand for skilled workforce*

Whoever coined the phrase, "Good help is hard to find," never attended the annual career fair at Blackstone Valley Tech.

The 2015 BVT career fair packed the school's competition center with hundreds of students and nearly 30 regional employers who hope to hire them one day. That day will come sooner than later for students like Matt Thompson, a Drafting and Engineering Technology junior from Northbridge. Through the BVT cooperative education (co-op) program, Matt can acquire career vocational technical credits and skills by working off-campus in his area of training every other

week. Touring the career fair and speaking with potential co-op employers, Matt said he believes the program can pay big dividends for BVT students.

"It starts us off for the future," Matt said. "If we stay in that [co-op] job, or get another job, we'll definitely get promoted earlier because we started working in high school."

As Matt explored possibilities for his co-op employment, he received a firsthand account of the program's impact from 2004 BVT graduate Kenny Giacomuzzi, who attended the career fair on behalf of medical device manufacturer Tegra Medical. Giacomuzzi said the company's future depends on its ability to hire employees with both sophisticated technical skills and the soft skills necessary to master new technology over the course of their careers.

"The biggest thing you can come into our facility with is a willingness to learn," he told a group of BVT students.

50th Anniversary Celebration: *Past, present, and future explored at open house*

William Lapierre and Jeffrey Hanratty are from different towns, grew up in different eras, and differ in age by more than 40 years, but they do have one very important thing in common: They both say Blackstone Valley Tech changed their lives for the better.

Lapierre, a 1970 graduate of Valley Tech's first class, and Hanratty, an Electrical senior, got the chance to meet and talk shop during an open house held on October 25, 2014, in honor of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's 50th anniversary. Lapierre told Hanratty that when BVT's doors opened in 1966, he had already completed his freshman year of high school and had to repeat the ninth grade in order to join Valley Tech's first class. Looking back, Lapierre said he wouldn't change a thing, and he credited Valley Tech's cooperative education program with placing him at Wyman Gordon of Grafton, where he went on to have a successful 43-year career.

Although his own career is just getting underway, Hanratty said that like Lapierre, he's confident BVT has placed him on the pathway to success.

"Coming here is the best decision I've made so far," Hanratty said.

Similar exchanges occurred throughout the open house, as 50 years' worth of alumni, staff, students, and supporters took guided tours of Valley Tech. While some looked back on their own time at BVT, others reflected on the experiences of their children.

"One of the coolest parts of my life was seeing my son graduate from Manufacturing," said Kevin Young of Uxbridge. "My daughter just did the freshman program exploratory. To see your kid come home excited about their day at school makes you feel good as a parent."

Merit and Medals: *Valley Tech wins national gold medals at SkillsUSA*

Fiscal Year 2015 marked another tremendous performance by Valley Tech students in the Olympics of vocational technical education.

At the SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V conference in March 2015, Valley Tech students earned 82 medals - 32 gold, 28 silver, and 22 bronze - and swept the categories of Culinary Arts,

Diesel Equipment Technology, Internetworking, Medical Terminology, Photography, Restaurant Service, Telecommunications Cabling, and Welding.

At the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference Championships in May 2015, BVT students won 39 medals - 18 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze. The event was attended by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and marked the ninth year in which Valley Tech played host.

Valley Tech students once again proved that their vocational skills are among the best in the nation by winning 7 medals - 6 gold and 1 silver - at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Championships in June 2015. National medalists included: Health Services students Mikayla Corda of Grafton, Samantha Cella of Northbridge, and Hannah Licarie of Millbury (Community Service); Electronics and Engineering Technology seniors Dillon Arnold of Northbridge and Anthony Arrigo of Upton (Mobile Robotics Urban Search and Rescue); Health Services senior Francesca Niro of Mendon (Basic Health Care Skills); and Manufacturing and Engineering Technology junior Todd Mahoney of Sutton (Welding).

Several Valley Tech students also placed within the top-ten of their respective competitions: Drafting and Engineering Technology senior Jacob O'Donnell of Northbridge (4th Technical Drafting); Information Technology senior William Stevens of Millbury (5th Computer Programming); Health Services junior Carson Hope of Sutton (5th Health Occupations Professional Portfolio); and Multimedia Communications junior Rachel DeWolfe of Bellingham (8th Photography).

Health Services sophomore Stacey Muanya of Milford, Multimedia Communications sophomore Nicole Cella of Northbridge, Health Services junior Kayleigh Poudrier of Northbridge, and Health Services freshman Hailey Baldwin of Northbridge served as SkillsUSA National Voting Delegates.

Building Tomorrow's Classroom Today: BVT named local launch pad for global program

It might be quite the hike and a bit of a swim from one school to the other, but in the 2014-2015 school year, students at Blackstone Valley Tech teamed up with students in Arkhangelsk, Russia to prove that great distance is not a barrier to great collaboration.

The intercontinental program was formed in partnership with the Global STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Education Center, a charitable organization that connects schools with other countries, corporations, scientists, and engineers to develop STEM projects. At Valley Tech, Electrical, Culinary Arts, and Plumbing students partnered with their Russian peers in a collaborative study of the International Space Station.

Plumbing sophomore Daniel Aldonis of Millbury said that the project made him take a fresh look at his own vocational training.

"It's unique that we get to see a Russian perspective on what we are doing in shop," Aldonis said. "It really makes you think about how you might have to do things differently if you ever end up working in Russia."

To help more schools adopt the innovative program, Valley Tech partnered with the New England School Development Council and the Global STEM Education Center to produce the Global STEM Classroom Symposium®. Attended by educators and leaders of business and industry from throughout New England, the symposium was headlined by world-renowned technology education expert and international bestselling author Alan November. The founder and senior partner of November Learning shared his belief that schools like BVT are empowering students to succeed by engaging their innate passion for real-world problem solving.

"Authentic work that develops passion, teamwork, and global connectivity can and should be built into everything we teach," November said. "Our imagination is our only limit."

District of Distinction: *National magazine highlights innovative program*

In March 2015, an initiative to make engineering an everyday part of student life earned Valley Tech the title of "District of Distinction."

District Administration magazine created the District of Distinction program in 2014 to provide national recognition to school districts implementing innovative programs that are benefiting students and suitable for replication. Valley Tech was named a 2015 District of Distinction for its cross-curricular engineering initiative designed to develop students' critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Green Ribbon School: *BVT one of three in MA to receive award*

In spring 2015, Managing Director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Christy Goldfuss and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced that Valley Tech was among the 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award honorees. Valley Tech received this recognition for reducing environmental impact and costs, improving health and wellness of students and staff, and providing environmental education as a road to green career pathways.

"These honorees are compelling examples of the ways schools can help children build real-world skillsets, cut school costs, and provide healthy learning environments," Duncan said.

Multiple renovations over BVT's fifty-year history have increasingly emphasized energy-efficient features, and the school's curriculum was adapted to complement the facility's green technology. Valley Tech's vocational technical shops have also made green technology and sustainability cornerstones of their training, with students and staff operating, maintaining, and upgrading the school's photovoltaic and high-efficiency heating and cooling systems.

Valley Tech Named To AP Honor Roll: *Advancement Placement offerings expand*

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada placed on the College Board's 5th annual AP District Honor Roll for increasing accessibility to AP courses and maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams.

"AP courses help students become independent learners, focus on time management, and advocate for assistance if needed," said Director of Curriculum and Instruction Rebecca Swasey. "Students who gain these advanced academic skills are then capable of more complex vocational

tasks, which fosters a high level skill set for students with post-secondary aspirations or for employers seeking high skill workers for high wage jobs."

Markham Award For BVT Beavers: *Winning percentage earns Globe Scholastic Award*

In August 2014, the Blackstone Valley Tech Beavers were named winners in the Boston Globe's 42nd annual Scholastic Awards program. Each year, the awards rank schools based on their winning percentage during the regular season.

Valley Tech athletics won the Markham Division I large school vocational title after earning a 67.49 win-loss percentage during the 2013-2014 school year. With 156 victories, BVT earned its fourth Markham award in eight years by winning more games than any other vocational school in the Commonwealth.

Conservative Budgeting Pays Off: *BVT bond rating upgraded by Moody's*

The refinancing of \$3.9 million in existing debt resulted in an improved bond rating for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District and anticipated savings of \$400,000 for its 13 towns.

While going through the rigorous refinancing process, the District requested that Moody's Investment Services perform a simultaneous review of its bond rating, which resulted in an upgrade from a rating of Aa3 to a rating of Aa2. In its report, Moody's indicated that three of Valley Tech's District towns share the favorable Aa2 rating and that the District's improved bond rating was largely based on its proven commitment to cost containment.

"Financial operations have been generally stable over the past six years and the district should maintain a sound financial position going forward given conservative budgeting practices," the report stated.

FY2015: *Another Stellar Year of Vocational & Academic Achievements*

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

355

During the 2014-2015 school year, a total of 355 AP course exams were given to 231 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Biology, Physics 1, and Spanish Language & Culture.

13 years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Spring 2014 test results revealed a tremendous performance by Valley Tech students for the 13th straight year. In English Language Arts, 98% of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared favorably to the statewide average of 90%. In Math, 93% of students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared favorably to the statewide average of 79%.

90%

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. 90% of Valley Tech students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to 71% statewide.

100%

In Spring 2014, 76 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and 100% scored in the Advanced and Proficient categories.

\$1.2 Million

Members of the BVT Class of 2015 earned nearly 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value in excess of \$1.2 million.

The following chart shows the impressive track record of BVT students on the Math, English Language Arts and Science MCAS exams.

Historic MCAS Scores for BVT

Test Date	Class YOG	Math			English Language Arts (ELA)			Science + Technology /Engineering		
		A/P	NI	F	A/P	NI	F	A/P	NI	F
Spring 2014	2016	93%	6%	2%	98%	2%	0%	90%	9%	1%
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%	82%	16%	1%
Spring 2009	2011	84%	13%	3%	86%	13%	1%	75%	21%	3%
Spring 2008	2010	78%	19%	3%	79%	20%	0%	64%	32%	3%
Spring 2007	2009	74%	23%	3%	73%	26%	1%			
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%			

Testing not then required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

YOG – Year of Graduation A/P – Advanced/Proficient NI – Needs Improvement F – Failure

Return on Investment: *Fiscal planning with a student-focus*

The District’s operating budget for FY15 was developed to provide maximum instructional resources that enhance and strengthen student learning. Given the number of career and technical education programs, the specialized nature and cost of equipment, and the global workforce demands driven by continued advancements, we are ever diligent in seeking meaningful efficiencies in the delivery of instruction, purchasing, staffing models, and employee benefits. Maintaining a safe environment, relevant learning, and stakeholder confidence are our highest priorities. To that end, the total operating budget was developed with a modest 2.50% increase.

Budgeted Revenue Required to Support Operational Expenditures

Revenue Category	FY2013	% Incr	FY2014	% Incr	FY2015	% Incr
Member Town Assessments						
Minimum Contribution	\$9,269,607	4.37%	\$9,320,500	0.55%	\$9,764,199	4.76%
Non Net School Spending Items*	\$1,457,476		\$1,447,365		\$1,323,228	
Member Credits	(\$250,759)		(\$44,636)		\$168,554	
Debt Service	\$625,220		\$610,538		\$595,350	
Total Member Assessments	\$11,101,544	3.63%	\$11,333,767	2.09%	\$11,851,331	4.57%
State Aid						
Chapter 70 - Regional Aid	\$7,790,890		\$8,098,975		\$7,906,631	
Transportation Reimbursement	\$625,279		\$654,186		\$840,443	
Total State Aid	\$8,416,169	2.74%	\$8,753,161	4.00%	\$8,747,074	-0.07%
Other Revenue Sources						
Miscellaneous Income	\$94,500		\$122,127		\$122,127	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$250,000		\$250,000		\$250,000	
Total Other Revenue	\$344,500		\$372,127		\$372,127	
GRAND TOTALS	\$19,862,213	2.77%	\$20,459,055	3.00%	\$20,970,532	2.50%

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

The District's FY15 operating budget of \$20,970,532 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). In addition to the efficiencies identified above, Valley Tech continually seeks partnerships with business and industry, non-traditional revenue sources, and the use of unreserved fund balance to mitigate increases to our member towns. Other efforts include cultivating partnerships with local and state legislative members to ensure appropriate levels of resources, providing special project services to our municipal partners and the public (at significant savings), and maintaining Valley Tech's facility using certified staff from various trades.

In FY15, the District maintained 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. In addition to the normal expenses included in a municipal school district, Valley Tech's budget includes several high dollar value line items that would normally be included within the General Government budget. Examples include debt, capital improvements, workers' compensation, health and life insurance, property and casualty insurance, unemployment, snow removal, treasurer, audit and other such expenses. As we look back on FY15 and embark on FY16, we thank our member towns for providing the ongoing support of a true partnership.

**Note on Member Credits/Charges: In FY2013 and FY2014, more favorable state revenue scenarios allowed for the member town credits listed above. Compliance with state-mandated net school spending requirements in FY2015 necessitated the additional charge listed above.

Community Projects: *Experience for students & savings for taxpayers*

Each year, student work projects provide District residents with a tangible return on their investment while providing Valley Tech students real-world experience. 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 realize further savings by enjoying the discounted services offered in Valley Tech's student-run restaurant, salon, and school store.

In FY15, a total of 563 projects and services resulted in significant savings for District communities and residents:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$292,529
In School Projects/Installations/Repairs	\$191,315
Total Savings to District Taxpayers	\$483,844

Among many others, community projects in FY15 included the construction of a wheelchair ramp at an Uxbridge residence, the restoration of a greenhouse at the Community Harvest Project farm in Grafton, and the creation of jungle-themed carriages for the Southwick Zoo's SkyFari Sky Ride in Mendon.

Inside Valley Tech, staff and students tackled several capital improvements, including the conversion of an Auto Body annex into Career Enrichment classrooms, and the renovation of the Multimedia Communications program to include studio space for audio/video production. By turning the renovations into hands-on projects for programs such as Construction Technology, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC & R, and others, Valley Tech scaled back costs and gave students powerful hands-on experience. Students also put their skills to work assisting on upgrades to the Manufacturing, Information Technology, Engineering Technology, Painting and Design Technologies, and Auto Body programs.

Building More With Less: *Debt-free improvements to BVT facilities*

There are no coupon booklets for capital improvement projects, but Valley Tech nevertheless finds ways to clip costs and maintain its commitment to self-funding upgrades.

In February 2015, Valley Tech announced plans to enter the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Accelerated Repair Program, which offers a reimbursement rate of 53.53% for a preventive maintenance project on the BVT roof. Valley Tech's share of the roughly \$741,000 project will come largely from capital funds generated from MSBA reimbursements during the prior major roof repair project.

Valley Tech brought the same conservative approach to the restoration of its main athletics field. Groundbreaking on the restoration project marked the first major work on the field in 15 years. In that time, Valley Tech athletics grew in size and success and the field experienced the natural, yet significant, wear and tear of hosting freshman, junior varsity, and varsity programs in football, track and field, soccer, and lacrosse. Faced with the need to preserve the field for years to come, school officials chose to pursue the most fiscally conservative option.

The \$226,059.88 non-debt restoration price tag is roughly one-quarter the construction cost of a typical artificial field.

Grants: *Additional resources to support our community partners*

As state and local dollars grow increasingly hard to come by, Valley Tech continues its diligent pursuit of alternative revenue sources. In FY15, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$1.5 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In 2014, using a \$180,000 grant from the MetroWest Health Foundation, Valley Tech became the nation's first vocational technical school to offer a specialized program to assist students returning from extended absences due to a range of medical and mental health issues. Called the BVT Bridge, the new program helps returning students make a smooth transition back to school by providing flexible scheduling, individual instructional assistance, and support services.

Valley Tech's commitment to training students on industry-standard equipment received significant assistance in FY15 in the form of a \$90,000 award from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Equipment and Supplies Grant Program and a \$99,070 grant from the Massachusetts Vocational Equipment Grant Program. This funding will upgrade career-training equipment and technology, including the purchase of cutting-edge Computer Numerical Control (CNC) milling machine, as well as robotic building kits.

In Northbridge, a \$25,000 award from the SkillsUSA/Lowe's 2015 Campus Improvement Grant Program will enable Valley Tech to make several renovations on the property of Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. Students in programs such as Construction Technology, Electrical, Drafting Technology, and others will gain valuable hands-on experience making improvements to the nonprofit's carriage house facility, which could house future Valley Tech projects.

Two grants totaling \$10,000 from the New England School Development Council and the Biogen Idec Foundation/Cambridge Community Foundation enhanced the school's ongoing partnership with the Global STEM Education Center. The District also earned a Vocational Leadership grant of \$11,425 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in recognition of BVT's improved MCAS performance.

Grant	Amount	Grant	Amount
Competitive Grants		Federal Entitlement Grants	
MA VOC Equip - Manufacturing Technology Equipment	\$99,070	Special Education 240	\$274,800
Mass Life Sciences - Engineering Lab Equipment	\$90,000	Perkins	\$168,660
MetroWest Health - Transition Program for At-Risk Students	\$60,000	Title I	\$71,182
Lowe's/SkillsUSA - Alternatives Campus	\$25,000	Title II A	\$18,621
State - Vocational Leadership Grant	\$11,425	FY15 Special Education Carryover (FY14)	\$11,356
Biogen Idec - Projector for Comp Center & NASA Activity	\$5,000	Special Education Program Improvement	\$6,358
Staples - Equipment for MMC	\$5,000	Perkins Post-Secondary (PN Program)	\$1,339
NESDEC - STEM Conference	\$5,000	Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal	\$552,316
Blissful Meadows - Electrathon	\$5,000	State Entitlement Grants	
EMC - First Robotics	\$5,000	Roof Project (53.53% Reimbursement)	\$396,000
Community Health - Community Partners for Health	\$1,231	LPN Appropriation	\$199,106
VTEF - Aviation Club	\$1,000	Academic Support (Summer)	\$15,409
VTEF - Sporty's Closet	\$850	Academic Support (School Year)	\$896
VTEF - Peer Mentoring	\$750	State Entitlement Grants Subtotal	\$611,411
VTEF - Watch Your Mouth	\$500	FY15 GRAND TOTAL	
VTEF - Seniors 4 Seniors (Dental)	\$500	\$1,484,511	
BVCCEF - Field Trip Grant (Mass Maritime)	\$500		
BVCCEF/Lampin - Manufacturing Technology	\$4,958		
Competitive Grants Subtotal	\$320,784		

Class of 2015: Blackstone Graduates

Nicole Margaret Cavossa, Business Technology; Austin Mark Herrick, Electronics & Engineering Technology; Devin Aaron-Jordan Roy, Auto Body; Jaryd Neil Tellstone, Automotive Technology.

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. In FY15, the Committee thanked several retiring members for their longstanding dedication and leadership: William Pontes of Blackstone served on the Committee for 11 years and was a former Science teacher at BVT; Paul Yanovitch of Hopedale served on the Committee for 7 years, including 5 years as the Assistant Treasurer; and Kenneth Pedersen, Jr. represented the town of Upton for 11 years.

The Committee also wished a fond farewell to Diana Pedersen, who retired after 21 years as the District Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Assistant Director of External Resources and Community Relations. Diana is thanked for her countless behind-the-scenes contributions, which had impact far greater than many are aware.

Committee members elected in November 2014 include Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone, Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale (formerly of Sutton), Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton, and David R. Bartlett of Upton. After completing the remaining term of former Committee member Michael Peterson, Dennis Braun was elected to a full term as the Committee's representative of Mendon.

Chairman - Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham

Vice Chairman - Gerald M. Finn of Millville

Assistant Treasurer - Arthur E. Morin, Jr. of Milford

Secretary - Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III of Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale

Dennis P. Braun of Mendon

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury

Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge

Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton

David R. Bartlett of Upton

James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal – Anthony E. Steele, II

District Treasurer – Barbara A. Auger

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN 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
Diesenhaus	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 2015

The values for Fiscal 2016 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 31, 2015.

Fiscal 2016 is an interim year; therefore, the Board of Assessors will not be going through a revaluation year with the state Department of Revenue until Fiscal 2017, beginning July 1st 2016.

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 26, 2015 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town of Blackstone vote pursuant to Clause 56 of Section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, to extend the authority of the Assessors to grant abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard or Military Reservists who are on active duty in foreign countries with respect to all or part of their real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year in which they performed such service, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors, effective fiscal year 2015. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Also at the Annual Town Meeting on May 26, 2015 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town of Blackstone vote to accept the provision of G.L. c.60A, Section 1 that allows cities and towns to exempt from excise taxation motor vehicles owned by and registered to Massachusetts residents who are on active and

fulltime military service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, army or air, of any state, deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of exemption. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fiscal year 2016 began on July 1, 2015 and runs to June 30, 2016. 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, 2015. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2014 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, 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, 2013 through June 30 2015 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 31, 2015 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2016 is 852,550,754. This reflects a positive 4.6% change from the previous year.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 11/17/2015. 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 2016 tax rate is \$19.34 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.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman
Robert A. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman
Carole Whiteley, Member
Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor
Rachel Campopiano, Administrative Assistant Assessor

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2015 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

For the year ending December 31, 2015 there were 365 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	19
Additions/Garages	05
Roofs	56
Sheds	16
Porches/Decks	23
Vinyl Siding/Replacement Windows/Doors	35
Pools/ Spas	13
Demolition	01
Foundation/Footings	18
Repairs/Renovations/Remodel	38
Pellet and Wood Stoves	12
Insulation	08
Fences	09
Signs	02
Solar Panels	98
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	09
Cell Tower	01
Temporary/Tents/Trailers	01

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	\$7,860,450.34
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department		\$ 83,765.15
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees		\$ 1,150.00
Plumbing/Gas Department		\$ 11,290.00
Electrical Department		\$ 24,834.00
Recycling Center	\$428,429.69	
Less: Product Percentage Payments	(20,646.27)	\$ 407,783.42
Board of Health		\$ 18,781.14

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	\$ 547,603.71
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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

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2015 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2015 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 251 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	19
Additions/Garages	05
Service Entrance/Panel	25
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	10
Fire/Security Alarm	18
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	14
Vinyl Siding	05
Generators/AC	07
Meters	03
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	36
Fixtures/Outlets	12
Solar panel	97

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	\$25,334.00 =====
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Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence I. Ray
Electrical Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

FY2015

Real Estate billed = \$13,502,149.78 – Collected \$13,394,081.64

Collection Rate = 98.98%

Personal Property billed = \$2,319,067.56 – Collected \$2,318,789.11

Collection Rate = 99.97%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,094,919.53 – Collected \$1,062,255.48

Collection Rate = 95.25%

Water Sewer Bills = \$1,356,116.64 – Collected \$1,383,607.52

Collection Rate = 100.00%

Total billed \$18,398,173.34 – Total Collected \$18,161,635.17

Total Collection Rate = 99.3%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

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, Kevin Jordan 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, 2015

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$900.00
INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$7,560,185.07
TERM INVESTMENTS	\$3,267,376.60
TRUST FUNDS	\$3,301.299.21
TOTAL: Cash and Investments	\$14,129.760.88

Town of Blackstone
Municipal Center
Salary Listing
Fiscal Year 2015

SELECTMEN

Dubois, Robert	Selectmen Chairman	\$	1,725.00
Chamberland, Ryan	Selectman Chairman	\$	444.96
Wells, Russell	Selectman Chairman	\$	30.00
Bik, Margaret	Selectmen Vice Chairman	\$	1,500.00
Catalano, Michael	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Haughey, Paul	Selectmen	\$	1,125.00
Keefe, Daniel	Selectmen	\$	1,125.00

ADMINISTRATION

Keyes, Daniel	Town Administrator	\$	112,969.88
Nadeau-Lemoine, Sandra	Administrative Assistant	\$	40,315.00
Boucher, Barbara	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	2,415.24
Lemoine, Kelsey	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	1,605.00
Lemoine, Kyle	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	2,867.37

DPW

Sullivan, James	DPW Director	\$	86,416.99
Paterson, Kelly	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	39,656.59
Sutherland, Amy	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	31,869.34
Varieur, Robert	Leadman	\$	87,119.92
Marchand, Thomas	Light Equipment Oper	\$	67,551.70
Devlin, Michael	Skilled Laborer	\$	15,541.92
Faneuf, Randall	Skilled Laborer	\$	44,463.34
Ballou, Conor	Laborer	\$	1,305.00
Blanchette, Alexander	Laborer	\$	1,932.50
Mowry, Beau	Laborer	\$	40,285.05
Robidoux, Adaml	Laborer	\$	49,087.09
Staples, Joshua	Laborer	\$	37,358.08
Sullivan Jr, James	Laborer	\$	16,463.64
Taylor, Zachary	Laborer	\$	1,298.25
Paterson, Donald	Mechanic	\$	63,102.57
Valastro, Paul	Truck Driver	\$	46,311.60
Wildes, Arthur	Truck Driver	\$	44,567.67

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bissinnette, Debra	Parks Secretary	\$	483.48
Barrett, Dylan	Parks Helper	\$	4,702.75
Neel, Matthew	Parks Helper	\$	9,891.00
St Amant, Zachary	Parks Helper	\$	5,299.25

FINANCE

Perrault, Steven	Collector/Treasurer	\$	50,033.21
Muller, Catherine	Asst Treasurer	\$	38,627.17
Jordan, Kevin	Asst Collector	\$	17,509.84
Hebert, Julie	Town Accountant	\$	67,431.58
Muller, Jillian	Asst Town Accountant	\$	37,033.05
Zahordky, Lauren	Asst Town Accountant	\$	31,250.50
Salamone, Patricia	Assistant Assessor	\$	58,156.20
Campopiano, Rachel	Admin Asst - Assessor	\$	39,634.76

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Atstupenas, Ross	Police Chief	\$	108,083.93
Gilmore, Gregory	Lieutenant	\$	82,048.59
Ryan, Richard	Sergeant	\$	77,440.81
Loether, Travis	Detective	\$	75,596.82
Mowry, Wayne	Detective	\$	5.25
Blanchette, David	Police Officer	\$	84,265.16
Brodeur, Shawn	Police Officer	\$	75,409.22
Daigle, Patrick	Police Officer	\$	73,057.92
Giardino, Daniel	Police Officer	\$	87,971.94
Haynes, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	77,497.74
Hurwitz, Maxwell	Police Officer	\$	107,612.26
Laudon, David	Police Officer	\$	74,067.21
Luis, Kevin	Police Officer	\$	95,940.32
Lungarini, Anthony	Police Officer	\$	75,068.93
Mantoni, Matthew	Police Officer	\$	101,210.48
Metz, Craig	Police Officer	\$	77,315.22
Niemczyk, Joseph	Police Officer	\$	77,286.14
Pavone, Michael	Police Officer	\$	57,978.35
Tappen, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	20,390.94
Dugas, Albert	Police Dispatcher	\$	70,474.90
Farrington, Sandra	Police Dispatcher	\$	57,357.21
Fenner, Collin	Police Dispatcher	\$	4,042.50
Gibbons, Kyle	Police Dispatcher	\$	3,465.00
Ladouceur, Brian	Police Dispatcher	\$	7,050.00
Lapierre, Jacqueline	Police Dispatcher	\$	9,519.75
Morris, Mark	Police Dispatcher	\$	2,470.22
Weber, Bettina	Police Dispatcher	\$	67,017.29
Wilson, Kirsten	Police Dispatcher	\$	1,165.13
Atchue, Jason	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Auld, Mark	Police Detail	\$	320.00
Bartlett, Eugene	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Bussey, Jonathon	Police Detail	\$	168.00
Coupe, William	Police Detail	\$	3,378.00
Dean, Jeffrey	Police Detail	\$	399.00
Dion, Scott	Police Detail	\$	1,040.97
DiRosa, Michael	Police Detail	\$	966.00
Falvey, David	Police Detail	\$	336.00

Landry, Cody	Police Detail	\$	535.50
Landry, Craig	Police Detail	\$	410.00
Lima, Marco	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Michniewicz, Thomas	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Mouyos, William	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Preston, Peter	Police Detail	\$	504.00
Savoie, Frederick	Police Detail	\$	854.00
Sousa, Mario	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Thayer, Gerald	Police Detail	\$	336.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sweeney, Michael	Fire Chief	\$	87,861.78
Marcoux, Michael	Deputy Chief	\$	81,586.27
Cotnoir, Kenneth	Lieutenant	\$	83,242.09
Iannetti, Anthony	Lieutenant	\$	76,181.87
Sevigny, Joey	Lieutenant	\$	79,314.53
Daigle, Christine	Firefighter	\$	68,563.78
Frade, Paul	Firefighter	\$	82,187.13
Johnson, Ramsey	Firefighter	\$	73,624.92
Roy, Kevin	Firefighter	\$	75,538.02
Beaulieu, Gregory	Call Firefighter	\$	994.00
Beaulieu, Kaitlin	Call Firefighter	\$	70.00
Billings, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,712.00
Blake, Samuel	Call Firefighter	\$	960.00
Breault, Jeffrey	Call Firefighter	\$	490.00
Campbell, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	546.00
Cotnoir, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	60.00
Cunningham, James	Call Firefighter	\$	770.00
Dunayeski, Thomas	Call Firefighter	\$	1,087.50
Gignac, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	507.50
Jolicoeur, Stephen	Call Firefighter	\$	448.00
Lanctot, Christopher	Call Firefighter	\$	1,008.00
Rainville, Daniel	Call Firefighter	\$	1,302.00
Rainville, Edward	Call Firefighter	\$	1,736.00
Rainville, Lucien	Call Firefighter	\$	1,695.00
Sweeney, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,666.00
Troil-Kelliher, Nicholas	Call Firefighter	\$	1,260.00

LIBRARY

Cheever, Lisa	Library Director	\$	58,708.71
Collier, Tressy	Children's Librarian / Assistant Library Director	\$	36,253.31
Ansell, Donna	Senior Library Technician / Head of Circulation	\$	35,617.95
Binette, Denise	Library Aide	\$	2,254.29
Buehler, Dianne	Library Aide	\$	5,838.34
Dias, Robin	Library Aide	\$	154.12
Foster, Donna	Library Aide	\$	5,744.07

Goudreau, Ellen	Library Aide	\$	9,252.01
Herbert, Olivia	Library Aide	\$	7,402.76
Marino-Page, Cheryl	Library Aide	\$	2,244.65
Mendes, Ana	Library Aide	\$	1,138.14
Mezzadri, Amy	Library Aide	\$	5,907.86
Miller, Karen	Library Aide	\$	1,358.02
Robeau, Shiela	Library Aide	\$	5,866.65
Marville, Roger	Custodian	\$	32,418.44
Marville Jr, Roger	Substitute Custodian	\$	214.50
Marville, Russell	Substitute Custodian	\$	1,645.64

TOWN CLERK

Dolinski, Claudette	Town Clerk	\$	53,106.29
Bik, Donna	Asst town Clerk	\$	38,947.53
Picard, Julie	Administrative Clerk	\$	22,081.55
Greenwald, Marc	Board of Registrars	\$	200.00
Mercier, Suzanne	Board of Registrars	\$	200.00
Doyle, Daniel	Board of Registrars	\$	250.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Keefe, Laurie	COA Director	\$	42,003.30
Leclair, Gail	Nutrition Manager	\$	30,319.50
Pimenta, Dennis	Transportation Manager	\$	14,772.16
Greenhalgh, Robert	Veteran's Rep	\$	6,375.42
Bouvier, Dennis	Van Driver	\$	5,682.71
Cardinal, Therese	Van Driver	\$	8,313.26
Catalano, Anthony	Van Driver	\$	829.32
Ceolinski, David	Van Driver	\$	6,734.43
Davidson, Nancy	Van Driver	\$	6,918.60
Flynn, Timothy	Van Driver	\$	602.76
Rainville, Alan	Van Driver	\$	5,917.38

General Government

Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena	Assessors	\$	1,000.00
Sullivan, Kevin	Animal Control Officer	\$	19,094.75
Strapponi, Colleen	Bldg/Health Secretary	\$	52,728.84
Broderick, Joseph	Blk Valley Voc Board	\$	1,500.00
Whiteley, Carole	Board of Assessor	\$	900.00
Gilbert, Robert	Board of Assessor	\$	900.00
Ryan, Peter	Board of Health	\$	1,200.00
Burnham, Nicholas	Board Secretary	\$	1,698.75
Casavant, Craig	Board Secretary	\$	1,060.50
Larue, Lisa	Board Secretary	\$	4,113.09
Marville, Nicole	Board Secretary	\$	2,076.00
Vater, Earl	Building Inspector	\$	27,158.18
Ray, Lawrence	Electrical Inspector	\$	7,574.00
Villamaire, Michelle	Parade Comm Secretary	\$	1,554.48
Paige, James	Plumb/Gas Inspec	\$	1,045.50

Walsh, William	Plumb/Gas Inspec, Recycle	\$	66,821.49
Beach, James	Recycling	\$	22,175.02
Bedlion, Delbert	Recycling	\$	5,034.60
Devlin, Thomas	Recycling	\$	660.00
Guillemette, Gerard	Recycling	\$	8,770.60
Guillemette, Jeanne	Recycling	\$	7,841.30
Labonte, Catherine	Recycling	\$	460.00
Labonte, Leo	Recycling	\$	780.00
Lamoureux, Kyle	Recycling	\$	200.00
Lomberto, Kevin	Recycling	\$	22,299.23
Nicholson, Heather	Recycling	\$	2,533.90
Rosati, Nicholas	Recycling	\$	1,252.20
Ryan, Joseph	Recycling	\$	5,045.26
Ryan, Kevin	Recycling	\$	44,532.95
Ryan, Oliver	Recycling	\$	775.80
Santoro, Peter	Recycling	\$	3,254.30
Savoie, Jonathan	Recycling	\$	1,334.50
Rego, Marco	Recycling Truck Driver	\$	47,979.56
Schofield, Mary	Recycling Attendent	\$	10,143.29
Weber, Lawrence	Tree Warden	\$	2,537.50
Stone, Frederick	Town Meeting Moderator	\$	150.00
TOTAL		\$	4,421,950.84

Blackstone 2015 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 Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. 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 all program operations, COA Budget, Senior Center Staff and Volunteer Services. There are approximately 1,800 elders (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 Director is SHINE Certified through the State of Massachusetts. The Director also administers the Senior-Veteran Tax work off program and serves as a liaison between the police, fire and EMT's and the senior center.

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

Today, everyone is living longer. By the year 2030, 25 % of the U.S. population, or 83 million citizens, will be 60-years of age or older. More than 8 million people will belong to the fastest growing demographic group – seniors over the age of 85. These facts alone mean that the Outreach Program is more important than ever. . Therefore, an effective Outreach Program must be flexible enough to connect seniors with the services they need and to acquaint them with the variety of attractive programming offered at the Senior Center. Outreach is helping the community's older citizens remain safely in their homes by advocating for the kinds of services that will enhance their dignity, supporting their independence and promoting their general health and well-being. It is also a goal of the Outreach Program to acquaint all the seniors in the community with the kind of information that can broaden their knowledge of elder issues and assist them in making informed decisions about the critical areas of their personal lives. Some of these services include Mass Health, health connector, limited income

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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.

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 five 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 in just under 2 years, the five volunteer drivers have donated a total of 548 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation service. The 548 volunteer hours saved the Town of Blackstone from January 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015 approximately a total of \$6302.00.

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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. On order is a 2015 Ford Starttrans, 2 wheelchair, 12 passenger, wheelchair lift bus, expected delivery is early 2016.

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 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”

400 copies printed monthly. A copy of the newsletter is also available on-line at: 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, Adult coloring, arthritis exercise, strength training, arts & crafts, birthday parties, cookouts, annual volunteer recognition luncheon, Healthy Eating 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 Savini's, Yankee swap and more.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our seniors participated in community education programs such as: "Go the Distance" Walking challenge, Healthy Eating and Dental Health presentation by BVTHS, 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, medication review, Flu Clinic, and Tax aide assistance through AARP which saved the Seniors in our community over Thirty Thousand Dollars for 2014.

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 currently have 3 students involved with the special needs program who volunteer at the Senior Center twice a week.

We have a lending library with books and current magazines and puzzles, which can be borrowed. Our "SMART" TV and new computer station have empowered our seniors to learn more about new technology, computers, smart phones and all their applications.

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 60 volunteers contributed over 5500 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.

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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 nine 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, turkey dinner, pancake breakfast, raffles, evening bingos and Silent Auction. 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



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

SMOKE
DETECTORS
SAVE
LIVES

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BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS 01504
PHONE: (508) 883-1030 / FAX: (508) 883-7923

MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

2015 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2015 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 five families and a total of twelve children. The Blackstone Fire Department would like to thank all the town businesses and residents who donated gifts and money to our worthy cause. Without your help this event would not take place. I would personally like to thank the staff at Dean Bank and Uni-Bank for setting up the giving trees in their establishments. I would especially like to thank the Tiberio family, Paul Sawyer, the family of Robert Levitre and Diamond Overhead Door Company for their generosity.

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

The department applied for and has received the following grants and equipment totaling \$11,853.00 in 2015. 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	\$6,953.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,980.00

The department took in \$5,180.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting and storage tanks.

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2015 were \$314,059.00. 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 2015

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....	960	Landmark Medical Center.....	400
Transports.....	714	Milford Regional.....	274
No Service.....	42	Fatima.....	0
Refusals.....	89	Rhode Island Trauma.....	18
Fire Assist Calls.....	9	Hasbro Children's.....	11
Cancelled	24	Providence Veterans.....	0
Treat/No Transport.....	2	Roger Williams.....	0
Assistance.....	82	Woman & Infants.....	0
False Calls.....	1	Miriam.....	2

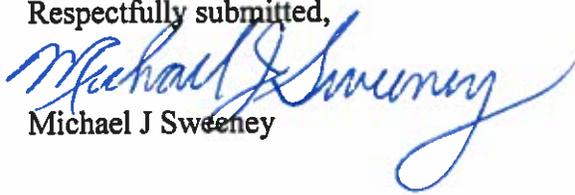
The following is a list of department activity for the year 2015

Rescue.....	960
Building Fire.....	12
Appliance Fire.....	3
Brush Fire.....	14
Outside Fire.....	17
Vehicle Fire.....	3
Fire Alarms.....	142
Investigations.....	56
Accidents.....	61
Gas Leaks.....	10
Co Calls.....	17
Rescue Assists.....	136
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	0
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	61
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	95
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	154
Service Calls.....	34
Drills.....	11
Meetings.....	28
Burning Permits.....	219
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	181

I would like to remind the residents of Blackstone to visit the home page of the town web site to sign up for our code red emergency notification system.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Michael J Sweeney

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie A. Caouette, MPHA
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2015 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

It is with genuine appreciation that members of the Commission are afforded the opportunity to have published a compilation of their work during the year just passed. While much was accomplished, as often is the case, certain goals must await their turn to be accomplished.

The year saw yet more contributions to our current robust collection of historical matter. Usually each item contributed was accompanied by the donor's insightful detail as to its origin for proper recording. Thus the museum today stands as a well-respected institution displaying seven rooms of matter portraying the long and deferential history of Blackstone. But further, were it not for that body of loyal citizen volunteers who stand hand in hand for our purpose in town, along with an unyielding willingness to assist when called upon, none of this could have come about. As always, in no small way we remain grateful for this warmhearted community spirit.

It is here at 23 Main Street that no fewer than seven rooms of archives with anecdote-laden historic material concerning our community are available for visitor perusing. One of the most popular segments has been our remarkable collection of BHS and BMR yearbooks. Commencing with the BHS class year of 1923 through the BMR present we are able to display over a ninety-two year span all but two years of that high school graduation data base. The missing years are 1998 and 2001, and we would very much appreciate any assistance in closing that gap.

As is observed annually at the Museum,, a gathering convened on March 7 for a birthday remembrance honoring the namesake of our town, William Blackstone, on March 7, whose birthday is actually March 5, 1595. Visitors were invited by the staff to coffee and birthday cake at a fitting commemoration.

On May 9 members of the Commission joined forces with the Blackstone Canal Conservancy, as well as several other town agencies, in a major historical area clean-up event. The designated workplace for this year's effort extended from the aged Saranac Dam by the Union Hotel along the remnants of the Canal Street artificial lake to the Rhode Island state line. While organizers' original goal was a work force of of 50 volunteer workers, 68 appeared on site to participate.

Last year's lapse notwithstanding, the Commission was once again represented with an entry in the 2015 annual Memorial Day parade. To our good fortune, ably assisting this year was town antique

auto aficionado Jack Robinson, who volunteered the use of his venerable 1923 "Model T" Ford rare touring car as a BHC float emblazoned with Commission ID banners. Along with his deft chauffeuring throughout the line of march Mr. Robinson was accompanied by three comely Commission members nattily attired in appropriate period garb as passengers in his attention garnering conveyance.

In July members initiated a plan for a series of appearances at the Daniels Farmstead Farmers' Market during their seasonal run. Members staffing the canopied BHC booth dispersed pertinent literature to on site shoppers as well as engaging the patrons whenever possible in discussion concerning the surrounding area's historical background.

On August 5 David Barber of Hopedale, MA, Valley historian, and President of the BV Canal Conservancy visited the regularly scheduled BHC monthly meeting at the Museum. He came to present a plan that he is actively promoting which he sees as more direct, more economical, and which also would save from demolition the historic arched viaduct which gained National Register of Historic Places status several years ago. In so doing his suggested linkage for the Greenway bike path from the former Blackstone railroad station to a Rhode Island state line destination would employ the use of the viaduct's basic structure as it remains. He later presented the same plan at a town selectmen's meeting. His plan runs counter to one presented earlier by state officials. It now remains to have each plan studied further, be fully evaluated, and to make a determination on the eventual selection of preferred routing .

We are very pleased to have been informed of grant approval to cover a definitive study for implementation of site improvement at the historic twin arch granite bridge at the corner of Canal and St. Paul Streets. In addition, we are grateful to the Planning Board and their consultant Geno Carlucci for their assistance in this matter.

Once the multitude of details were navigated by member Mary Bulso, on September 24 the BHC successfully hosted a workshop led by Christopher Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical Commission entitled an Introduction to Historic Preservation. The forum basically encompassed identifying, evaluating, and protecting historic resources. Due to the need for expanded seating capacity, the gathering was held in the Blackstone Library auditorium with complete cooperation of their personnel. Open to all, surprisingly, several attendees traveled afar, registering home addresses such as South Hadley; Worcester Historical Society; Beverly; etc. to participate in this most enlightening evening.

On December 5 the first of our two-part holiday season observances this year saw Pat Perry, vibrant owner/producer of Sneek-Peek Productions, returning with her customary rollicking wit and immensely informative, presentation, Origins of the Victorian Christmas. Her pithy solo appearance traced our traditional yuletide customs to ancient times (and back). In dress of yesteryear the talented thespian interspersed her routine with repeated mingling among the seated audience, much to their delight. A lively question and answer period ensued completing an enlightening and very entertaining afternoon.

The second part of our yuletide celebration schedule of the year was held on December 19 in conjunction with the Museum's annual Christmas open house observance. Always a favorite of the day, members of the Daisy, Brownie, and senior Girl Scout troops presented their annual yuletide musical

program at the Museum. Whether it was traditional caroling or Christmas pop tunes of the holiday season the girls were in excellent form. Renditions were accompanied by BHC member Helen Murray at the keyboard of the Museum's antique pedal pump organ. Attendance was once again at capacity, a result of Scouts' families and friends combined with normal weekend Museum visitor traffic flow.

During the year in order to fill vacancies two new faces joined the Commission. We were pleased to welcome Julie Wingate, as a member and Eunice Lydon, as an Alternate to our group. With these additions the Commission has now returned to full complement status.

To fellow townspeople our Commission members pledge to do their utmost in continuing to narrate the long and memorable tale of this great little hamlet on the banks of the historic once mighty Blackstone River.

Visit us early and often at the Museum. Admission is FREE, along with a guided tour and a pot of hot coffee ever ready to serve, always with baked goods as well. Visiting hours are: Every Thursday, Noon to 4pm; the First and Third Saturday of Each Month 11am to 4 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Marchand, Chairman/Treasurer

Eunice Lydon (Alt.)

Helen Murray, Vice Chairman

Thomas Marchand, (Alt.)

Mary Bulso

Mark Ryan (Hon.)

Jesse Deacon

Richard Ryan

Lawrence Weber

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Carrie A. Caouette, MPHA
Executive Director

2015 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public

Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2015, the Blackstone Library entered its eleventh year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2015 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.

For the second year in a row, 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 Library Services & Technology Act grant.

As 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cheever, Library Director



Blackstone Public Library

Board of Trustees

Jean Alexandrowicz
Mary Lou Branchaud
Patricia Guzinski
Linda Hemphill
Deb Ristaino
Kathryn Tata

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- ◆ **MA Statewide databases**
- ◆ **Eventkeeper online calendar**
- ◆ **E-books . E-audio books, & eVideo**
- ◆ **Tix Keeper: Museum Passes**
- ◆ **MA Commonwealth eBooks**
- ◆ **Atomic Training**
- ◆ **IndieFlix Free movie streaming**
- ◆ **OneClickdigital**
- ◆ **Boston Library eCard**

Staff Members:

Director

Lisa Cheever

Assistant Director & Children's Librarian

Tressy Collier

Head of Circulation & Technical Services

Donna Ansell

Library Aides

Denise Binette

Dianne Buehler

Donna Foster

Ellen Goudreau

Olivia Herbert

Cheryl Marino-Page

Amy Mezzadri

Sheila Robeau

Substitute Library Aides:

Karen Miller

Ana Mendes

Robin Dias

Custodian

Roger Marvelle



In FY16, the library's warrant article for building repairs was approved. Several of these projects were completed and repairs will continue to be made throughout 2016.

On-going activities for adults:

Library Book Group, Knitting Group, and the Coloring Group

On-going activities for children:

Lego Club, Toddler Story-time, Storytime & Craft, Wag & Read with a Therapy Dog.

Please call the library for more information at (508) 883-1931 or check the library's webpage at <http://blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

Please find us on Facebook and Twitter.

CIRCULATION

General

The library is open 1,820 hours per year.
(35 hours per week)
There are 6,649 registered borrowers to date.

Visitors

Approximately 49,754 people visited the library in 2015.

Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period – Calendar Year 2015

ILLs received = 7,670

ILLs sent = 11,580

Circulations in a twelve month period- Calendar Year 2015

(This includes all circulations and renewals from the library regardless of who owns the material)
68,820

Meeting Room Usage in 2015

Large meeting room	122
Quiet Study #1	246
Quiet Study #2	197
Historical Room	57
Total	622

PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2015, 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 *Touch the Trucks*, *Super Hero Night with Heroes from the community*, and a visit from *Anna & Elsa*.

The library offered 33 programs for adults with 590 in attendance. Some popular programs were *400 Years of Love Songs*, *Ribbons and Greens Workshop*, *Gravestone Girls*, *Southwick's ZooMobile*, *Intro to Yoga*, and several concerts, writing workshops, and author visits.

The library offered 8 Young Adult programs with 112 in attendance. The library held its first Young Adult Summer Reading program. Twenty-six young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events.

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, the law office of Daniel T. Doyle, and other sources.

Grant funds are used to provide programming, materials, and staffing not covered by the operating budget.

UniBank	\$ 2,500.00
Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries 1st installment	\$ 6,201.01
State Aid to Public Libraries 2nd installment	\$ 6,267.90
LCC-Young Adult Art Class	\$ 175.00
LCC-Ireland: From Tribe to Nation	\$ 300.00
LCC-Swords through the Ages	\$ 300.00
LCC-Dr. Sues Tribute Show	\$ 300.00
LCC-Yes, Eating Bugs	\$ 300.00
LCC-How to draw Super hero faces	\$ 200.00
LCC-Greg and Axel Show	\$ 300.00
LCC-Maichack Arts-Gift Account	\$ 140.00
LSTA Pathways to Success Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Anonymous Donation	\$ 5,000.00

BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2015

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to report on its activities and improvements for the calendar year of 2015. We would be remiss not to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the leagues that utilize the fields, businesses and citizens of Blackstone that consistently come forward to aid this commission in our pursuit to improve the fields, parks and athletic activities in the community.

This past year we have seen continued improvements to our fields although this summers' drought has not helped in our endeavor. With the much needed addition of new equipment purchased over the year we were able to keep our fields in good condition. Seeding, fertilizing and the new irrigation system have been effective at the Roosevelt Babe Ruth Field. We continue with the renovations to the fields at Roosevelt Park. Trees have been purchased and planted to add to the parks appearance. Roosevelt baseball /softball field and the Babe Ruth field are using the new electronic scoreboards this year. It's beginning to feel like Fenway!

The athletic complex located beside the elementary schools has been the focus this year. The addition of lights at Goulet Field have enabled the children to play after dusk thus eliminating playing field constraints. These fields have also been the focus of seeding and fertilizing and are showing positive results. A new well and sprinkler system has been added to the soccer fields within the complex. We are excited to see the results from this addition over the course of the summer. The soccer fields are well used and take a beating during the spring and fall seasons. A new outdoor Basketball Court is in the works for the elementary school complex as well. The new courts will allow the town's recreational basketball league to expand their program into the summer months.

Turbesi Park received a well needed facelift this year. The removal of old and potentially dangerous playground equipment, a cracked and broken basketball surface and a few dead tress removed. New trees added to compliment the landscape.

Another successful year for The Lions and PACC who put on the 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. The Commission also works with Daniels Farm and put on annual free events that include an Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Painting/carving and a Manhunt game.

Our meeting schedule is posted at the Town Hall and are generally held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Senior Center at the rear of the Municipal Center at 15 St. Paul Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

2015 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 Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Gerry Rivet, Owen Bebeau and Associate Member Darren LaBonne.

Nicholas Burnham served as the Board's Secretary until August 2015. The position remained unfilled at the end of 2015.

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 web page on the Town website.

Memberships:

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

Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2015 are as follows:

- Endorsed 2 Approval Not Required Plans on Bellingham Road and Union Street
- Worked with the Blackstone Historical Commission to apply for and receive a grant from the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor.
- Researched the possibility of recommending adoption of the Scenic Roads Act.
- Researched the possibility of creating a Design Review Board and design guidelines for commercial and industrial buildings.
- Approved a revised and reduced expansion of The Meadows at Harris Pond.
- Continued to monitor progress at both The Meadows at Harris Pond and the Sycamore Estates subdivisions, with special attention to the drainage issues at Sycamore Estates.
- Worked with the Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission to request further engineering analysis of the Blackstone Viaduct in order to retain it and incorporate it as part of the Blackstone River Greenway.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ross A. Atstupenas, Chief of Police

Blackstone Police Department 2015 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2015.

During 2014, the Blackstone Police Department applied for and received the following grants. The funding from these grants enables us to provide better services for the town and the residents of Blackstone. Grants often allow us to promote and provide safety programs in an effort to better protect our children. These grants included:

1.	State 911 Support Grant	\$23,675.00
2.	State 911 Training Grant	\$10,000.00
3.	Alcohol Enforcement Grant	\$5,000.00
4.	Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Grant	\$3,000.00

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. The State 911 Training Grant 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. The Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Grant provides funds to the department for enforcing crosswalk enforcement and bicycle safety initiatives.

The police department town website continues to provide the public with valuable information about the department and includes links to such things as crash 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 the area.

Our Facebook and Twitter accounts also have helped us not only notify the community about important matters, update residents on emergency road closer, but have also helped us 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 activities:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	18062	19169	+6.12%
Arrests:	160	150	-6.25%
Protective Custody	9	10	+11%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	196	184	-6.12%
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	33	33	+3.12%
Domestic Violence Calls:	65	47	-27.69%
Incident Reports Investigated:	653	545	-16.53%
<u>Breakdown:</u>	162	132	open
	164	174	closed
	14	09	arrested
	302	225	no crime
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	13	2	-84.61%
	10	0	stolen
	3	2	recovered
Field Interviews:	22	18	-18.18%
Missing/Runaways:	0	1	+100%
Accidents Investigated:	145	141	-2.75%
(See attached at end of Report)			
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	1762	1977	+12.20%
- Civil	430	388	-9.76%
- Complaint App	97	127	+30.92%
- Warnings	303	292	-3.63%
- Arrests	47	50	+6.38%
- Verbal Warnings	885	1120	+26.55%
Parking Tickets Issued:	140	119	-15%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	188	125	-33.51%
- License to Carry	169	118	-30.17%
- FID Card	19	7	-63.15%

During FY 2014, our department saw the departure of a senior officer and the hiring of a new patrolman to replace him. Sergeant Richard Ryan served the town for many years and retired this year. Our department wishes him health and happiness in his retirement.

Officer Gregory Tappan was hired to fill this opening and has been fully integrated into the department. He came fully trained and certified so the transition was seamless. Also I am pleased to announce that 11-year veteran Officer Travis Loether has been promoted to the rank of Detective. He has done an impeccable job so far since his promotion, and it gives our department another vital investigative resource as we continually strive to close criminal cases swiftly and properly. Detective Loether started at the Blackstone Police Department in August of 2004 as a patrolman. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Norwich University, Military College of Vermont.

Officer Niemczyk continues to be active as a child car seat safety technician. He is available during the week or on weekends when he is scheduled to work. 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 also have received child car seats through a grant from the state. If there are any residents that are having problems getting a certified child car seat, please contact Officer Niemczyk and he will be able to assist you as long as we have some available.

In November the Blackstone Police responded to a homicide on Mendon Street. Within 48 hours, police took two suspects into custody who were later arraigned at Uxbridge District Court for murder. I am extremely proud of the hard work put in by our Blackstone Police officers and investigators, and I am equally proud of the partnerships we have forged with our municipal, state, and federal law enforcement partners to ensure that those allegedly responsible for committing crimes in our community will face justice.

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 wellbeing 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.

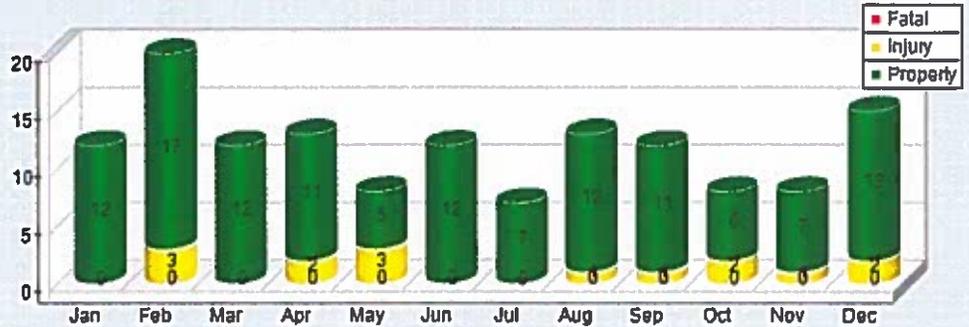
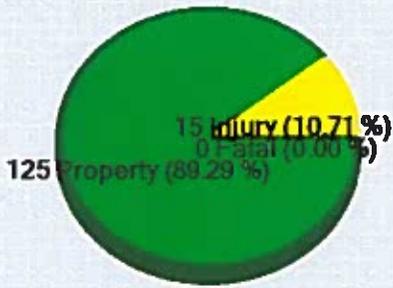
Once again thank you for your support and please keep the safety of all the officers in your thoughts throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,


Ross A. Atstupenas
Chief of Police

Total Number of Crashes Reported between 01/01/2015 and 12/31/2015 for Blackstone: 140

Injury Severity



Year

Month

Alcohol Related Crashes*

11

Fatal: 0 Injury: 4 Property: 7

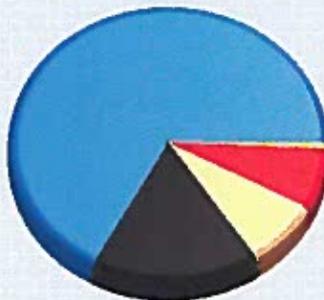
% Alcohol Related Crashes*

7.86%

Fatal: 0.00% Injury: 36.36% Property: 63.64%

* BAC >= .08, Test refused, or L/E Suspects Alcohol Use
Alcohol data based on CDSXML2 submitted reports only

Weather Condition



Clear	94 (67.14%)
Cloudy	24 (17.14%)
Rain	11 (7.86%)
Snow	10 (7.14%)
Sleet, Hall	1 (0.71%)

Commercial Crashes

2

Fatal: 0
Injury: 0
Property: 2

% Commercial Crashes

1.43%

Fatal: 0.00%
Injury: 0.00%
Property: 100.00%

Day/Night



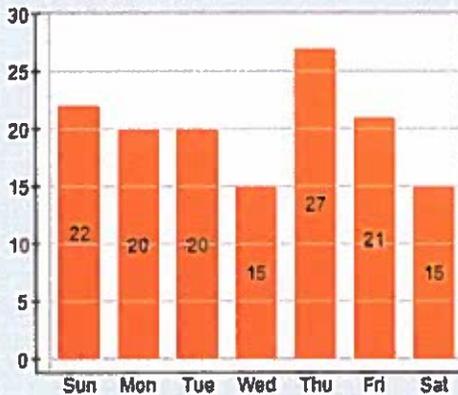
97 (69.29%)



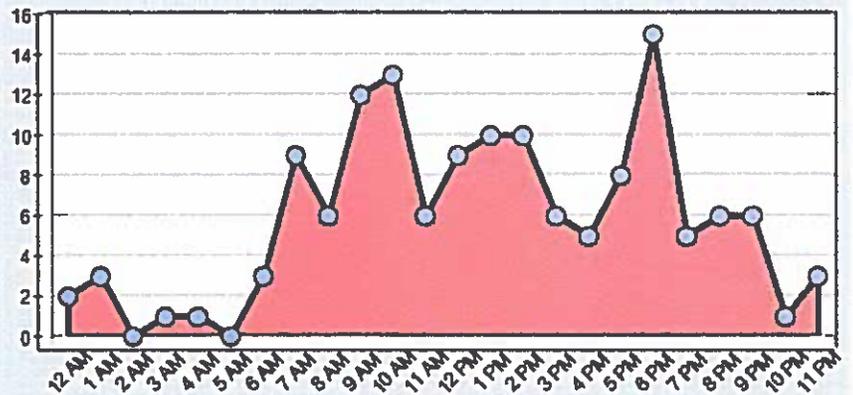
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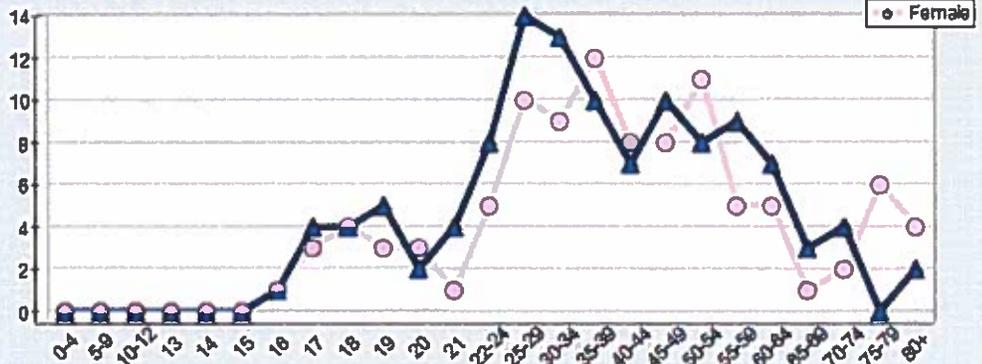
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Crashes by Age and Sex of Operator



2015 Annual Report **Department of Public Works**

Highway Division:

In the spring/summer of 2015, the highway division started and completed its annual clean-up season. Streets were swept. Street lines and cross walks were painted. The town's highway division repaved numerous streets, Marcel Lane, St. Germain Avenue, Woodcrest Lane, Canal Street., Farnum Street, Union Street, Rathbun and Mann Street. The sidewalks on a section of Rathbun Street were replaced. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. We would like to thank the Department of Corrections work crew #1687 for their assistance throughout the year. They assisted with the clean-up for the annual Memorial Day Parade, cleaning the parks in preparation for the fishing tournament and weeding/mulching various areas in town. We appreciate their service to the Town. There were numerous snow storms in February of 2015. We thank the residents for their patience while we clear and clean the streets.

Water Division:

The Department of Public Works personnel continue to operate and maintain six pumping stations that pump water from eight 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. 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 Town worked with Toomey Water Services 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. Construction has started on Well #9, we anticipate the well will be on line by fall of 2017.

Sewer Division:

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water pump stations throughout the town. These pump stations were checked daily by DPW employees. All the sewer stations were cleaned. The wet wells in four of the stations were cleaned. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated.

The DPW would like to thank Michael Devlin for his 35 years of service. We wish him well in his retirement. 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 2015

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 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals members are Chairman, Paul Marvelle, Vice Chairman, Gary Jolicoeur, and Members John Therrien, Jim Pitler, Marc Gregoire. Joe Belrose as and alternet.

During the 2015 Fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals had three (3) Public hearings. These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws.

The Current application fee remains at \$360.00, 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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Marvelle
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING 2015

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2015 calendar year. It has been a very rewarding year for the Town Clerk's Office.

As a result of the 2015 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,599. 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, 18,638; Marriages, 10,121; and Deaths, 11,298. 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. The state has a similar program for marriages in the planning stages.

The Annual Town Election was held on April 6, 2015. There were ten positions on the ballot, and 328 voters cast their ballots. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 26, 2015. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening with 221 resident voters acting on thirty-two articles. Voters approved two articles submitted by the Town Clerk, and as a result, the office has (1) a new digital microfilm reader/scanner/printer to replace the outdated model and (2) three new ImageCast precinct optical scan election tabulators. The new microfilm reader will assure that we can continue to access the numerous town records that are preserved on microfilm. We now also have the enhanced capability of scanning selected records to a computer and obtaining crisp, high-quality copies. The state-approved election tabulators, replacing the AccuVote system no longer being manufactured, will be put into service for the March 1, 2016, Presidential Primary. We are confident that the new voting equipment will greatly assist our dedicated team of election workers to ensure 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 voter registration deadlines.

We continue to co-ordinate with Animal Control regarding the dog-licensing aspect of our department. The state mandates that dogs six months of age or older be licensed with the town and have current rabies vaccinations. At the close of 2015 we had a total of 1,441 dogs in our data system.

The Town Clerk's Office functions smoothly with its staff of devoted professionals. Donna M. Bik, Assistant Town Clerk, has sixteen years' of extensive experience here and is invaluable in accomplishing our varied office duties; and Julie E. Picard, Office Assistant, who has strong interpersonal skills in dealing with the public, has been multi-tasking with us for 2 1/2 years.

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, 2014

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 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 6, 2015

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 6th day of April, 2015.

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:

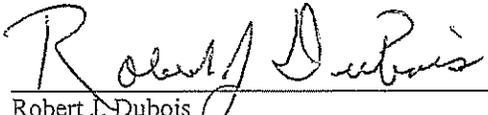
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year Term; Two Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-Year Term each; One member of the Planning Board for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Board of Selectmen for an Unexpired 3-Year Term to expire ATE 2017.

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

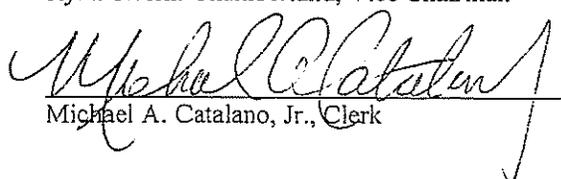
Given under our hands this 10th day of March, 2015.



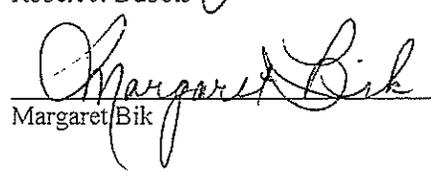
Ryan Steffin Chamberland, Vice Chairman



Robert J. Dubois



Michael A. Catalano, Jr., Clerk



Margaret Bik

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 11th day of March, 2015, 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

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)

*Peter C. Ryan, Sr.	95	86	75	256
Others	2	1	0	3
Blanks	27	19	23	69

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**(3 YRS) - Two Positions**

*Donald C. Cox	96	86	82	264
*Dan Marcotte		1	6	7
James Laren		1		1
Blanks	152	124	108	384

PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)

*Kirk A. Van Dyke	63	57	54	174
Scott C. Gauthier	45	43	42	130
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	16	6	2	24

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS)

*Daniel P. Keefe	101	87	84	272
Others	4	1	1	6
Blanks	19	18	13	50

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Unex. 3 YRS Expiring ATE 2017)

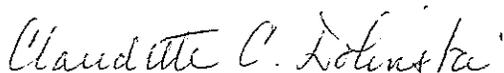
*Paul S. Haughey	93	79	71	243
Others	6	3	3	12
Blanks	25	24	24	73

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--5691

Total voters--328

6% of the eligible voters cast ballots.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
"Amended"
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 26, 2015

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 26, 2015 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016 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 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000 to upgrade the Municipal Center storage facility, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to approve a by-law to allow for annual inspections by the Fire Department and Inspectional Services on rental properties, or take any action thereto. (See amendment #1)

(Submitted by Town Administrator)

ARTICLE 10. 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 \$2,000 during Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 for purposes of the maintenance and repair of the Blackstone Public Library including roof, plumbing, structural and other building repairs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$11,705 to replace six mountain bikes for the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000 for the purpose of procuring bulletproof vests/ body armor for the Police Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/ Collector to execute and deliver an Investment Agreement with State Retiree Benefits Trust (“SRBT”), to sign checks and wire OPEB Trust Funds to SRBT or to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (“PRIT”), or as it may otherwise be directed by SRBT, and to make withdrawals and investments and enter into such agreements and deliver such certificates and other documents as SRBT or the Pension Reserves Investment Management (“PRIM”) Board may direct; and, further, that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated as the initial investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (“OPEB Trust Fund”) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the “Act”), and that, in accordance with the Act, the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town’s OPEB Trust Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$17,085 to purchase a hydro rake field grooming tractor, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks & Recreation)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for purposes of the design, construction and installation of an irrigation system at the soccer complex at the AF Maloney/JFK Elementary Schools, and, further to authorize the Town to accept any available grants, gifts or donations of services in kind for the purpose of this project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks & Recreation)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to purchase a senior van for the Council on Aging, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Council on Aging)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 for the purchase of an MS6000 Konica Digital Microform Scanner, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$21,000 for the purpose of purchasing three new ImageCast Precinct optical scan election tabulators and related appurtenances and to trade-in three AccuVote system voting machines, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000 to provide file cabinets for the Town Clerk, Collector/Treasurer and Town Accountant's office, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2, which authorizes the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town at a rate of .75% of gross sales receipts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$120,000 for acquisition of a loader for the Department of Public Works, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 20 to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$163,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of the water tank, or take any action in relation.

(Submitted by Water & Sewer Department)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land located at 14 Chestnut Street, Blackstone, commonly referred to as the Chestnut Street Landfill, for the purpose of lease, with the grant of appurtenant rights of access and easements, for construction, operation and maintenance of a Solar Photovoltaic Renewable

Energy Facility, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease and other agreements in furtherance of this use upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Assessors to negotiate and enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement relative to said Facility in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §38H, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 to update the town's Master Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to revise the General Bylaw reference in the Town Code for the Medical Marijuana Facilities Bylaw approved at the May 27, 2014 Annual Town Meeting from "123-23.6." to the correct Chapter & Section number "123-23.7"., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of G.L. c.60A, Section 1 that allows cities and towns to exempt from excise taxation motor vehicles owned by and registered to Massachusetts residents who are on active and fulltime military service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, army or air, of any state, deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of exemption, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Clause 56 of Section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, to extend the authority of the Assessors to grant abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard or Military reservists who are on active duty in foreign countries with respect to all or part of their real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year in they performed such service, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors, , effective fiscal year 2015, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 29. 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.

(See Amendment #2)

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 30. 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 August 7, 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 subject to compliance with the following conditions imposed by the Planning Board: all stormwater management to be handled entirely by Homeowner's Association, demarcation of the Open Space areas; trail heads being marked Lot 6 and 7 and lot 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal, plowing, street sanding and trash recycling, general town services police, fire and town vehicle access, future unforeseen town services, and no taking or cleaning of the street sweeping/catch/retention basins, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for an Economic Development consultant, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(See Amendment #3)

(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.

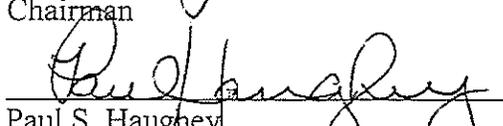
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the 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 14th day of April 2015.

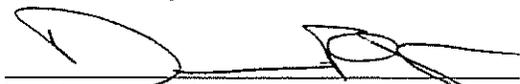
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

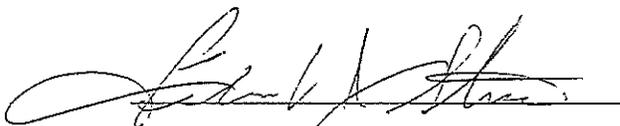

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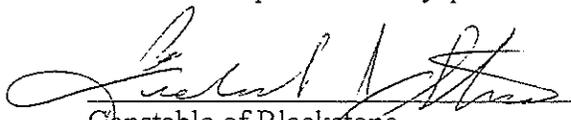

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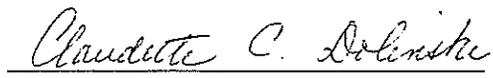

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 15th day of April, 2015 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

AMENDMENT #1

9. Residential Rental Property Bylaw

To see if the Town will amend the Town of Blackstone General By-Laws by adding the following new by-law:

1. Purpose. This bylaw is adopted in accordance with the Town of Blackstone's Home Rule Authority and the Blackstone Master Plan, in furtherance of the following public purposes:

a. To protect the health, safety, and welfare of tenants and other citizens of the Town of Blackstone by monitoring and enhancing compliance with basic life safety and sanitary codes through the registration and permitting of residential rental properties.

b. To ensure safe and sanitary conditions in Blackstone's rental housing stock, preventing degradation and helping to promote preservation of important historic residential buildings and neighborhoods.

c. To provide clear and accessible guidelines for the operation of rental properties for tenants, owners, landlords, and neighbors, and to extend awareness of related Town bylaws and health regulations related to operation of a rental property and those regulations related to noise, alcohol and nuisance behaviors.

d. To establish and assign responsibility for different aspects of rental housing management.

e. To establish and expand awareness of the requirements for use and maintenance of rental housing exteriors and grounds, including parking requirements.

f. To ensure awareness of and responsibility for occupancy limits in rental units on the part of property owners, managers, tenants, and neighbors.

g. To help to stabilize, protect, and enhance the essential characteristics of and quality of life within existing diverse, multi-generational residential neighborhoods for all residents, including families and students, consistent with Blackstone's long history as a college community..

2. Registration & Permit Required. Except as provided in Section 4 below, no person, firm, trust, partnership, corporation or other legal entity may rent, or offer to rent, to individuals or households any dwelling unit nor any rooming unit in a lodging or boarding house being operated as a principal zoning use in the Town of Blackstone until the property has been registered and a rental permit therefor has been issued by the Principal Code Official.

3. Enabling Legislation & Regulations. All rental units and rooming units regulated hereunder shall comply with all applicable local bylaws and regulations, as well as all state laws and health, building and fire codes. All inspections, enforcement, and other actions taken under these regulations are authorized under those applicable local and state laws and regulations, as amended.

4. Applicability & Exemptions. Registration and rental permits shall be required of all residential properties containing rented dwelling units or rooming units, or offered for that purpose, except for the following:

a. Lodging Facilities. Hotels, motels, inns, hostels, or bed and breakfasts.

b. Halfway Houses & Group Homes. Residential facilities authorized and operated under state and federal law, congregate or similar group housing for the elderly or disabled, half-way houses for persons with substance abuse problems, congregate living arrangements for persons with disabilities, or other similar housing facilities operated under license by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Notwithstanding, such facilities shall comply with Section 7. a. 1) b) below.

5. Definitions. Definitions of terms used in the regulations.

Under these regulations, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

Code Official – means the Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer of the Town of Blackstone, the Health Director, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, or their designees and/or any of the inspectors or officers authorized to enforce the law, regulations and codes listed under Section 3 of this bylaw. The specific Code Official in each instance will be the official duly designated under the relevant statute, bylaw, or regulation.

Principal Code Official – the Code Official designated by the Town Administrator to oversee and administer the rental program under this bylaw.

Dwelling Unit – means the room or group of rooms within a dwelling used or intended for use by one family, as defined by the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw, or household for living, sleeping, cooking and eating. Dwelling unit shall also mean a condominium unit.

Emergency – Events or conditions involving natural disasters, fire, or other threats to the health and safety of the residents of a rental property.

Hazard - means a condition likely to expose persons to injury, or property to damage, loss, or destruction.

Occupant – means a person who occupies real property with the consent of the owner as a lessee, tenant at will, licensee or otherwise. The singular use of the term includes the plural when the context so indicates.

Owner – means every person who alone or jointly or severally with others:

- a. has legal title to any building, structure, or property subject to this bylaw, or; b. has care, charge, or control of any such building, structure, or property in any capacity including but not limited to agent, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or
- c. is a lessor under written agreement; or
- d. is the mortgagee in possession; or
- e. is the recognized agent, trustee or other person with care, charge, or control appointed by the courts.

Owner-Occupant(s) – One or more natural persons who, in their individual capacity as distinct from any representative capacity, own(s) a whole or undivided interest in fee simple of certain real property and at least one of whom occupies a dwelling unit thereon as his or her principal residence (see definition).

Person – means an individual, corporation, trust, partnership (including general partnership, limited partnership, and limited liability partnership), and a limited liability company. In addition, any similar entity permitted by law to hold title to real estate shall for the purpose of this by-law be deemed a “person.”

Premises – means any real estate used for residential premises, including but not limited to apartments, dwellings, dwelling units, lodging houses, lodging units, rooming houses, and rooming units.

Principal Residence - means the primary residence of an individual, family (as defined in the Zoning Bylaw), or property owner, i.e., the home where an owner, and the owner’s family if applicable, resides as their primary dwelling; provided however, that no person shall hold concurrent rights in more than one (1) principal residence, as set forth under MGL Ch. 188, Section 1, as amended. Regular or periodic interruptions in residency shall not be considered to change the status of principal residency where such interruptions are the result of illness, catastrophe, professional or academic scheduling, or other temporary reasons for absence which do not affect basic indices of residency. For the purposes of this Bylaw, principal residency shall be determined by the Code Official based upon a preponderance of evidence, including but not limited to the following indicia of residency and address, as applicable: declaration of homestead, filing of state and federal income taxes, voter registration, annual street list, driver's license, motor vehicle registration, mortgage, mailing address, and telephone listing (if any).

Responsible Person – means an Owner, Occupant, Tenant, Local Agent, Property Manager or other natural person authorized to act as an Owner’s agent.

Responsible Party – means the person or persons responsible for a violation under this Bylaw, whether an Owner, Occupant, Tenant, Local Agent, or Property Manager.

Rooming Unit – means the room or group of rooms let to an individual or household for use as living and sleeping quarters but not for cooking, whether or not common facilities for cooking are made available; provided, that cooking facilities shall not be deemed common if they can be reached only by passing through any part of the dwelling unit or rooming unit of another.

6. Registration & Permitting.

a. Application Process and Requirements. Registration and rental permit applications shall be made on forms approved by the Town, and shall provide such information as the Principal Code Official shall deem reasonable and appropriate. Completed applications shall be submitted to the appropriate Town office. Complete rental permit applications shall be reviewed and permits shall be issued within fourteen (14) working days from the date of submission. Except as may otherwise be permitted by the Code Official, a rental permit application shall identify the total number of rental units on the property.

Information required as part of a rental permit application shall include:

1) **Contact Information & Responsible Persons.** Name(s) and current contact information, including but not limited to mailing address, telephone number and email address, for all owners and any responsible rental property management entity or person(s). Where the rental property owner(s) or agent does not have their principal residence or principal place of business in the town of Blackstone or within 20 miles of an Blackstone town line, and in order to ensure contact in circumstances when the owner cannot be reached, the owner shall appoint one or more person(s) who are residents of Blackstone to serve as Local Agent(s) for the owner, authorized to act on the owner's behalf with regard to the property, but in particular in all matters in response to an emergency which endangers the property or threatens the welfare of any person living on the premises. Notices given to a Local Agent shall be sufficient to satisfy any requirement of notice to the owner or the operator. The owner shall notify the Code Official in writing of any change of Local Agent within five days of any such change.

2) **Compliance Through Self-Certification.** Evidence of current compliance with all applicable local zoning and regulations, as well as state health, fire and building codes, shall be provided through submission of an Owner's Self-Inspection and Certification Checklist provided by the Town as set forth in Section 7 below. An owner or property manager may provide the Town with a single Self-Inspection and Certification Checklist for multiple units provided that said units are on a single property. Where said units represent a portion of the total rental units on the property, the applicant shall propose a schedule of Self-Inspection and Certification for the remaining units for the review and approval of the Code Official.

b. **Renewal.** Rental permits shall be valid for a period to begin on July 1 and shall end on June 30, regardless of when a permit is applied for or approved and issued. Completed applications for permit renewals shall be submitted and received by June 15th of each calendar year.

c. **Permit Posted.** A rental permit shall be conspicuously posted and maintained within the premises in a common area or area as is necessary to be visible to tenants and inspectors.

d. **Transferability.** Rental permits shall be transferable upon a change of ownership, providing that operation of the continued rental use shall be subject to the provisions of the permit and management plan. The new owner or designated operator of the rental property is required to promptly notify the Code Official of their acquisition of the property and to submit for review and approval any proposed changes in the provisions of the permit.

7. Inspections & Complaints.

a. **Self-Certification Program.** Owners of rental property governed by this bylaw shall self-inspect and certify their properties as required under this section. Nothing in the Self-Certification program shall limit the Town's authority or the authority and/or discretion of the Code Official to investigate and inspect a property in response to a complaint or for other good cause, or to compel abatement of any violation under this bylaw in a manner consistent with or required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

1) Annual Owner Self-Inspections & Checklist.

a. **Owner Self-Inspection & Certification.** An owner or their local agent shall conduct an annual inspection of the property, using a Self-Certification Checklist provided by the Town. The owner or their agent shall sign the Checklist indicating, under pains and penalties of perjury, that the information contained therein is complete and accurate as of the date of said annual inspection, and shall submit the Checklist and any required materials along with their application for annual renewal of the rental permit for the property and unit(s) in question. Any false statements or information provided on the Checklist shall constitute a violation of this bylaw.

b. **Subsidized Housing.** Where residential rental units are regularly inspected under requirements of the state or federal government, no Self-Inspection and Certification shall be required. Annual certification by the owner that a rental unit has been inspected in accordance with state or federal law shall be provided to the Town and shall be accepted by the Town as evidence of Self-Inspection as part of any permit application or renewal.

c. Self- Inspections & Access. An owner shall not be found in violation of the Self-Certification program if they have been refused access for an inspection by a tenant/occupant. However, in such instances the owner shall either provide the Town with a signed statement from the tenant/occupant indicating that the inspection was refused, or the owner shall provide proof, under pains and penalties of perjury, that a request for access was served to the tenant/occupant and the request was thereafter refused.

d. Lease Terms. Subject to and as limited by the laws of the Commonwealth, a provision requiring tenants to agree to provide reasonable access to the owner(s) or management company shall be a feature of any lease for a rental unit or property permitted under this bylaw. Where no lease is used, the owner(s) or their lawful representatives shall provide documentation demonstrating that they have made all tenants aware of the Town of Blackstone rental bylaw and inspection system. All leases shall provide an acknowledgment that all tenants have been made aware of these requirements.

e. Leases Available. Copies of all current, active leases for the subject property or units shall be kept on file with the owner or manager, and shall be made available to the Code Official within 48 hours of any request.

b. Self-Inspection for Different Circumstances

1) Short-Term Rentals. Dwelling units on owner-occupied properties serving as the owner's principal residence, and which contain no more than two (2) units may be rented under simple registration with the Town without the requirement for a rental permit for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar year under the following circumstances:

a. During a pending sale of the property by the owner-occupant, or

b. In response to regular or periodic interruptions in residency by the owner-occupant, where such interruptions are the result of illness, catastrophe, professional or academic scheduling, or other temporary reasons for absence which do not affect basic indicia of residency.

At the end of the one (1) year rental period, as calculated from the initial date of the lease or occupancy of the unit(s) by persons other than the owner(s), any such units shall be registered and a rental permit obtained in compliance with this bylaw.

2) Long-Term Tenancies & Periodic Self-Inspections. Rental units which have been leased and occupied continuously by the same tenant(s) for a period of not less than three (3) years shall require a Self-Inspection & Certification upon initial registration and thereafter at three (3) year intervals. Exceptions shall be that Self-Inspection & Certification will be required n c.
Complaints & Response Process.

Upon receipt of a complaint or notice from any person alleging that the condition of a rental unit or property is in violation of any law or State or local requirement, or of any violation of this Bylaw, the Code Official shall conduct an inspection of a premise within a reasonable amount of time. Inspections shall be as scheduled by the Code Official.

Inspections of rental properties, buildings, grounds, and rented dwelling or rooming units shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable local and state laws, regulations and codes, in a manner consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Subject to the above limitation, all rental units are subject to inspection upon complaint or request by a tenant. Issuance of a rental permit to an owner does not preclude tenants' right to file a complaint with the Town, to which the Town must respond with an inspection in compliance with the provisions of state law and regulations.

d. Access to Properties. In accordance with Section 7. a. 1) d), the permit holder shall make a good faith effort to arrange access by authorized Town personnel to any permitted rental property for the purpose of conducting inspections within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a request.

8. Tenant Information. The owner shall be required to distribute to tenants annually, and to each new tenant, an information sheet provided by the Town describing key local regulations; bylaws, including those pertaining to noise, alcohol and nuisance houses; and state laws and codes applying to rental properties. As part of the Registration and Self-Certification process, the owner shall attest to understanding the provided information and the necessity of compliance with the rules and laws described, as well as distributing it to tenants.

9. Occupancy Limits and Zoning. The maximum number of adult persons who may occupy a dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be as determined by the requirements of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw and State standards for fitness for habitation. The fact that a structure or use may be permitted or authorized under the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw shall not exempt said structure or use from application of this bylaw or relieve or excuse compliance herewith in any way.

10. Parking. All existing parking and any new or expanded parking on residential rental properties within the town of Blackstone shall comply with the General Requirements and Design Standards and Landscape Standards of the Parking & Access Regulations of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw.

a. Parking Site Plan. A Basic Parking Site Plan, as described below, meeting the requirements of this section shall be developed and submitted as part of any rental permit application. Submission of an existing site plan approved under a land use (zoning) permit and which accurately represents current on-site parking shall meet the requirements of this section.

1) Basic Parking Site Plan Requirements. The parking site plan shall be drawn to scale (1"=20' preferred), as appropriate to the site. Except as may otherwise be required by the Code Official or under the provisions of Blackstone's Zoning Bylaw, Town of Blackstone GIS mapping may be used as the base for a site plan developed under this section.

a) The Basic Parking Site Plan shall accurately depict the area within which parking is proposed, including:

- i) Property boundaries
- ii) Existing driveways and pedestrian walks
- iii) Dwellings and structures
- iv) All existing and proposed on-site parking spaces
- v) Existing and proposed landscaped areas
- vi) Fencing or other barriers or screening
- vii) Site features such as trees over 12 inches in diameter (as measured five feet above grade), bedrock outcroppings, steep slopes, and such other site features as may affect parking locations.

2) Any provision of this section with regard to Basic Parking Site Plan Requirements may be waived or modified by the Code Official for compelling reasons of safety or design.

b. Review. Existing on-site parking and circulation shall be reviewed by the Code Official for conformance with existing zoning requirements, including but not limited to parking layout and circulation, paving, parking space dimensions, screening, and, in consultation with the Fire Chief, the sufficiency of circulation and vehicular access for public safety and emergency vehicles.

11. Fees. The Select Board or its designee may set and periodically revise a schedule of fees for registration, permit application, and inspections of rental properties.

12. Enforcement.

a. Enforcement Personnel. The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to designate the Principal Code Official and other Town officials empowered to enforce or otherwise take actions under this Bylaw.

b. Enforcement Options. This Bylaw shall be enforced by criminal complaint through a court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, any person committing a violation under this section may be issued a citation under the noncriminal disposition process of M.G.L. c. 40 section 21D. Furthermore, in appropriate circumstances, a civil action may be initiated to compel compliance herewith.

c. Violations. Non-compliance with any requirement of this Bylaw shall constitute a violation subject to penalty. Every day in which a violation continues shall be considered to be a separate offence. If more than one violation has occurred, each condition of the Bylaw which has been violated shall be considered a separate offense.

d. Enforcement Procedures. Except for cases where conditions exist which may endanger or impair the health, or safety and well-being of a person or persons occupying the premises or as may otherwise be provided for by the Massachusetts Sanitary Code, Building Code, Fire Regulations or any other state or local law or regulation, the response of Code Officials to potential violations of this Bylaw shall include one or more of the actions as deemed necessary by the Code Official. Nothing herein shall supersede, alter, or vary the requirements of those codes or the responsibilities of the officials that administer them.

1) Complaint Filed. Any person may file a complaint regarding one or more violations of this Bylaw.

2) Property Research. The Code Official shall perform a limited initial research of the property to confirm permit history, assessor's information, and other pertinent information. The Code Official may contact the alleged violator, occupant or responsible party to gather additional information. When appropriate the Code Official shall notify the Owner that a complaint has been filed against the property and that an initial site inspection is anticipated.

3) Site Inspection. The Code Official shall conduct a site inspection to determine the validity of the complaint and collect any relevant facts of the case.

4) Notice of Violation/Enforcement Order. After inspecting the site and upon confirming that a violation exists, the Code Official shall inform the responsible party or parties in writing of the violation and specify a time period within which to correct the violation. Violations may be cited pursuant to the applicable state or local code or regulation.

5) Follow up Inspection. Shall be conducted upon the expiration of the time specified to correct the violation.

6) Fines. The Code Official may elect to impose fines in instances where: 1) compliance has not been achieved after the responsible party or parties have been made aware of the violation and given a reasonable opportunity to come into compliance, or 2) for repeat offenses.

7) Court Relief. If a violator fails to comply with an Enforcement Order, the Code Official may seek a court order to remedy the violation.

13. Penalties

a. Fines. Any violation of the provisions of this Bylaw may be enforced by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §21D. The fine for any violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Fines for other applicable local and state laws, regulations and codes, shall be set and assessed in a manner consistent with those laws, regulations, and codes, and the laws of the Commonwealth.

b. Suspension. Based on the standard of proof and criteria specified herein the Principal Code Official is authorized to suspend a rental permit. A suspension shall take effect immediately upon the day following the end of the current lease, or upon any termination of the lease prior to that date. The suspension of a rental permit shall be imposed to affect only those units which are the subject of the violation(s) and enforcement action(s). Permits may be suspended if:

1) An Owner or their Agent has knowingly allowed or assisted in allowing violations of this Bylaw. The Code Official must collect compelling documentation through his or her investigation to substantiate this violation and support the recommendation to suspend a permit.

2) An Owner or their Agent repeatedly refuses or neglects to comply with an order of the Code Official. The Code Official must find that the Owner or their Agent have not taken action to achieve compliance of the property and that at least 90 days have expired without compliance since the date of receipt of the Enforcement Order. During this time the Code Official shall inform the Owner or their Agent in writing that the permit is subject to suspension.

Suspensions shall be as follows:

First Offense – 90 days

Second Offense in a twelve month period – 180 days

Third Offense in a twelve month period – 3 years

c. Immediate Suspension. In those instances where a rental unit has been condemned or deemed an unsafe structure pursuant to health, building and fire regulations, the rental permit shall be immediately suspended and shall remain suspended until as such time the property is found to be habitable and in compliance by the appropriate Code Official.

The Select Board is hereby authorized to establish and appoint a Rental Appeals Board (RAB), and to promulgate regulations for its membership and the conduct of its business.

Any decision by the Code Official to suspend a permit may be challenged by the permit holder by filing an appeal to the Rental Appeals Board (RAB). All appeals must be filed within 14 days of the decision and shall be heard within 30 days of filing. All appeals shall be heard at a duly noticed public hearing and any party filing such an appeal shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

A decision of the Rental Appeals Board shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the RAB made under this Bylaw shall be reviewable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

AMENDMENT #2

ARTICLE 29. 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 Planning Board)

AMENDMENT #3

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for an Economic Development consultant, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 221 registered voters in attendance.

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; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Beth Greenblatt, Town Consultant, Solar Project; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

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

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 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 \$23,018,188 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 16,281,954	raised from FY'16 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,475,746	raised from FY'16 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,117,327	raised from FY'16 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,448,840	transferred from Capital Trust

That \$ 250,000 transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
 That \$ 4,769 transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
 That \$ 1,689,494 raised from FY'16 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
 That \$ 356,898 raised from FY'16 Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from Stabilization
 That \$ 393,159 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	\$20,510	
EXPENSES	\$50,850	
TOTAL	\$71,360	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A discussion was held regarding the percentage increase for the Administrative Assistant salary.

01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$156,944	
EXPENSES	\$13,500	
TOTAL	\$170,444	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	\$1,600	
TOTAL	\$3,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the percentage increase for the Town Accountant's salary.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$105,332	
EXPENSES	\$15,260	
TOTAL	\$120,592	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$102,962	
EXPENSES	\$47,375	
TOTAL	\$150,337	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$114,744	
EXPENSES	\$29,250	
TOTAL	\$143,994	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	\$198,003	
TOTAL	\$198,003	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$115,516	
EXPENSES	\$19,350	
TOTAL	\$134,866	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$5,900	
EXPENSES	\$14,650	
TOTAL	\$20,550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$2,250	
EXPENSES	\$4,250	
TOTAL	\$6,500	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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$5,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,350	
TOTAL	\$2,350	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$152,860	
TOTAL	\$152,860	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$302,025	
TOTAL	\$302,025	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,330,151	
EXPENSES	\$142,664	
TOTAL	\$1,472,815	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$216,779	
EXPENSES	\$1,900	
TOTAL	\$218,679	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the percentage increase for the Fire Chief's salary.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$716,061	

EXPENSES	\$34,800	
TOTAL	\$750,861	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$5,056	
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$55,056	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$53,029	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$56,529	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$14,660	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$15,793	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$8,747	
EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$9,397	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$16,250	
TOTAL	\$16,750	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$16,889	
EXPENSES	\$7,700	
TOTAL	\$24,589	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$5,825	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$24,025	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$8,368,465	
TOTAL	\$8,368,465	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$731,120	
TOTAL	\$732,620	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$524,192	
TOTAL	\$524,192	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01412 ENGINEERING		
EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$28,058	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$28,058	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$243,064	
TOTAL	\$243,064	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$35,881	
TOTAL	\$35,881	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,169	
TOTAL	\$110,669	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$109,375	
TOTAL	\$109,375	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$69,000	
TOTAL	\$69,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$305,000	
TOTAL	\$305,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$2,250	
TOTAL	\$2,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$538,120	
TOTAL	\$538,120	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$19,745	
EXPENSES	\$73,866	
TOTAL	\$93,611	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$161,589	
EXPENSES	\$10,520	
TOTAL	\$172,109	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,356	
EXPENSES	\$136,170	
TOTAL	\$141,526	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$209,644	
EXPENSES	\$190,680	
TOTAL	\$400,324	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$61,507	
EXPENSES	\$54,800	
TOTAL	\$116,357	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
SALARIES	\$1,800	
EXPENSES	\$8,300	
TOTAL	\$10,100	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$939,224	
TOTAL	\$939,224	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$363,625	
TOTAL	\$363,625	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$7,210	
TOTAL	\$7,210	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$540,058	
TOTAL	\$540,058	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$521,175	
TOTAL	\$521,175	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

A motion was made by Mark Juba of 3 Susan Drive to reconsider the school budget.

61 YES 106 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$65,000	
TOTAL	\$65,000	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	\$1,929,942	
TOTAL	\$1,929,942	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,971,795	
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE		

60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$162,509	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$162,509	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$176,159	
TOTAL	\$176,159	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$425,450	
TOTAL	\$425,450	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL SEWER	\$814,118	

61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$147,473	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$147,473	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$71,282	
TOTAL	\$71,282	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$531,626	
TOTAL	\$531,626	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$45,000	
TOTAL	\$45,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$27,996	
TOTAL	\$27,996	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$875,377	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,689,495	
RECYCLING CENTER ENTERPRISE		
65132 RECYCLING RESERVE FUND		
RECYCLING RESERVE FUND	\$15,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
65433 RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION		
SALARY TOTAL	\$208,731	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$103,589	
TOTAL	\$312,320	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT RECYCLE		
EXPENSES	\$25,800	
TOTAL	\$25,800	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$3,778	
TOTAL	\$3,778	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL RECYCLING	\$356,898	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS	\$23,018,188	

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. 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 7. 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 acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000 to upgrade the Municipal Center storage facility.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. The Finance Committee recommended, and a motion was made and seconded, to postpone this article. The Chair, Mr. Muller, indicated there were wording issues. The Board of Selectmen Chair, Mr. Dubois, indicated the board would like to draft a better bylaw next year.

Original Article

To see if the Town will vote to approve a by-law to allow for annual inspections by the Fire Department and Inspectional Services on rental properties, or take any action thereto.

AMENDMENT #1

9. Residential Rental Property Bylaw

To see if the Town will amend the Town of Blackstone General By-Laws by adding the following new by-law:

1. Purpose. This bylaw is adopted in accordance with the Town of Blackstone's Home Rule Authority and the Blackstone Master Plan, in furtherance of the following public purposes:

a. To protect the health, safety, and welfare of tenants and other citizens of the Town of Blackstone by monitoring and enhancing compliance with basic life safety and sanitary codes through the registration and permitting of residential rental properties.

b. To ensure safe and sanitary conditions in Blackstone's rental housing stock, preventing degradation and helping to promote preservation of important historic residential buildings and neighborhoods.

c. To provide clear and accessible guidelines for the operation of rental properties for tenants, owners, landlords, and neighbors, and to extend awareness of related Town bylaws and health

regulations related to operation of a rental property and those regulations related to noise, alcohol and nuisance behaviors.

d. To establish and assign responsibility for different aspects of rental housing management.

e. To establish and expand awareness of the requirements for use and maintenance of rental housing exteriors and grounds, including parking requirements.

f. To ensure awareness of and responsibility for occupancy limits in rental units on the part of property owners, managers, tenants, and neighbors.

g. To help to stabilize, protect, and enhance the essential characteristics of and quality of life within existing diverse, multi-generational residential neighborhoods for all residents.

2. Registration & Permit Required. *Except as provided in Section 4 below, no person, firm, trust, partnership, corporation or other legal entity may rent, or offer to rent, to individuals or households any dwelling unit nor any rooming unit in a lodging or boarding house being operated as a principal zoning use in the Town of Blackstone until the property has been registered and a rental permit therefor has been issued by the Principal Code Official.*

3. Enabling Legislation & Regulations. *All rental units and rooming units regulated hereunder shall comply with all applicable local bylaws and regulations, as well as all state laws and health, building and fire codes. All inspections, enforcement, and other actions taken under these regulations are authorized under those applicable local and state laws and regulations, as amended.*

4. Applicability & Exemptions. Registration and rental permits shall be required of all residential properties containing rented dwelling units or rooming units, or offered for that purpose, except for the following:

a. Lodging Facilities. Hotels, motels, inns, hostels, or bed and breakfasts.

b. Halfway Houses & Group Homes. Residential facilities authorized and operated under state and federal law, congregate or similar group housing for the elderly or disabled, half-way houses for persons with substance abuse problems, congregate living arrangements for persons with disabilities, or other similar housing facilities operated under license by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Notwithstanding, such facilities shall comply with Section 7. a. 1) b) below.

5. Definitions. Definitions of terms used in the regulations.

Under these regulations, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

Code Official – means the Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer of the Town of Blackstone, the Health Director, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, or their designees and/or any of the inspectors or officers authorized to enforce the law, regulations and codes listed under Section 3 of this bylaw. The specific Code Official in each instance will be the official duly designated under the relevant statute, bylaw, or regulation.

Principal Code Official – the Code Official designated by the Town Administrator to oversee and administer the rental program under this bylaw.

Dwelling Unit – means the room or group of rooms within a dwelling used or intended for use by one family, as defined by the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw, or household for living, sleeping, cooking and eating. Dwelling unit shall also mean a condominium unit.

Emergency – Events or conditions involving natural disasters, fire, or other threats to the health and safety of the residents of a rental property.

Hazard - means a condition likely to expose persons to injury, or property to damage, loss, or destruction.

Occupant – means a person who occupies real property with the consent of the owner as a lessee, tenant at will, licensee or otherwise. The singular use of the term includes the plural when the context so indicates.

Owner – means every person who alone or jointly or severally with others:

a. has legal title to any building, structure, or property subject to this bylaw, or; b. has care, charge, or control of any such building, structure, or property in any capacity including but not limited to agent, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or

c. is a lessor under written agreement; or

d. is the mortgagee in possession; or

e. is the recognized agent, trustee or other person with care, charge, or control appointed by the courts.

Owner-Occupant(s) – One or more natural persons who, in their individual capacity as distinct from any representative capacity, own(s) a whole or undivided interest in fee simple of certain real property and at least one of whom occupies a dwelling unit thereon as his or her principal residence (see definition).

Person – means an individual, corporation, trust, partnership (including general partnership, limited partnership, and limited liability partnership), and a limited liability company. In addition, any similar entity permitted by law to hold title to real estate shall for the purpose of this by-law be deemed a “person.”

Premises – means any real estate used for residential premises, including but not limited to apartments, dwellings, dwelling units, lodging houses, lodging units, rooming houses, and rooming units.

Principal Residence - means the primary residence of an individual, family (as defined in the Zoning Bylaw), or property owner, i.e., the home where an owner, and the owner's family if applicable, resides as their primary dwelling; provided however, that no person shall hold concurrent rights in more than one (1) principal residence, as set forth under MGL Ch. 188, Section 1, as amended. Regular or periodic interruptions in residency shall not be considered to change the status of principal residency where such interruptions are the result of illness, catastrophe, or other temporary reasons for absence which do not affect basic indices of residency. For the purposes of this Bylaw, principal residency shall be determined by the Code Official based upon a preponderance of evidence, including but not limited to the following indicia of residency and address, as applicable: declaration of homestead, filing of state and federal income taxes, voter registration, annual street list, driver's license, motor vehicle registration, mortgage, mailing address, and telephone listing (if any).

Responsible Person – means an Owner, Occupant, Tenant, Local Agent, Property Manager or other natural person authorized to act as an Owner's agent.

Responsible Party – means the person or persons responsible for a violation under this Bylaw, whether an Owner, Occupant, Tenant, Local Agent, or Property Manager.

Rooming Unit – means the room or group of rooms let to an individual or household for use as living and sleeping quarters but not for cooking, whether or not common facilities for cooking are made available; provided, that cooking facilities shall not be deemed common if they can be reached only by passing through any part of the dwelling unit or rooming unit of another.

6. Registration & Permitting.

a. Application Process and Requirements. Registration and rental permit applications shall be made on forms approved by the Town, and shall provide such information as the Principal Code Official shall deem reasonable and appropriate. Completed applications shall be submitted to the appropriate Town office. Complete rental permit applications shall be reviewed and permits shall be issued within fourteen (14) working days from the date of submission. Except as may otherwise be permitted by the Code Official, a rental permit application shall identify the total number of rental units on the property.

Information required as part of a rental permit application shall include:

1) Contact Information & Responsible Persons. Name(s) and current contact information, including but not limited to mailing address, telephone number and email address, for all owners and any responsible rental property management entity or person(s). Where the rental property owner(s) or agent does not have their principal residence or principal place of business in the town of Blackstone or within 20 miles of an Blackstone town line, and in order to ensure contact in circumstances when the owner cannot be reached, the owner shall appoint one or more person(s) who are residents of Blackstone to serve as Local Agent(s) for the owner, authorized to act on the owner's behalf with regard to the property, but in particular in all matters in response to an emergency which endangers the property or threatens the welfare of any person living on the premises. Notices given to a Local Agent shall be sufficient to satisfy any requirement of notice to the owner or the operator. The owner shall notify the Code Official in writing of any change of Local Agent within five days of any such change.

2) Compliance Through Self-Certification. Evidence of current compliance with all applicable local zoning and regulations, as well as state health, fire and building codes, shall be provided through submission of an Owner's Self-Inspection and Certification Checklist provided by the Town as set forth in Section 7 below. An owner or property manager may provide the Town with a single Self-Inspection and Certification Checklist for multiple units provided that said units are on a single property. Where said units represent a portion of the total rental units on the property, the applicant shall propose a schedule of Self-Inspection and Certification for the remaining units for the review and approval of the Code Official.

b. Renewal. Rental permits shall be valid for a period to begin on July 1 and shall end on June 30, regardless of when a permit is applied for or approved and issued. Completed applications for permit renewals shall be submitted and received by June 15th of each calendar year.

c. Permit Posted. A rental permit shall be conspicuously posted and maintained within the premises in a common area or area as is necessary to be visible to tenants and inspectors.

d. Transferability. Rental permits shall be transferable upon a change of ownership, providing that operation of the continued rental use shall be subject to the provisions of the permit and management plan. The new owner or designated operator of the rental property is required to promptly notify the Code Official of their acquisition of the property and to submit for review and approval any proposed changes in the provisions of the permit.

7. Inspections & Complaints.

a. Self-Certification Program. Owners of rental property governed by this bylaw shall self-inspect and certify their properties as required under this section. Nothing in the Self-Certification program shall limit the Town's authority or the authority and/or discretion of the Code Official to investigate and inspect a property in response to a complaint or for other good cause, or to compel abatement of any violation under this bylaw in a manner consistent with or required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

1) Annual Owner Self-Inspections & Checklist.

a. Owner Self-Inspection & Certification. An owner or their local agent shall conduct an annual inspection of the property, using a Self-Certification Checklist provided by the Town. The owner or their agent shall sign the Checklist indicating, under pains and penalties of perjury, that the information contained therein is complete and accurate as of the date of said annual inspection, and shall submit the Checklist and any required materials along with their application for annual renewal of the rental permit for the property and unit(s) in question. Any false statements or information provided on the Checklist shall constitute a violation of this bylaw.

b. Subsidized Housing. Where residential rental units are regularly inspected under requirements of the state or federal government, no Self-Inspection and Certification shall be required. Annual certification by the owner that a rental unit has been inspected in accordance with state or federal law shall be provided to the Town and shall be accepted by the Town as evidence of Self-Inspection as part of any permit application or renewal.

c. Self- Inspections & Access. An owner shall not be found in violation of the Self-Certification program if they have been refused access for an inspection by a tenant/occupant. However, in such instances the owner shall either provide the Town with a signed statement from the tenant/occupant indicating that the inspection was refused, or the owner shall provide proof, under pains and penalties of perjury, that a request for access was served to the tenant/occupant and the request was thereafter refused.

d. Lease Terms. Subject to and as limited by the laws of the Commonwealth, a provision requiring tenants to agree to provide reasonable access to the owner(s) or management company shall be a feature of any lease for a rental unit or property permitted under this bylaw. Where no lease is used, the owner(s) or their lawful representatives shall provide documentation demonstrating that they have made all tenants aware of the Town of Blackstone rental bylaw and inspection system. All leases shall provide an acknowledgment that all tenants have been made aware of these requirements.

e. Leases Available. Copies of all current, active leases for the subject property or units shall be kept on file with the owner or manager, and shall be made available to the Code Official within 48 hours of any request.

b. Self-Inspection for Different Circumstances

1) Short-Term Rentals. Dwelling units on owner-occupied properties serving as the owner's principal residence, and which contain no more than two (2) units may be rented under simple registration with the Town without the requirement for a rental permit for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar year under the following circumstances:

a. During a pending sale of the property by the owner-occupant, or

b. In response to regular or periodic interruptions in residency by the owner-occupant, where such interruptions are the result of illness, catastrophe, professional or academic scheduling, or other temporary reasons for absence which do not affect basic indicia of residency.

At the end of the one (1) year rental period, as calculated from the initial date of the lease or occupancy of the unit(s) by persons other than the owner(s), any such units shall be registered and a rental permit obtained in compliance with this bylaw.

2) Long-Term Tenancies & Periodic Self-Inspections. Rental units which have been leased and occupied continuously by the same tenant(s) for a period of not less than three (3) years shall require a Self-Inspection & Certification upon initial registration and thereafter at three (3) year intervals. Exceptions shall be that Self-Inspection & Certification will be required n c. Complaints & Response Process.

Upon receipt of a complaint or notice from any person alleging that the condition of a rental unit or property is in violation of any law or State or local requirement, or of any violation of this Bylaw, the Code Official shall conduct an inspection of a premise within a reasonable amount of time. Inspections shall be as scheduled by the Code Official.

Inspections of rental properties, buildings, grounds, and rented dwelling or rooming units shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable local and state laws, regulations and codes, in a manner consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Subject to the above limitation, all rental units are subject to inspection upon complaint or request by a tenant. Issuance of a rental permit to an owner does not preclude tenants' right to file a complaint with the Town, to which the Town must respond with an inspection in compliance with the provisions of state law and regulations.

d. Access to Properties. In accordance with Section 7. a. 1) d), the permit holder shall make a good faith effort to arrange access by authorized Town personnel to any permitted rental property for the purpose of conducting inspections within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a request.

8. Tenant Information. The owner shall be required to distribute to tenants annually, and to each new tenant, an information sheet provided by the Town describing key local regulations; bylaws, including those pertaining to noise, alcohol and nuisance houses; and state laws and codes applying to rental properties. As part of the Registration and Self-Certification process, the owner shall attest to understanding the provided information and the necessity of compliance with the rules and laws described, as well as distributing it to tenants.

9. Occupancy Limits and Zoning. The maximum number of adult persons who may occupy a dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be as determined by the requirements of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw and State standards for fitness for habitation. The fact that a structure or use may be permitted or authorized under the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw shall not exempt said structure or use from application of this bylaw or relieve or excuse compliance herewith in any way.

10. Parking. All existing parking and any new or expanded parking on residential rental properties within the town of Blackstone shall comply with the General Requirements and Design Standards and Landscape Standards of the Parking & Access Regulations of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaw.

a. Parking Site Plan. A Basic Parking Site Plan, as described below, meeting the requirements of this section shall be developed and submitted as part of any rental permit application. Submission of an existing site plan approved under a land use (zoning) permit and which

accurately represents current on-site parking shall meet the requirements of this section.

1) Basic Parking Site Plan Requirements. The parking site plan shall be drawn to scale (1"=20' preferred), as appropriate to the site. Except as may otherwise be required by the Code Official or under the provisions of Blackstone's Zoning Bylaw, Town of Blackstone GIS mapping may be used as the base for a site plan developed under this section.

a) The Basic Parking Site Plan shall accurately depict the area within which parking is proposed, including:

- i) Property boundaries*
- ii) Existing driveways and pedestrian walks*
- iii) Dwellings and structures*
- iv) All existing and proposed on-site parking spaces*
- v) Existing and proposed landscaped areas*
- vi) Fencing or other barriers or screening*
- vii) Site features such as trees over 12 inches in diameter (as measured five feet above grade), bedrock outcroppings, steep slopes, and such other site features as may affect parking locations.*

2) Any provision of this section with regard to Basic Parking Site Plan Requirements may be waived or modified by the Code Official for compelling reasons of safety or design.

b. Review. Existing on-site parking and circulation shall be reviewed by the Code Official for conformance with existing zoning requirements, including but not limited to parking layout and circulation, paving, parking space dimensions, screening, and, in consultation with the Fire Chief, the sufficiency of circulation and vehicular access for public safety and emergency vehicles.

11. Fees. The Select Board or its designee may set and periodically revise a schedule of fees for registration, permit application, and inspections of rental properties.

12. Enforcement.

a. Enforcement Personnel. The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to designate the Principal Code Official and other Town officials empowered to enforce or otherwise take actions under this Bylaw.

b. Enforcement Options. This Bylaw shall be enforced by criminal complaint through a court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, any person committing a violation under this section may be issued a citation under the noncriminal disposition process of M.G.L. c. 40 section 21D. Furthermore, in appropriate circumstances, a civil action may be initiated to compel compliance herewith.

c. Violations. Non-compliance with any requirement of this Bylaw shall constitute a violation subject to penalty. Every day in which a violation continues shall be considered to be a separate offence. If more than one violation has occurred, each condition of the Bylaw which has been violated shall be considered a separate offense.

d. Enforcement Procedures. Except for cases where conditions exist which may endanger or impair the health, or safety and well-being of a person or persons occupying the premises or as may otherwise be provided for by the Massachusetts Sanitary Code, Building Code, Fire Regulations or any other state or local law or regulation, the response of Code Officials to potential violations of this Bylaw shall include one or more of the actions as deemed necessary by the Code Official. Nothing herein shall supersede, alter, or vary the requirements of those codes or the responsibilities of the officials that administer them.

1) Complaint Filed. Any person may file a complaint regarding one or more violations of this Bylaw.

2) Property Research. The Code Official shall perform a limited initial research of the property to confirm permit history, assessor's information, and other pertinent information. The Code Official may contact the alleged violator, occupant or responsible party to gather additional information. When appropriate the Code Official shall notify the Owner that a complaint has been filed against the property and that an initial site inspection is anticipated.

3) Site Inspection. The Code Official shall conduct a site inspection to determine the validity of the complaint and collect any relevant facts of the case.

4) Notice of Violation/Enforcement Order. After inspecting the site and upon confirming that a violation exists, the Code Official shall inform the responsible party or parties in writing of the violation and specify a time period within which to correct the violation. Violations may be cited pursuant to the applicable state or local code or regulation.

5) Follow up Inspection. Shall be conducted upon the expiration of the time specified to correct the violation.

6) Fines. The Code Official may elect to impose fines in instances where: 1) compliance has not been achieved after the responsible party or parties have been made aware of the violation and given a reasonable opportunity to come into compliance, or 2) for repeat offenses.

7) *Court Relief.* If a violator fails to comply with an Enforcement Order, the Code Official may seek a court order to remedy the violation.

13. Penalties

a. *Fines.* Any violation of the provisions of this Bylaw may be enforced by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §21D. The fine for any violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Fines for other applicable local and state laws, regulations and codes, shall be set and assessed in a manner consistent with those laws, regulations, and codes, and the laws of the Commonwealth.

b. *Suspension.* Based on the standard of proof and criteria specified herein the Principal Code Official is authorized to suspend a rental permit. A suspension shall take effect immediately upon the day following the end of the current lease, or upon any termination of the lease prior to that date. The suspension of a rental permit shall be imposed to affect only those units which are the subject of the violation(s) and enforcement action(s). Permits may be suspended if:

1) An Owner or their Agent has knowingly allowed or assisted in allowing violations of this Bylaw. The Code Official must collect compelling documentation through his or her investigation to substantiate this violation and support the recommendation to suspend a permit.

2) An Owner or their Agent repeatedly refuses or neglects to comply with an order of the Code Official. The Code Official must find that the Owner or their Agent have not taken action to achieve compliance of the property and that at least 90 days have expired without compliance since the date of receipt of the Enforcement Order. During this time the Code Official shall inform the Owner or their Agent in writing that the permit is subject to suspension.

Suspensions shall be as follows:

First Offense – 90 days

Second Offense in a twelve month period – 180 days

Third Offense in a twelve month period – 3 years

c. *Immediate Suspension.* In those instances where a rental unit has been condemned or deemed an unsafe structure pursuant to health, building and fire regulations, the rental permit shall be immediately suspended and shall remain suspended until as such time the property is found to be habitable and in compliance by the appropriate Code Official.

The Select Board is hereby authorized to establish and appoint a Rental Appeals Board (RAB), and to promulgate regulations for its membership and the conduct of its business.

Any decision by the Code Official to suspend a permit may be challenged by the permit holder by filing an appeal to the Rental Appeals Board (RAB). All appeals must be filed within 14 days of the decision and shall be heard within 30 days of filing. All appeals shall be heard at a duly noticed public hearing and any party filing such an appeal shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

A decision of the Rental Appeals Board shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the RAB made under this Bylaw shall be reviewable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO POSTPONE

ARTICLE 10. 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 \$2,000 during Fiscal Year 2016.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$65,000 for purposes of the maintenance and repair of the Blackstone Public Library including roof, plumbing, structural and other building repairs.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$11,705 to replace six mountain bikes for the Police Department.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000 for the purpose of procuring bulletproof vests/ body armor for the Police Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/ Collector to execute and deliver an Investment Agreement with State Retiree Benefits Trust ("SRBT"), to sign checks and wire OPEB Trust Funds to SRBT or to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT"), or as it may otherwise be directed by SRBT, and to make withdrawals and investments and enter into such agreements and deliver such certificates and other documents as SRBT or the Pension Reserves Investment Management ("PRIM") Board may direct; and, further, that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated as the initial investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund ("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by

Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act"), and that, in accordance with the Act, the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$17,085 to purchase a hydro rake field grooming tractor.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for purposes of the design, construction and installation of an irrigation system at the soccer complex at the AF Maloney/JFK Elementary Schools, and, further to authorize the Town to accept any available grants, gifts or donations of services in kind for the purpose of this project.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the need and funding for a new senior van as outlined in Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$65,000 to purchase a senior van for the Council on Aging.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 for the purchase of an MS6000 Konica Digital Microform Scanner.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$21,000 for the purpose of purchasing three new ImageCast Precinct optical scan election tabulators and related appurtenances and to trade-in three AccuVote system voting machines.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000 to provide file cabinets for the Town Clerk, Collector/Treasurer and Town Accountant's office.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2, which authorizes the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town at a rate of .75% of gross sales receipts.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Ryan Chamberland called for a hand count on Article 21. Seven voters stood, and the Moderator called for the tellers.

112 YES 36 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE TO APPROVE ARTICLE 21

ARTICLE 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer 50% from free cash and 50% from water/sewer retained earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$120,000 for acquisition of a loader for the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 20 to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$163,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of the water tank.

SECRET BALLOT

108 YES 27 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 24: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote authorize use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land located at 14 Chestnut Street, Blackstone, commonly referred to as the Chestnut Street Landfill, for the purpose of lease, with the grant of appurtenant rights of access and easements, for construction, operation and maintenance of a Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Facility, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease and other agreements in furtherance of this use upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Assessors to negotiate and enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement relative to said Facility in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §38H.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 25. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 to update the town's Master Plan.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to revise the General Bylaw reference in the Town Code for the Medical Marijuana Facilities Bylaw approved at the May 27, 2014 Annual Town Meeting from "123-23.6." to the correct Chapter & Section number "123-23.7".

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the provision of G.L. c.60A, Section 1 that allows cities and towns to exempt from excise taxation motor vehicles owned by and registered to Massachusetts residents who are on active

and fulltime military service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, army or air, of any state, deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of exemption.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 28. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Tow vote pursuant to Clause 56 of Section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, to extend the authority of the Assessors to grant abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard or Military reservists who are on active duty in foreign countries with respect to all or part of their real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year in they performed such service, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors, , effective fiscal year 2015.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Anthony Catalano moved to amend Article 29, which was seconded. The amendment reads: "I am requesting to amend article 29 chapter 114 section 114-1 to also include and read that the issuing authority will charge a fee not to exceed \$25.00 or be less than said amount of \$25.00 for this permit to operate said vehicles in the town. That this permit will be good for the hours between 9am and 7pm, for a time not to exceed 2 hours, within this time frame on any day. This permit will be honored for a period of 1 year and will abide by any and all regulations as stated in M.G.L 90 B. The permit must be on the person of the vehicle owner while operating said vehicle.

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

These money will be used for the maintenance of town owned property that may be damaged by use of said vehicles during their operation as to not create undo expense to the town.

Section 114-2 shall remain intact as written."

A lengthy discussion followed.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT AMEND

ARTICLE 29. A motion was duly made and seconded that the Town 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.
(See Amendment #2)

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

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO APPROVE THIS ARTICLE

Chris Ryan of Glenside Drive moved to amend the Finance Committee's recommendation on **Article 30**, which motion was seconded. The amendment reads as follows:

"That the Town Vote to accept the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way, as shown on the plan entitled "Layout Plan, Town of Blackstone, Rolling Brook Lane, in Blackstone, MA" dated August 7, 2014 as amended and prepared by INTERNATIONAL MAPPING & SURVEYING CORP. of 19 Industrial Drive, Smithfield, R.I. 02917,

Mr. Ryan indicated that the remainder of the article is to remain intact.

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

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

ARTICLE 30. 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 August 7, 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 subject to compliance with the following conditions imposed by the Planning Board: all stormwater management to be handled entirely by Homeowner's Association, demarcation of the Open Space areas; trail heads being marked Lot 6 and 7 and lot 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal, plowing, street sanding and trash recycling, general town services police, fire and town vehicle access, future unforeseen town services, and no taking or cleaning of the street sweeping/catch/retention basins.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 31. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 for an Economic Development consultant.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 32. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$146,035.14 to the stabilization fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jacob W. St. Amant	3 yrs. expiring ATM 2018
Kathryn M. Sweeney	3 yrs. expiring ATM 2018
James R. Belisle	3 yrs. expiring ATM 2018

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
"Amended"
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 26, 2015

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 26, 2015 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 \$152.88 to pay prior year bill payable to State Line Power Products, 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 \$35.23 to pay prior year bill payable to Rocky's Hardware, 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 of \$266.75 to pay prior year bill payable to M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money not to exceed \$150,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money not to exceed \$2,010 to pay prior year salary adjustments for the Police Department.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money not to exceed \$2,870 to pay prior year salary adjustments for the Department of Public Works.

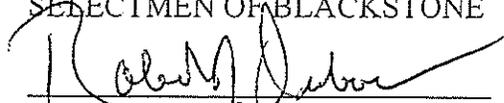
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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.

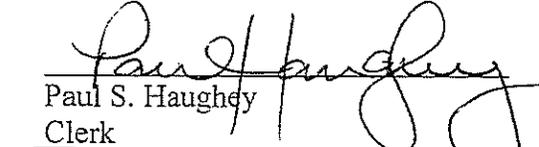
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the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

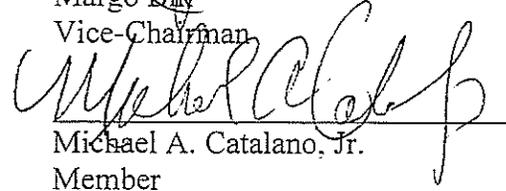
Given under our hands this 14th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

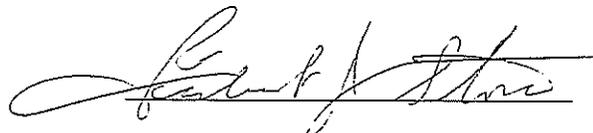

Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman


Paul S. Haughey
Clerk


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member

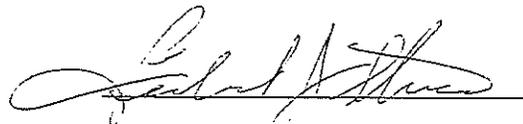

Daniel P. Keefe
Member

A true copy attest:

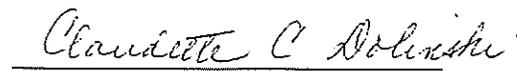

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 15th day of April, 2015 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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 126 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.

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

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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 \$35.23 to pay prior year bill payable to Rocky's Hardware.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of money not to exceed \$135,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of money not to exceed \$2,010 to pay prior year salary adjustments for the Police Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer \$774 from free cash and \$2,096 from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of money not to exceed \$2,870 to pay prior year salary adjustments for the Department of Public Works.

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 7:07 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

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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. The office maintains a complete set of financial records for all Town accounts, appropriations, debts, and contracts. Payments to all Town vendors and employees are processed through this department. The office is also 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! I would also like to thank my assistant, Lauren Zahorsky, for her support and hard work in maintaining a professional and efficient environment within the Accounting Department.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hebert
Town Accountant

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Trust & k Agency	L-T Debt Account Group	Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital k Projects	Enterprise Funds			
Assets							
Cash & investments	3,931,565	1,197,381	619,544	825,794	6,924,815	-	13,499,099
Petty Cash	975	-	-	-	-	-	975
Receivables:							
Property taxes	367,071	-	-	-	-	-	367,071
Motor vehicle excise	238,396	-	-	-	-	-	238,396
Tax Liens	851,445	-	-	-	-	-	851,445
Water	-	-	-	91,657	-	-	91,657
Sewer	-	-	-	108,950	-	-	108,950
Other	-	431,013	-	-	-	-	431,013
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from State	-	35,234	-	-	-	-	35,234
Due from Other	-	1,660	-	122,214	-	-	123,874
Amounts to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	9,804,412	9,804,412
Loans Authorized	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	5,389,452	1,665,288	619,544	1,148,615	6,924,815	9,804,412	25,552,126
Liabilities & reserves							
Warrants & accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payrolls payable & withholdings	(1,157)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,157)
Other liabilities	16,141	-	-	-	-	-	16,141
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	1,007,000	-	-	-	1,007,000
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	9,804,412	9,804,412
Loans Authorized and Unissued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue & provision	779,092	467,907	-	200,607	-	-	1,447,606
Overlay Balance	677,824	-	-	-	-	-	677,824
Total liabilities & reserves	1,471,900	467,907	1,007,000	200,607	-	9,804,412	12,951,826
Fund balances							
Reserved							
Encumbrances	352,288	155	-	175,053	-	-	527,496
Free Cash for Expenditures	1,187,484	-	-	61,784	-	-	1,187,484
Continued appropriations	589,386	-	-	60,000	-	-	651,170
Overlay for Expenditures	-	-	(387,456)	651,171	6,924,815	-	60,000
Special Purposes	1,788,394	1,197,226	-	948,008	-	-	6,537,359
Undesignated	3,917,552	1,197,381	(387,456)	-	6,924,815	-	3,636,791
Total fund balances	5,389,452	1,665,288	619,544	1,148,615	6,924,815	9,804,412	25,552,126

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis
Fiscal Year 2015

Fund 01

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2014:		\$ 1,992,148
Date of Entry		
Close FY2015 Revenue/Expenditures		388,695
Close FY2015 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend		704,574
Close FY2015 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		785,976
Close FY2015 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		131,000
Establish FY2016 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		(589,386)
Establish FY2016 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		(352,288)
Establish FY2016 Free Cash Reserv for Expend.		(1,187,484)
Reserve Overlay Vote for Expenditures		
Prior Year Adjust after Close FY14		(529)
Adjust for PY PO liquidate		(79,304)
Prior Year Audit Adjust		(5,008)
Ending Balance, June 30, 2015 Undes.		1,788,394

Balance Sheet

Summary Total Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances		352,288
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations		589,386
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expend		1,187,484
Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash		
Undes. Fund Balance		1,788,394

Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 3,917,552
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From Balance Sheet		\$ 3,917,552
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	550			550	416	-	134
SELECTMEN	70,990		167,539	238,529	61,739	2,980	173,810
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	158,176			158,176	156,350	433	1,393
FINANCE COMMITTEE	9,300			9,300	2,539	564	6,197
RESERVE FUND	75,000	(32,717)		42,283	-		42,283
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	6,600			6,600	2,625	875	3,100
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	106,176	1,000		107,176	100,032		7,144
ASSESSORS	166,245			166,245	129,223	5,151	31,871
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	145,955			145,955	129,157	1,836	14,962
TOWN COUNSEL	100,000			100,000	47,737	5,078	47,185
DATA PROCESSING	140,000			140,000	111,057	5,741	23,202
COPIER	17,070			17,070	12,800	2,524	1,746
BONDS & INSURANCE	196,508			196,508	196,077	305	126
TOWN CLERK	129,578			129,578	115,128	7,381	7,069
ELECTIONS	28,380			28,380	21,322		7,058
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,150			6,150	4,476	950	724
CONSERVATION COMM	4,225			4,225	4,122		103
OPEN SPACE			100,000	100,000	-		100,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,331		26,273	52,604	14,428		38,176
ZONING BOARD	8,389			8,389	2,495		5,894
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	5,000			5,000			5,000
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,250	35		2,285	2,285		0
GENERAL	172,000			172,000	106,857	13,175	51,968
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	274,500		235,345	509,845	240,372	34,128	235,345
TOWN REPORT	3,000			3,000	2,047		953
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,852,373	(31,682)	529,157	2,349,848	1,463,284	81,121	805,443
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,436,549	17,336	358,277	1,812,162	1,661,540	99,659	50,963
POLICE DISPATCHERS	213,260	12,948		226,208	226,208		0
FIRE DEPARTMENT	722,053	39,916	13,448	775,417	753,341	5,177	16,899
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	-			-			0
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	-			-			0
AMBULANCE	53,261		249,141	302,402	271,786	3,036	27,580
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	57,761	13		57,774	55,821	1,953	0
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	15,365			15,365	15,032	296	37
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000			2,000	1,750		250
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	9,142			9,142	9,048		94
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	19,750			19,750	13,531		6,219

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
ANIMAL CONTROL	24,257			24,257	24,257		0
FORESTRY	23,450			23,450	21,270		2,180
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,576,848	70,213	620,866	3,267,927	3,053,584	110,121	104,222
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	8,099,172	(103,853)		7,995,319	7,970,565	-	24,754
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	740,341			740,341	740,341	-	0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	336,940	862		337,802	327,921	9,880	1
EDUCATION	9,176,453	(102,991)	-	9,073,462	9,038,827	9,880	24,755
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	-			-			0
ENGINEERING	15,000			15,000	500		14,500
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	27,131			27,131	27,131		0
HIGHWAY LABOR	238,565		774	239,339	227,234		12,105
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	34,858		50,000	84,858	80,947	1,810	2,101
SNOW & ICE	110,668		135,000	245,668	245,668		0
STREET LIGHTING	87,500	3,694		91,194	91,194		0
MECHANICAL REPAIR	64,200	700	267	65,167	62,047	3,104	16
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	277,500			277,500	214,106	63,394	0
STREET CLEANING	2,000			2,000	2,000		0
WASTE COLLECTION	523,223			523,223	489,553	31,176	2,494
PUBLIC WORKS	1,380,645	4,394	186,041	1,571,080	1,440,380	99,484	31,216
BOARD OF HEALTH	95,015			127,732	107,489	19,824	419
COUNCIL ON AGING	159,466	32,717		159,466	144,692		14,774
VETERANS	141,370			141,370	119,785		21,585
HUMAN SERVICES	395,851	32,717	-	428,568	371,966	19,824	36,778
LIBRARY	362,375			362,375	361,548	320	507
PARKS	115,548		153	115,701	74,722	29,532	11,447
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000			2,000	1,992		8
MEMORIAL DAY	7,100			7,100	6,787		313
CULTURAL COUNCIL	-			-			0
CULTURE & RECREATION	487,023	-	153	487,176	445,049	29,852	12,275

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
PRINCIPAL	994,224			994,224	994,224	-	0
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	403,917	4		403,921	403,920	-	1
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	5,000			5,000	-	-	5,000
DEBT SERVICE	1,403,141	4	-	1,403,145	1,398,144	-	5,001
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	7,000			7,000	6,765	-	235
COUNTY RETIREMENT	655,133			655,133	655,133	-	0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000			50,000	7,581	2,005	40,414
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	459,169	27,345		486,514	486,513	-	1
LIFE INSURANCE	3,000			3,000	1,939	-	1,061
MATCHING MEDICARE	59,000			59,000	55,631	-	3,369
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	4,543	-	5,457
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500			7,500	7,500	-	0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	42,371			42,371	42,371	-	0
COURT JUDGMENT	-			-	-	-	0
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,293,173	27,345	-	1,320,518	1,267,976	2,005	50,537
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	18,565,507	-	1,336,217	19,901,724	18,479,210	352,287	1,070,227
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	78,125			78,125	78,125	-	0
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	38,000			38,000	38,000	-	0
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-			-	-	-	0
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	1,890,000			1,890,000	1,929,942	-	-39,942
	2,006,125			2,006,125	2,046,067	-	-39,942
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT				-	-	-	0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY				-	-	-	0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS				-	-	-	0
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION				-	-	-	0
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL				-	-	-	0
GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS	20,571,632	-	1,336,217	21,907,849	20,525,277	352,287	1,030,285

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2015

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
Receipts:				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	91,224	91,239	15	0.02%
A2 School Transportation	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>91,224</u>	<u>91,239</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,217,946	1,217,946	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive	-	-	-	
B7 Veterans Benefits	100,540	108,127	7,587	0.00%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	37,048	39,924	2,876	7.76%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly	-	-	-	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	26,842	26,842	-	0.00%
Public Libraries	12,872	-	(12,872)	100.00%
	<u>1,395,248</u>	<u>1,392,839</u>	<u>(2,409)</u>	<u>-0.17%</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,486,472</u>	<u>1,484,078</u>	<u>(2,394)</u>	<u>-0.16%</u>
Offset Items				
TOTAL, All Receipts	<u>1,486,472</u>	<u>1,484,078</u>		

Charges:

A County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3 Mosquito Control	27,336	27,323	13	0.05%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	2,358	2,388	(30)	-1.27%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	11,520	12,660	(1,140)	-9.90%
Total Charges	<u>41,214</u>	<u>42,371</u>	<u>(1,157)</u>	<u>-2.81%</u>

Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2015

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
Local Receipts:				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	800,000	1,148,192	348,192	43.52%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	85,750	165,360	79,610	92.84%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	11,577	16,082	4,505	38.91%
10 FEES:	25,000	25,985	985	3.94%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	115,000	176,958	61,958	53.88%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	41,632	6,632	18.95%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	35,000	8,285	(26,715)	-76.33%
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:	-	-	-	0.00%
22 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	10,000	8,158	(1,842)	0.00%
	<u>1,117,327</u>	<u>1,590,652</u>	<u>473,325</u>	<u>42.36%</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2015

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ (1,660)	66,110	\$ 1,132,931	\$ 1,197,381
Accounts receivable	-		431,013	431,013
Due from Commonwealth	-	35,234	-	35,234
Due from Federal Government	1,660		-	1,660
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	-	101,344	1,563,944	1,665,288

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	-			-
Due to other funds	-		-	-
Deferred revenue	1,660	35,234	431,013	467,907
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-		-
Fund balance - reserved			155	155
Unreserved fund balance	(1,660)	66,110	1,132,776	1,197,226
	\$ -	\$ 101,344	\$ 1,563,944	\$ 1,665,288
	0	0	0	0

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2015**

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Federal & State Grants	24,945	170,311	531,392	\$ 726,648
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-		\$ -
	24,945	170,311	531,392	\$ 726,648

Expenditures				
General Government	-	3,627	70,490	\$ 74,117
Public Safety	-	30,563	5,866	\$ 36,429
Education	-		42,252	\$ 42,252
Public works	1,660	36,354	31,103	\$ 69,117
Human services	-	15,709	3,965	\$ 19,674
Culture & recreation	-	15,974	27,399	\$ 43,373
Insurance & other	-	-	-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	\$ -
Debt Service	-	-	-	\$ -
	1,660	102,227	181,075	\$ 284,962

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	23,285	68,084	350,317	\$ 441,686
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Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers in	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers (out)	-		(255,494)	\$ (255,494)
	-	-	(255,494)	(255,494)

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	23,285	68,084	94,823	186,192
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Fund Balance, 6/30/14	(24,945)	(1,974)	1,038,108	\$ 1,011,189
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Fund Balance, 6/30/15	(1,660)	66,110	1,132,931	1,197,381
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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS
June 30, 2015

	Department	Water Meters	Recycle Equip	Water/Sewer	Sewer-Elm	Millerville	Tank Ptg	Tank Ptg	Wtr Dist Sys	Stormwater	Well	TOTAL
	Roadway Imp	ATM 5/13	ATM 5/13	Design/Eng	Eng/Construct	Sewer	ATM 5/04#6	ATM 5/13	ATM 5/04 #5	Retro	Fund #9	Capital
	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 32	Fund 33	Fund 35	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 37	Fund 38	Fund 39	Projects Fund
Assets												
Cash and investments	1,693	157,566	-	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	162,232	-	90	154,433	619,544
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,693	157,566	-	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	162,232	-	90	154,433	619,544
Liabilities & Fund Bal.												
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	(224,434)	(125,000)	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	(337,768)	-	90	154,433	(387,456)
	1,693	157,566	-	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	162,232	-	90	154,433	619,544

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**
Year ended June 30, 2015

	Department	Water Meters	Recycle Equip	Water/Sewer	Sewer-Elm	Millerville	Tank Ptg	Tank Ptg	Wtr Dist Sys	Stormwater	Well	TOTAL
	Roadway Imp	ATM 5/13	ATM 5/13	Design/Eng	Eng/Construct	Sewer	ATM 5/04#6	ATM 5/13	ATM 5/04 #5	Retro	Fund #9	Capital
	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 32	Fund 33	Fund 35	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 37	Fund 38	Fund 39	Projects Fund
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Expenditures												
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305,070	-	-	28,455	333,525
Supplies	-	54,673	19,492	-	-	-	6,868	-	-	-	-	81,033
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	54,673	19,492	-	-	-	311,938	-	-	-	28,455	414,558
Excess Revenues over/	-	(54,673)	(19,492)	-	-	-	(311,938)	-	-	7	(28,455)	(414,551)
(under) Expenditures												
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/	-	(54,673)	(19,492)	-	-	-	(311,938)	-	-	7	(28,455)	(414,551)
(under) Exp/Transfers												
Fund Balance, 6/30/14	1,693	(169,761)	(105,508)	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	(25,830)	-	83	182,888	27,095
Fund Balance, 6/30/15	1,693	(224,434)	(125,000)	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	(337,768)	-	90	154,433	(387,456)

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2015**

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
Assets				
Cash and investments	433,719	570,287	(178,212)	1,004,006
Accounts receivable user fees	104,150	88,312		192,462
Accounts receivable lien	4,800	3,345		8,145
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-		-
Due from other funds	-	-	122,214	-
	542,669	661,944	(55,998)	1,204,613

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll				-
Deferred revenue	108,950	91,657		200,607
Notes payable		-		-
Fund balance - reserved for cont app	59,984	1,800	-	61,784
Fund balance - reserved for expendit	30,000	30,000	-	60,000
Fund balance - reserved for encumbra	164,424	8,463	2,166	172,887
Unreserved fund balance	179,311	530,024	(58,164)	709,335
	542,669	661,944	(55,998)	1,204,613

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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, 2015

Revenues	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
Intergovernmental		-	-	-
Charges for Services	640,922	859,130	390,430	1,500,052
Other				-
	640,922	859,130	390,430	1,500,052
Expenditures				
Personal Services	139,707	195,218	275,573	334,925
Purchase of Services	404,542	348,830	152,936	753,372
Supplies	-		-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-		-	-
Capital Outlay	-			-
Prior Year Encumbrance	174,310	3,843	1,328	178,153
Debt Service	-	61,070	28,324	61,070
	718,559	608,961	458,161	1,327,520
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	(77,637)	250,169	(67,731)	172,532
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-		38,000	-
Transfers (out)	-	(33,333)		(33,333)
	-	(33,333)	38,000	(33,333)
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	(77,637)	216,836	(29,731)	139,199
Fund Balance, 6/30/14	511,356	353,451	(26,267)	864,807
Fund Balance, 6/30/15	433,719	570,287	(55,998)	1,004,006

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2015 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-BUDGET BASIS

DEPARTMENT/Purpose		Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Personnel	164,723	-	-	164,723	139,707	-	25,016
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	563,314	-	-	563,314	366,744	164,424	32,146
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER		728,037	-	-	728,037	506,451	164,424	57,162
<u>SEWER ARTICLES</u>								
90801 ATM 5/13 #22 ELMWOOD GEN		3,636	-	-	3,636	-	-	3,636
98201 ATM 12 art 29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
90802 ATM 5/13 #23 MONTCALM GEN		3,607	-	-	3,607	-	-	3,607
98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade		8,460	-	-	8,460	520	-	7,940
90803 ATM 5/14#27 Repair Pump		80,000	-	-	80,000	36,999	-	43,001
90800 STM 5/15 PY Salary		-	280	-	280	279	-	1
Total Sewer Articles		97,503	280	-	97,783	37,798	-	59,985
TOTAL SEWER		825,540	280	-	825,820	544,249	164,424	117,147
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	Expenses	55,000	-	-	55,000	-	-	55,000
RESERVE FUND-WATER	Expenses	50,000	(1)	-	49,999	-	-	49,999
RESERVE FUND		105,000	(1)	-	104,999	-	-	104,999
WATER LABOR	Personnel	145,142	-	-	145,142	132,796	-	12,346
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	70,081	-	-	70,081	62,422	-	7,659
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	449,955	-	-	449,955	331,648	8,463	109,844
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	45,000	-	-	45,000	45,000	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	16,069	1	-	16,070	16,070	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA		2,000	-	-	2,000	1,556	-	444
WATER		728,247	1	-	728,248	589,492	8,463	130,293
<u>WATER ARTICLES</u>								
90904 ATM 05/09#13		13,812	-	-	13,812	13,812	-	-
98001 ATM 05/12#29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
90800 STM 5/15 PY Salary		-	1,816	-	1,816	1,814	-	2
Total Water Articles		-	1,816	-	17,428	15,626	-	1,802
TOTAL WATER		728,247	1,817	-	745,676	605,118	8,463	132,095
RESERVE FUND-RECYCLING	Expenses	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
RESERVE FUND		15,000	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	291,717	-	-	291,717	275,573	-	16,144
	Expenses	203,877	-	-	203,877	114,108	2,166	87,603
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT PRN	Expenses	25,800	-	-	25,800	25,800	-	-
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT INT	Expenses	2,524	-	-	2,524	2,524	-	-
RECYCLING CENTER		523,918	-	-	523,918	418,005	2,166	103,747
<u>RECYCLING ARTICLES</u>								
90802ATM05/11#12		242	-	-	242	-	-	242
90804STM10/11#7		2,893	-	-	2,893	2,893	-	-
90809 ATM 5/14 #29 F150 Pickup Truck		38,000	-	-	38,000	35,935	-	2,065
Total Recycling Articles		41,135	-	-	41,135	38,828	-	2,307
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		2,223,840	2,096	-	2,241,548	1,606,200	175,053	460,295

**TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2015**

Fund	Balance		Investment		Transfers		Balance
	July 1, 2014	Receipts	Income	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2015	
Expendable Trusts:							
#84 - Stabilization Fund	3,262,854	-	43,077	-	(121,875)	3,184,056	
#84 - Law Enforcement	3,702	7,391		1,631	-	9,462	
Total Fund #84:	3,266,556	7,391	43,077	1,631	(121,875)	3,193,518	
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	2,581,616	5,008	41,707		374,890	3,003,221	
Total Fund #85:	2,581,616	5,008	41,707	-	374,890	3,003,221	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	5,848,172	12,399	84,784	1,631	253,015	6,196,739	

Agency Funds

	Balance		Deductions		Balance
	July 1, 2014	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2015	
Police Outside Detail	(13,375)	114,838	109,547	(8,084)	
Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535	-	-	2,535	
ANP Escrow	613,819	36,845	-	650,664	
Performance Bonds	56,148	80	-	56,228	
Bond Rolling Brook	-	-	-	-	
Deputy Fees	(1,953)	30,649	25,385	3,311	
Fish & Game - State	71	-	-	71	
Police FID	3,263	10,475	10,550	3,188	
ANP Sewer Charges	3,137	43,875	43,875	3,137	
Recycling Agency Fund	11,120		11,120	-	
Sycamore Estates	17,008	18	-	17,026	
Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	691,773	236,780	200,477	728,076	

Total Trust & Agency Funds

6,924,815

