

2016

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: 8655
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 2017 TAX RATE: \$19.26. 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 3,582 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 2016

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	GILBERT, ROBERT A
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	Schandelmayr-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	WATSON, JOANNE
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
BURIAL AGENT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
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	RIVET, RYE
CONSTABLE	STONE, FREDERICK J
CONSTABLE	THERRIEN, JOHN H
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, KEVIN J
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, PETER C, SR
HEALTH/BOARD OF	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MODERATOR	STONE, FREDERICK J
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	COX, DONALD C
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	HART, KEVIN M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	MORSE, ROBERT J
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	PELOQUIN, KIMBERLY D
PLANNING BOARD	BEBEAU, OWEN T
PLANNING BOARD	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
PLANNING BOARD	MARVELLE, PAUL E
PLANNING BOARD	RIVET, GERALD P
PLANNING BOARD	VAN DYKE, KIRK
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	HAUGHEY, PAUL S
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	KEEFE, DANIEL P
TOWN CLERK	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

2016

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, SR
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
BUILDING INSPECTOR	SPERONI, ROBERT J
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASST	VATER, EARL
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, ANTHONY
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	KEEFE, DANIEL P
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	KELLEY, DANIEL P
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	JORDAN, KEVIN
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER	MULLER, CATHERINE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	COMBS, BONNIE J
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	DALEY, MICHELE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PITLER, JAMES P
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, JAMES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
COUNCIL ON AGING	DILIBERO, JAMES
COUNCIL ON AGING	DOLINSKI, ALLAN J
COUNCIL ON AGING	DRAKE, AUDREY
COUNCIL ON AGING	WINGATE, JULIE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CARDOZA, CHRISTINE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DOBECK, MARYANN
CULTURAL COUNCIL	PARMENTIER, JOYCE T
CULTURAL COUNCIL	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ROBIDOUX, DIANE L
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
FINANCE COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ST AMANT, JACOB W

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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FINANCE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, KATHRYN M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
FIRE CHIEF/FOREST 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	LYDON, EUNICE
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
PARKING CLERK	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
PLANNING BOARD/ASSOC MEMBER	CATALANO, ANTHONY
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
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	SWEENEY, MICHAEL
POLICE/LIEUTENANT	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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POLICE/PATROLMEN	DAIGLE, PATRICK
POLICE/PATROLMEN	GIARDINO, DANIEL C
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HURWITZ, MAXWELL
POLICE/PATROLMEN	JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LAUDON, DAVID
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/PATROLMEN	PAVONE, MICHAEL F, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	TAPPAN, GREGORY W
POLICE/SERGEANT	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/SERGEANT	LUIS, KEVIN C
POLICE/SERGEANT	MANTONI, MATHEW S
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	GREENHALGH, ROY J
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 2016

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>
John M. Wozniak	Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee	3/28/2016
Darren R. Labonne	Planning Board/Associate Member	4/8/2016
Patricia F. Dubois	Council on Aging	4/15/2016
Jean Conine	Council on Aging	5/3/2016
William B. Macy	Capital Outlay Committee	11/22/2016
William B. Macy	Finance Committee	11/22/2016

2016 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 2017. The Town is faced with substantial reductions in local aid from the state and federal government 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.

Installation of a new roof on the Municipal Center has been completed. Skylights will be installed in the Spring of 2017.

The town has approved \$100,000 to fund the inspection and study of town bridges in need of repair.

The Recycling Center was voted by town meeting to be designated from an Enterprise Fund to General Government. Presently, the Recycling Department is meeting its obligation providing the town with a modern recycling program for residents of Blackstone.

A Master Plan continues to be drafted with continued input from Boards, Committees and Commissions and the residents of the town.

Goals and objectives that are of major importance to residents include reduction of tax burdens, encouragement of Economic Development, expansion of transportation options, improvement of open space and recreation resources, provide a diverse range of housing types to a variety of lifestyles and life stages and protection and enhancement of historic and cultural resources. These will be some of the subjects that we will continue to work on during the coming year.

The bike path is now open. Dedication ceremonies will take place in the Spring of 2017.

The town continues to have a strong financial outlook. Our Standard and Poors rating is at AA+. Some of the reasons for this include the \$5.4 million that is available for spending at the town's discretion as an unassigned fund balance. The remainder is estimated for specific expenditures. The total long term bonded debt decreased by approximately \$55,000. The town completed a \$1,007,000 general obligation bond, of which all of the proceeds were used to repay short-term borrowing incurred by the town's recycling and water enterprise funds. The town repaid \$1,062,000 in principal on long term bonded debt in fiscal year 2016. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for general fund was approximately 29% of the total general fund expenditures.

The Board will be negotiating for a medical marijuana facility with a \$500,000 revenue and a gain of 50-100 new jobs.

Negotiations continue regarding Soldier On / Veteran's Park and the town signed agreements for net metering.

Town Accountant, Julie Hebert, resigned to pursue her career in another community. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Hebert for her services and wish her well in her new endeavor.

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 Jr., MEMBER

DANIEL P. KEEFE, MEMBER

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2016, *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 fee issues arising under the amended Wastewater Treatment Interjurisdictional Agreement with the City of Woonsocket, implementation of two solar photovoltaic net-metering credit purchase agreements, preparation of plans for the disposition/future use of Veterans Park, assisting Town enforcement officers with health and sanitary code judicial enforcement matters, and resolution of subdivision completion issues.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2016 to the present is set forth below.

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

This is an action in the Land Court wherein Plaintiff asserts a claim of right, title and interest in the real property identified as “one half of the ‘paper street’ labelled Montcalm Avenue” as shown on a 1908 subdivision plan attached to the Complaint. The Plaintiff names several abutters and the Town as co-defendants. The Town’s position is that Montcalm Avenue is a public way only within the boundaries of its layout between Rathbun Street and Harris Pond Road. The Town admits that it has used and maintained Montcalm Avenue as a public way solely within said defined bounds. The Town expressly denies that the referenced “paper street” is, or has even been treated by the Town as, a public way. We have replied to discovery and are representing Town officers in depositions..

Town of Blackstone v. Stephanie A. Cesaroni, Individually and as Trustee of the 8-14 Auclair Street Realty Trust Worcester Superior Court No. 1685CV00036

This is an enforcement action pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 111, §3 and §127A, and the regulations promulgated thereunder as the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.00, et seq., (hereinafter also “the Code”), whereby the Board of Health (hereinafter also “the Board”) seeks an Order of the Court compelling the Defendants to pay the Town fines previously issued in the total amount of ten thousand eight hundred dollars (\$10,800) for violations of the Code and an Order to maintain the property at 10–14 Auclair Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts in compliance with said Code. The Defendant has engaged an attorney who has propounded discovery and stated his intention to depose the previous Board of Health.

Board of Health v. Jennifer Cadero-Gillette
Uxbridge District Court Civil Action No. (not assigned)

This is a non-criminal disposition appeal by the defendant who was cited by the Board of Health for local bylaw violations involving trash and refuse at her home at 92 Mill Street. A hearing was held on December 1, 2016 at which the Clerk-Magistrate imposed a penalty of \$4600 and ordered the property be cleaned up within twenty days.

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 2017.

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

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2016 Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Community Members,

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District continues to rely on the support of the citizens and families of the Towns of Blackstone and Millville. Our mission statement must guide us in all that we do: Schools and Community Working in Unity. As we approach the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of our District, it is more important than ever that all of us continue to nurture and support our District so we can provide the best education for all of our students in a rapidly changing world.

2016 was an eventful and exciting year for staff and students at BMRSD. Our elementary physical education teacher, Mr. David Isenberg was one of only 10 teachers across the country to receive the SHAPE award for his outstanding work teaching our students that good health and fitness does make a difference. Dr. Kathy Boisvert was recognized by the Council of Exceptional Children as their National Teacher of the Year for her work with our youngest students in Pre-School. Our Food Service Director, Ms. Jeanne Sheridan was the Massachusetts Food Service Director of the Year as well as the North East Region Director of the Year for her innovative work meeting the nutritional needs of more and more students each year. We are very proud that Mr. Justin Cameron was named the Massachusetts Middle School Principal of the Year for his grit and for promoting G.R.I.T. for his students; guts, resilience, integrity, and tenacity. It is a testament to the professional dedication of all of our staff here at BMRSD that others recognize the work that we do each and every day on behalf of our students. Our students continue to excel as the Class of 2016 achieved in and out of the classroom and, as a group, provided leadership and promise to their peers that anything is possible with hard work and perseverance. The Charger Marching Band was crowned National Champions for the second year in a row and showed that camaraderie and teamwork is alive and well here at BMRSD. Our student's success is shared by the volunteer efforts of so many parents and community members who donate time and money to make these achievements possible.

Public education is changing constantly to meet the needs of today's learners as curriculum and technology require constant updating in a rapidly evolving world. By working together and looking at new ways to solve our problems, we will insure that Charger pride is alive and well for all of our students. It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent and I look forward to the challenges of the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen W. Himmelberger
Superintendent of Schools

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School 2016 Report of the Principal

The Blackstone-Millville Regional High School Community has embraced 2016 with a passion for excellence and a renewed energy for discovery. 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 2016 school year was highlighted by the forty-sixth Commencement Exercises which were held on Friday evening the third of June. Class advisor, Mrs. Lynne Gomes led the one-hundred and nineteen graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Mr. Allen Himmelberger presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Griffin Reilly, Salutatorian Andrew Jalbert, and class president Eric Eisner delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The keynote speaker, recipient of both the Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Wall of Fame, Doctor Francis Powers (class of '82), spoke about his positive memories of BMR and shared his message of leading a quality 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 Duke University, Xavier University, St John's University, University of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnical Institute, and Boston University.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2017 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: St. John's University, George Mason University, Assumption College, Quinnipiac University, Seton Hall University, Loyola - Chicago, Springfield College, Hofstra University, Worcester State University, and the Universities of New Haven, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts. Additional academic accolades include several of our students scoring a perfect MCAS score, as well as increased participation in academic competitions including WPI's Math Meet and Blackstone Lion's Club Speech Competition.

Sustained progress of Mass Insight's Advanced Placement Initiative Grant has extended into greater numbers of our students earning college-level credit. 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, 47 in 2015, to 52 in 2016. Currently, a record number of 112 students are 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. This year we have also initiated a “BMR CARES” program, creating further opportunities for students to get involved within the community.

The high school Student Council continues to grow in numbers and accolades, earning the prestigious “gold excellence award” for their service to their school. As one of the largest student organizations at the high school, student-leaders have emerged not only within the school but throughout the state. Junior, Anita Lahue, was elected as delegate 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, MASC summer leadership training at Worcester State, 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 in the “polar plunge”, supporting Special Olympics. Students also organized “the spread the word to end the word” campaign, eliminating hateful words from daily conversations.

Under the leadership 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 gold medal at the Central District Jazz Festival at Nipmuc High School. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band received gold and silver medals, respectfully, at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association festival at Hopkinton High School. April saw our Winter Percussion team win third place in their division at the New England Scholastic Band Association Championships. Most significantly, for the second year in a row our Marching Band won the Open Class National Championship at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Individually, Andrew Jalbert earned All-State honors in the tenor saxophone.

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. 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 boys’ track team earned a conference championship going undefeated

in the regular season. For the first time in several years, both our baseball and softball teams earned a qualifying spot in the district playoffs. Most notable, several members of the track team placed at the State and New England meets.

Students and staff continue to grow in a positive growth mindset. We do not say “I can’t”, rather, “I can”. 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. During the 2016 school year, we have met our goals and continue to close achievement gaps. Let us continue to build a strong community together!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Dudek
Principal

Special Education Department
2016 Report of the Director of Special Education

Dear Community Members:

As the most regulated aspect of public education, special education requires diligent compliance with federal and state mandates. In November 2016, The Massachusetts Department of Education, (DESE) commended the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District's Office of Special Education on BMRSD's commitment, responsiveness, and continued diligence toward Special Education compliance.

The DESE oversees local compliance with Special Education requirements through the Coordinated Program Review (CPR). This year we began our Self-Study. The DESE Team, consisting of 3 or so members will be onsite in the District during the 2017-2018 academic year. The DESE Chairperson pre-selects special education records across all buildings, disability types, placements and types of team meetings. The DESE Team will be touring school buildings to determine compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and to view both general and special education classroom space. Findings may be rated: Commendable, Implemented, Partially Implemented, or Not Implemented. The district will need to submit a "Corrective Action Plan" for any concerns noted in the report. All areas of partial or non-compliance must be corrected within 1 year. A public report card will be shared with the BMRSD School Committee.

The BMRSD is proud of its richly diverse student body. The diversity infuses our schools and classrooms with varied experiences and strengths, yet it also presents unique challenges. Even with the District's high quality instruction, some students struggle to acquire the knowledge or requisite skills needed to meet grade level expectations.

In an effort to help all students a Response to Intervention framework has been put in place that focuses on providing high-quality instruction and intervention matched to student needs. This model provides for the *early identification* of student learning and behavioral needs and provides students with timely support when necessary.

Entering my 2nd year with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, it is my honor and privilege to serve the community as the Director of Special Education. The philosophy of the Office of Special Education is "to minimize obstacles and maximize opportunities" for all students. The faculty and staff work tirelessly to meet the needs of 319 diverse learners and exceptional students and without your help and support, achieving our goal as a department would not be possible. The office of Special Education is dedicated to overseeing the provision of special education programs and services to students between the ages of three and twenty-two who have been identified as educationally disabled.

In conclusion, please accept my gratitude on behalf of all of the 319 students with disabilities and their families for all of the support you have kindly provided.

Respectfully yours,
Loretta Braverman, MSW
Director of Special Education

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School
2016 Report of the Principal

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School proudly opened for the school year on August 31, 2016.

As of October 1, 2016 the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6	142 students
Grade 7	152 students
Grade 8	138 students
Total	432 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, History, 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.

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 in our second year of the Intervention and Enrichment classes or GEM. GEM stands for Growth in English and Math. Out internal, diagnostic -- once a quarter -- STAR assessment (25 minute online test in math and ELA) determines placement in either an ELA or math intervention (need for core strengthening) or ELA or math enrichment (a high achieving opportunity). Other enrichment classes offered are Spanish Service Learning, CSI, Junior Great Books, Exploring Literacy Devices through Film, Two Sides to a Story, Project Math, Civil Rights, and Virtual Middle School.

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 full year before and after school clubs included: Morning Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, Pride Club, PBIS Heroes for Change Club, School Store Club, Yearbook Club, and Math Club. Our Fall session of the after school programs included: Hiking Club, Flag Football Club, Basketball Club, and Homework/Study Club. In the mid-Winter and Spring sessions staff and students have expressed interest in the following clubs: Ski/Snowboard Club, Cooking Club, Creative Arts Club, and Coding 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. Included in the community service projects were Canned Food Drive, Penny War, Holiday Food Baskets, Winter Clothing Drive among many. In addition, the 8th grade class will travel to Washington D.C. and New York City, the 7th grade class participated in a Ropes Course Challenge at the YMCA Hockomock in Attleboro, and the 6th grade will do an overnight at the Alton Jones Camp.

Working closely with the Director of School Nutrition, the middle school has piloted a Second Chance Breakfast program for the fourth 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 is a member of the Stop and Shop A-Plus Program. These programs help raise funds for field trips, assemblies, school dances, honor roll breakfasts, and special events.

Finally, we share with great excitement that the Blackstone Police Department has been provided to all the Blackstone schools a school resource officer (SRO). A SRO is a very common position in other school districts. The SRO will be in support of all schools in Blackstone.

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 Augustine F. Maloney Elementary Schools 2016 Report of the Principals

John F. Kennedy (JFK) and Augustine F. Maloney (AFM) Elementary Schools are two separate schools, however, we do share staff, resources and physical space to maximize the educational experience of our students. Varsha B. Desai is the principal of the JFK School (K-2); Carol A. Brown is the principal of the AFM School (3-5). Our shared specialists provide weekly music, literacy and physical education classes for all students K-5. Additionally, we provide bi-weekly instruction in art, library, technology and additional literacy classes. ELA Title 1 support is available for K-5 students on a priority-based need. There is a total of 40 educators and 25 support staff between JFK and AFM. In addition, 18 educators meet the needs of our students as well as students in other schools within the District.

Interestingly, both JFK and AFM greeted 291 students each on the opening day of school. In addition to the combined 27 general education classrooms, JFK also provides special education instructional support for all three elementary school students. Both principals share the responsibility to oversee and support these classrooms.

The 2016/2017 school year welcomed new officers to the Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO): Mrs. Stephanie Kelliher, President, Mrs. Kim Whitely, Vice-President, Mrs. Krissy Giroux, Treasurer, Mrs. Kristen Pariseau, Secretary. They continue their efforts in supporting our teachers and staff to provide enrichment opportunities which are aligned with our learning standards. Monthly BEPO meetings are held to plan fundraisers to support K-5 field trips, in-house assemblies and after-school focus clubs. A great amount of time and effort went into the planning of their tremendously successful main fundraiser, Move-A-Thon. Other events occurring throughout the year are Trunk-or-Treat, Cookies with Santa/Holiday Shop, Scholastic Book Fair, Boy/Special Lady event and Girl/Special Guy event. BEPO also plans for ways in which to acknowledge our teaching staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Curriculum and Instruction

Teachers for Teachers, with consultant Clare Landrigan, provided Literacy professional development workshops for grades K, 1 and 2. Teachers at all grade levels have successfully implemented the Reader's Workshop model.

The enVisions math program is entering its second year of implementation. There is an in-school and at-home online component to this program which supports student learning. A focus on instruction provides multiple strategies for problem resolution. This research-based math program facilitates critical thinking and problem-solving skills for all students.

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in MCAS 2.0 testing in the Spring of 2017. There will be computer-based testing for students in Grade 4. Our technology department is working to ensure infrastructure/hardware readiness for this assessment. The technology

teacher will be working with staff and students to help them become familiar with the testing format.

In an effort to maximize student growth, we have implemented the Renaissance STAR online assessment tool for students in grades 2-5. This assessment provides achievement and growth data for ELA and math for screening, progress monitoring, and guiding instruction. Teachers have access for resources for interventions which can be provided during Response to Intervention (Tier 2) and also in the planning of differentiated instruction.

The JFK and AFM schools are in the initial phase of developing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). This proactive system allows us to support school-wide behavior expectations with a positive approach. The PBIS team will develop a plan for consistent expectations in various areas of our schools (i.e. classroom, hallway, cafeteria, etc.). This is a multi-year initiative which will involve all staff, students and community members. Progress with this implementation will be shared periodically with families.

Thank you to Superintendent Himmelberger and Assistant Superintendent Thomson for their guidance, professional development opportunities and resources to best support teaching and learning. Mrs. Wen Cobb, District Business Manager, continues to work closely with building administration to create a budget and address building facility needs. Ms. Braverman, Director of Special Education has worked diligently to provide resources for our special education services and staff. We welcome Mr. Sean Bouzan as the District Network and Integration Administrator. The technology needs are at the forefront of his priorities and we appreciate his efforts to support learning. A warm welcome to Officer Joseph Niemczyk who has been appointed as the School Resource Officer for the Blackstone schools. He has been spending time in our schools to familiarize himself with students and staff. We appreciate his support and are pleased to have him as a member of our school community. Last but not least, we extend our deep thanks and gratitude to our staff for all they do to maximize student growth and learning. We commend them for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Varsha B. Desai
Principal JFK

Carol A. Brown
Principal AFM

Millville Elementary School
2016 Report of the Principal

Professional Development in the areas of literacy and curriculum revisions were our overarching focus this year. All kindergarten through grade 2 faculty and staff attended conferences and professional development for Aspen/X2 curriculum work in the online web portal so we have a warehouse of all of our teaching and learning efforts as a school (Preschool – Grade 5). Teachers in grades K-2 had yearlong literacy professional development training provided by “Teachers for Teachers.” “Teachers for Teachers” created a customized literacy plan for our district and has served the literacy needs of our faculty, staff and students in all elementary grades here at MES well. All staff returned to Millville Elementary on August 30th, 2016 to prepare for the year ahead by taking part in the first professional development offerings. On August 31st, two hundred seventy eight students arrived back to Millville Elementary for their first day of school.

Our staff took steps to support our community by partnering with the Millville Elementary School Parent’s Association (MESPA) to put on an ice cream social at the start of the school year; a Halloween event at the end of October; a Colonial Feast for the Senior Citizens of Millville; a Father-Son AHL Hockey Night at the Providence Bruins; a Toys for Tots & Teens Drive supported by our local U. S. Marine Corp; and a Cookies and Sleigh Ride event with Mr. And Mrs. Claus to close out 2016. In 2017, we had a “Blanket Drive” in support of the MSPCA as well as a Scholastic Book Fair; a Community Reading Day in recognition of Dr. Seuss’ Birthday in March as well as a number of other fun opportunities for the school and the community-at-large - to celebrate our faculty, staff, students and their families – in all that they do to promote the importance of teaching and learning – together!

In an effort to continuously promote our core values of respect, responsibility and a readiness to learn, staff acknowledged student’s good deeds by presenting them with “Give Em a Big Hand” certificates; morning announcements whereby the Principal announced their names and gave each student a “Spirit Stick.” We also had a “Student of the Month” Lunch with the Principal to recognize their ability to model our school’s goals for each month.

Special thanks to Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools, and Dave L. Thomson, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent, for providing guidance and support this year. Our administration, faculty and staff deeply appreciate the leadership and communication with all stakeholders, thus making our school district, in general, and Millville Elementary School, specifically, a “very special place to teach and learn!” Millville Elementary School would not be the “high performing” elementary school it is today without the *school and community working in unity!*

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.
Principal – Promoting a Culture of Excellence at Millville Elementary School

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Salary Listing

Abisla, Stephanie P	\$75,658.00	Chaplin, Victoria A	\$19,590.12
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$75,658.00	Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$64,299.00
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$19,886.94	Chase, Louise W	\$74,897.00
Alexandrowicz, Jean L	\$16,650.00	Cividino, David A	\$50,081.00
Allard, Denise L	\$23,621.88	Cobb, Wen S	\$94,760.00
Allard, Pamela J	\$56,511.00	Colgan, Susan M	\$60,520.00
Anderson, Jillien L	\$51,618.00	Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$62,417.00
Anderson, Stefanie A	\$71,769.00	Conrad, Eleanor M	\$74,897.00
Andrade, Denise M	\$20,364.63	Conti, Carol M	\$71,769.00
Andrews, Darren S	\$41,749.50	Costa, Maria	\$71,769.00
Angelini, Stephen T	\$64,299.00	Costello, Diane L	\$20,531.28
Atstupenas, Hillary J	\$47,067.00	Cote, Esther H	\$71,769.00
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$10,475.63	Covino, Diane J	\$12,420.90
Bacon, Paul M	\$42,139.50	Crandall, Jennifer R	\$12,563.10
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$43,407.00	Crocker, Elizabeth H	\$18,639.72
Bak, Tracy J	\$9,777.25	Croteau, Leslie A	\$22,349.28
Baldini, Ann M	\$14,692.59	Cunningham, Marcia D	\$71,769.00
Barbato, Jessica A	\$10,969.02	Curran, Jeffrey M	\$70,157.00
Barber, Wendy S	\$22,409.88	Cusack, Sharon K	\$22,652.28
Bartusek, Karen E	\$19,985.88	D'Andrea, Tara J	\$50,081.00
Beaven, Donna M	\$6,983.75	D'Eletto, Nicholas M	\$51,618.00
Beech, Lona M	\$9,557.10	Dansereau, Linda A	\$65,907.00
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$66,242.00	Davia, Janine M	\$68,576.00
Blanchard, Michele M	\$71,769.00	Davidge, Debra A	\$20,349.48
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$73,332.00	Davies, Mary F	\$14,692.59
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$78,037.00	Davis, Karyn A	\$19,590.12
Borchard, Susan P	\$55,500.00	DeCelles, Dale L	\$62,746.00
Bourassa, Susan D	\$15,064.15	Demers, Lisa M	\$70,157.00
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$73,332.00	Denomme, Elise A	\$64,299.00
Bouzan, Sean M	\$90,000.00	DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$43,061.40
Boyan, William J	\$40,482.00	Dery, Diane M	\$19,985.88
Boyko, Michael	\$40,482.00	Desai, Varsha B	\$102,073.00
Braverman, Loretta	\$106,090.00	Deschamps, Lisa A	\$20,288.88
Breault, Karen J	\$45,727.50	Desilets, Susan J	\$21,682.68
Brown, Carol A	\$109,901.00	Desjardins, Kim C	\$54,584.00
Buteau, Karen E	\$19,590.12	Dewolf, Mark A	\$68,079.00
Buurma, Ann P	\$23,258.28	Dextraze, Michelle D	\$53,503.00
Cameron, Justin A	\$108,370.00	DiCecco, Dawn M	\$68,576.00
Carpentier, Jamie L	\$47,067.00	DiCecco, Kristie J	\$70,157.00
Carr, Hillary M	\$44,614.00	Dorfman, Sarah P	\$51,576.00
Carroll, Deborah A	\$70,979.00	Doten, Elizabeth J	\$61,172.00
Carson, Lauren M	\$71,769.00	Doyle, Cecilia C	\$70,979.00
Carty, Monica M	\$51,618.00	Dubofsky, Grace A	\$48,511.00
Dubois, Katharine E	\$66,242.00	Isenberg, David	\$75,658.00
Ducharme, Keith A	\$93,022.00	Jackson, Lynnea D	\$14,692.59

Ducharme, Tracey L	\$71,769.00	Jones, Bianca C	\$48,511.00
Dudek, Michael E	\$111,191.00	Jones, Kathleen M	\$70,979.00
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$32,149.50	Juba, Mark P	\$69,333.00
Dutremble, Carolyn	\$5,083.80	Kiely, Kevin P	\$71,769.00
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$5,719.28	Labrecque, Diane F	\$61,172.00
Euglow, Joshua M	\$47,067.00	Labrie, Lauri A	\$20,248.74
Fanning, Kevin T	\$38,668.50	Lacroix, Tina M	\$54,015.00
Faulkner, Edie A	\$73,332.00	Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$23,258.28
Finn-Campopiano, Barbara	\$37,448.50	Lanctot, Nicole L	\$19,126.80
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$67,851.00	Lanctot, Richard J	\$41,749.50
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$18,303.90	Landry, Alison M	\$46,303.00
Folan, Nicole E	\$51,618.00	Landry, Richard N	\$40,482.00
Fortini, Meghan A	\$53,503.00	Landry, Steven J	\$12,563.10
Franzosa, Tara K	\$68,576.00	Landry, Susan A	\$22,531.08
Gallagher, Amy L	\$53,503.00	Langone, Kerri	\$73,332.00
Gallagher, Jason E	\$40,482.00	Laporte, Janis H	\$90,388.00
Gallo, Lise M	\$73,332.00	Laren, Norma C	\$68,576.00
Ganis, Elizabeth	\$41,964.00	LaRose, Dennis J	\$40,482.00
Gaudet, Damien W	\$47,067.00	Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$18,639.72
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$40,137.50	Latraverse, Debra	\$16,927.92
Gentile, Charlsey L	\$53,403.00	Lauzon, Karen E	\$75,658.00
Ginish, Laura E	\$51,618.00	LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$54,584.00
Gomes, Lynne M	\$68,576.00	Lee, Linda P	\$40,657.50
Goulet, Peter R	\$75,658.00	Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$75,658.00
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$56,511.00	Levitre, Suzanne E	\$41,730.00
Grube, Lynnell	\$50,081.00	Liard, Linda M	\$19,525.32
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$24,409.68	Liard, Roy J Sr	\$70,979.00
Hagerman, David T	\$46,303.00	Lipsett, Edward F	\$40,482.00
Haggas, Lory J	\$22,894.68	Lovely, Mary E	\$51,618.00
Hannon, Heather M	\$56,511.00	MacMillan, Maureen	\$73,332.00
Hardy, Natalie A	\$62,503.00	Mailloux, Jennifer M	\$46,303.00
Harpin, Rebecca E	\$68,079.00	Maloney, Deborah A	\$23,076.48
Haughey, Paul S	\$107,120.00	Maranda, Jonathan A	\$36,309.00
Healy, Brendan M	\$51,618.00	Marchand, Kimberly A	\$48,514.00
Hebert, Debra A	\$17,442.70	Marcotte, Nicholas N	\$45,488.00
Hebert, Ethan J	\$40,482.00	Marlborough, Carrie A	\$19,886.94
Hebert, Scott A	\$41,749.50	Martinelli, Christine J	\$23,621.88
Henderson, John J	\$63,062.00	Martins, Kevin M	\$50,081.00
Highcove, Dawn	\$73,332.00	Martufi, Caitlin P	\$60,520.00
Himmelberger, Allen W	\$160,196.00	Maurice, Jamie A	\$73,332.00
Holihen, Amy M	\$73,332.00	Maynard, Robin A	\$10,239.75
Hook, David C	\$53,503.00	McCall, Candace M	\$19,590.12
Hughes, Karen A	\$9,439.06	McCormick, W John	\$73,332.00
Hughes-Paterno, Colleen F	\$51,258.00	McCourt, Kevin M	\$71,769.00
Hunt, Ursula	\$45,007.00	McLean, Marianne J	\$75,658.00
McNamara, Keith M	\$60,520.00	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$68,576.00
McQuaid, David P	\$47,487.00	Schimmelpenningh, Matthew L	\$36,309.00
Medeiros, Jessica S	\$57,857.00	Scott, Lynne S	\$71,769.00

Menard, Jacqueline A	\$21,258.48	Scott, Sean P	\$40,482.00
Menard, Kristi A	\$51,618.00	Scoville, Kristen N	\$43,281.00
Menard, Megan L	\$52,384.00	Shafer, Christina M	\$75,658.00
Mignanelli, Barbara	\$71,769.00	Shafer, Todd L	\$71,769.00
Moreau, Linda A	\$71,769.00	Shea, Debra L	\$17,724.96
Morgan, Melissa J	\$46,303.00	Sheerin, Angela R	\$48,511.00
Morin, Diane M	\$74,897.00	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$38,269.00
Murphy, Eileen S	\$17,724.96	Sherman, Mary B	\$74,897.00
Najarian, Robin A	\$71,769.00	Simard, Monique F	\$52,845.00
Nerbonne, Jean M	\$20,979.72	Simonetti, Pamela J	\$19,103.04
Nerbonne, Richard E	\$47,067.00	Slate, Steven H	\$71,769.00
Newman, Colette L	\$74,897.00	Solari, Jennifer A	\$71,769.00
Nneji, Lynne M	\$71,769.00	Soule, Patricia E	\$71,769.00
O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$41,730.00	Spont, Anne M	\$60,520.00
Olbrys, Maria S	\$70,979.00	Staples, John C	\$75,658.00
Oliveira, Rachel R	\$24,011.24	Stefanik, Karen M	\$20,248.74
Osorio, Jennifer R	\$47,931.00	Sullivan, Allison K	\$62,463.00
Pereira, Cliff R	\$75,658.00	Sullivan, Timothy J	\$48,514.00
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$75,658.00	Takesian, Brenda L	\$13,269.13
Poirier, Tina M	\$26,179.20	Tasick, Lori A	\$71,769.00
Powers, Maria A	\$51,417.00	Tasker, Sara E	\$20,683.08
Powers, Patricia J	\$75,658.00	Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$63,062.00
Rayos, Lora J	\$25,936.80	Thompson, Karen P	\$70,157.00
Reilly, Jenna L	\$16,750.80	Thomson, David L	\$126,999.00
Reilly, Sheri L	\$63,062.00	Torvi, Janice A	\$73,332.00
Renz, Christine E	\$53,503.00	Tosti, Jill M	\$53,503.00
Riedel, Jean L	\$43,281.00	Trottier, Lisa A	\$73,332.00
Rielly, Susan S	\$69,794.00	Trudeau, Kimberley NT	\$48,957.00
Robertson, Christine R	\$71,769.00	Tunnessen, Arthur M	\$54,584.00
Robinson, Lynn A	\$10,475.63	Turgeon, Emily E	\$63,062.00
Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$14,354.01	Uppstrom, Kelsey L	\$41,985.00
Rodriguez, Antonia	\$46,303.00	Vaughan, Maryalice	\$47,067.00
Roe, Ethan	\$71,769.00	Verreault, Amy L	\$58,297.00
Romano, Ann M	\$50,238.30	Villucci, Kaitlyn R	\$53,503.00
Rondeau, Jill A	\$40,657.50	Volk, Kari M	\$56,511.00
Rose, Maureen	\$71,769.00	Walker, Matthew B	\$40,482.00
Rosenbaum, Katherine M	\$59,047.00	Walsh, Brigitte B	\$56,200.00
Rounds, Lisa A	\$54,584.00	Warren, Maureen L	\$74,897.00
Rousselle, Renee	\$74,897.00	Whittemore, Janice A	\$23,488.56
Rowden, Audra A	\$51,618.00	Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$64,952.00
Ryan, Paula M	\$62,463.00	Wiggin, Cassandra A	\$4,849.31
Sacco, Nicole L	\$47,067.00	Williams, Michelle L	\$64,299.00
Salome, Linda A	\$50,505.00	Wolfgang, Lea D	\$19,161.72
Samson, Barbara E	\$57,857.00	Wolford, Julianne C	\$19,590.12
Young, Karen M	\$53,518.00		
Yurick, Juliet D	\$54,584.00		
Zilonis, Tessa G	\$16,750.80		

**Blackstone Valley
Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

A Message from the Superintendent-Director

As is Blackstone Valley Tech's custom, we are pleased to use the Annual Report format to go beyond simply providing facts and figures about our operation, and to share bits and pieces of ongoing student success stories which capture the essence of our mission. We hope you will agree that the information which follows describes a vibrant and diverse learning environment – a lattice work of artfully delivered career technical content, intertwined with student interests and their aspirations for the future – to empower our students to become masters of lifelong learning.

I recall Liam MacLeod (Class of 2012) as a bright and well-rounded student with an extensive resume of accomplishment and a wide array of extracurricular pursuits. He served as the head chef for the 2012 Annual Superintendent's Dinner, a culinary extravaganza attended by 250+ patrons to raise supplemental non-taxpayer funds for our school system, and proudly displayed his Scottish heritage by presenting on the history of St. Patrick's Day to a local Rotary Club in full kilt attire. He was a particularly effective ambassador for career technical education then, and remains one today, serving as a living example of how BVT's integration of career skill attainment and academic learning meets the challenge of preparing youth for jobs which do not yet even exist.

While Liam describes BVT's impact in ways that he feels are both intentional and unintentional, the melding of career and academic learning with athletic and trade-based competitions, community service, and individual growth is not just a lucky coincidence. The BVT experience is by design a kaleidoscope of activities and interactions where promise meets practice.

We are delighted to continue to serve as a national model for ever-evolving educational excellence, and invite you to share in the accolades which your vocational technical delivery system has enjoyed in the past year.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

Liam MacLeod – Master of Lifelong Learning

In 2012, Liam MacLeod of Millbury was the BVT Senior Class President. He was an aspiring restaurateur who had completed the school's Culinary Arts program and earned coveted admission to the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. It had been his dream since the age of five to one day own his own restaurant, and he was sure that BVT's culinary program had given him the basic skills he would need to reach that goal. He was also confident that his academic courses had prepared him for the more challenging coursework he would experience at the college level, and that his BVT extracurricular activities – which included cross country, track, Student Council, a term as the student representative to the School Committee, and much more – had nurtured the character traits of teamwork and problem solving that he would need to be successful in the restaurant business.

After completing the Associate's degree program in Culinary Arts at the CIA, Liam decided to stay an additional year to study Culinary Arts Management in the school's accelerated Bachelor's degree program. He credits a course in Culinary Fundamentals Theory, taught by Dr. Chris Loss, with changing the whole direction of his career.

"Rather than teaching us how to sear meat," Liam says. "Dr. Loss taught us why meat sears. I realized then that I was more interested in why than how."

Liam explains that, while plating of food is an art, cooking is actually a science – the culmination of physics, biology, and chemistry. He ended up completing a Bachelor's degree in Professional Studies of Culinary Science and now says his new career goal is to work as a scientist in corporate research and development for the food industry. But don't expect to be able to picture exactly what that job will entail. Liam knows that, more than likely, he will be working with technology and systems that have not yet even been invented. After all, he's spent the past year experimenting with the first powder-based 3D printing – of food!

About the time Liam finished his degree at the CIA, 3D Systems, a South Carolina company which originated the concept of 3D printing and is on the forefront of shaping future 3D applications, partnered with the CIA to test new uses for 3D printing in the food service industry. The company provided the equipment and a salary for a chef scientist to research possibilities for a prototype 3D food printer retrofitted in stainless steel.

"The position fell into my lap and was too good to pass up," says Liam, who describes his year-long role as both "interesting and neat."

"3D printing has been around since 1987," he explains. "The printer I used at the CIA was originally developed for use with plastics. I had to research the chemical and physical properties of all the food ingredients to try to mimic the properties of plastic in our edible powder formula." Liam describes perhaps his most challenging effort to create a wasabi-flavored egg shell which could hold a quail yolk vinaigrette for serving with steak tartare. The difficulty was finding just

the right amount of wasabi flavoring to mask the sweetness of the confectioner's sugar base in the printing medium.

He noted that there have been no scientific papers on powder-based 3D printing, and he is now synthesizing the data from his year of work with the hope of submitting it for publication. In the meantime, his research on 3D printing of food was featured in the May 7, 2016 edition of *The New Yorker* magazine and several other media outlets.

Now that the 3D Systems grant funding for his research has concluded, Liam has accepted a promotion to Manager of Client Relations in the Consulting Department at the CIA. He is still the school's 3D printing specialist, but now also has responsibility for promoting new partnerships in research and development with the food industry.

"The Culinary Institute is interested in getting more involved in the industry setting," he explains. "I will make site visits and participate in product development to make that happen." Liam credits his BVT education with preparing him for this new role on multiple levels, both intentional and unintentional.

"I can't do what I do now without the basics of cooking, which is what Valley Tech intentionally provided," he says. "The unintentional part was the exposure to many disciplines which resulted from being surrounded by 17 different shops. This inadvertently opened my eyes to collaborative possibilities."

Liam explains that BVT's integration of academics and vocational technical learning, as well as friendships with students on other career paths, allowed him to become familiar with aspects of engineering, architecture, mathematics, physics, and chemistry while focusing on the basics of food preparation.

"You can learn more by surrounding yourself with people of different skills, mindsets, and interests, than you can by just surrounding yourself with those of the same skills and mindsets," he explains.

So while BVT shops provide the small learning communities that nurture relationships between students and teachers to lay solid foundations of career specific knowledge, the close proximity of each of those shops with other very different career pathways fosters collaboration and instills a willingness to learn from others.

"I found you could learn a lot from others around you and take those skills to create something new," Liam says. "Basically, Valley Tech taught me how to think." Clearly, Liam has moved from being a master of culinary content to a master of lifelong learning and he is confidently prepared for whatever the future holds.

When asked where he sees himself in five years, Liam hesitates.

"Thirty days ago I wouldn't have pictured myself where I am now," he muses.

He hopes to complete an additional degree in Chemistry and says it's quite possible that in a few years he could be working as an R & D project manager.

"Eventually, my goal is to be the manager of a lab for a major food conglomerate." Who knows, he could even be using his extensive knowledge of the chemical and physical properties of the foods we eat to be developing 3D printing of tasty and nutritionally satisfying meat products someday!

Seniors Say Thanks

What's the best way to say "thank you" for a life-changing high school experience? For seniors in the BVT Class of 2016, it's building a bridge, painting a library, and performing other acts of community service for the towns that support their alma mater.

Over two days in late March 2016, roughly 150 seniors signed up to tackle a number of community service projects, including painting at the Sutton Town Hall, lending a hand at the Mendon Senior Center, clearing brush at Hopedale Pond, and refurbishing baseball dugouts at Blackstone's Roosevelt Park. Students also landscaped public property and improved walking-trails at several sites thanks to a generous donation of rakes, saws, and gloves from the Milford Lowe's Home Improvement Store.

Based on the success of the inaugural senior service projects, plans are underway to make the excursion an annual tradition for BVT seniors. Municipal, civic, and community organizations interested in participating in next year's activities are encouraged to contact Assistant Principal Matthew Urquhart at (508) 529-7758 ext. 3024.

MA Labor Secretary Applauds BVT Grads

BVT proudly hosted Massachusetts Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Ronald L. Walker, II as keynote speaker of the 2016 commencement ceremony. In a special address to the Class of 2016, Secretary Walker encouraged the 289 graduates to make the most of the countless opportunities awaiting them in the world of work.

"One of life's biggest lessons – which you have already started to learn – is that it is full of opportunities," Walker said. "You just have to be willing to go after them."

Secretary Walker's words of wisdom were offered to the graduates on May 25th at Worcester's Hanover Theatre. As a graduate of the former Boston Technical High School, Secretary Walker told the graduates that he is personally familiar with the foundation for success a skill-based education can provide.

"With the skills and education you received here at BVT, you have shaped your futures. As you move on to continue your education – whether it is at college or on the job – the lessons learned

at BVT will follow you to every endeavor, every job, and every opportunity you have in the future," Walker said. "You are prepared for anything."

After receiving their diplomas and vocational certificates, members of the BVT class of 2016 were greeted outside the Hanover Theatre with hugs, cheers, and congratulations from hundreds of proud parents, guardians, family members, and friends. See photo gallery at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2016

FY2016 - Another Stellar Year of Vocational & Academic Achievements

BVT continues preparing students for college and careers by integrating rigorous academics with expert vocational technical training.

400

During the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 400 AP course exams were given to 258 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Biology, Physics 1, Computer Science, and Spanish Language & Culture.

15 years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System's (MCAS) Spring 2016 test results revealed a tremendous performance by Valley Tech students for the 15th straight year. In English Language Arts, 100% of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared favorably to the statewide average of 91%. In Math, 95% of students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared favorably to the statewide average of 78%.

95%

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. An impressive 95% of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to 73% statewide.

100%

In Spring 2016, 174 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and 100% scored in the Advanced and Proficient categories. This was the third straight year 100% of the BVT freshmen taking the Science exam scored in the two highest categories.

250

A total of 250 BVT juniors and sophomores participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and new spring PSAT 10 test administrations. Designed by the College Board, the tests are an early indicator of potential student success on the College Board's SAT tests and Advanced Placement program.

BVT STEM Heads to Outer Space

From high schoolers in Russia to astronauts orbiting Earth, students at Blackstone Valley Tech are collaborating with individuals across the globe and among the stars thanks to the growing

success of the school's Global STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Education program.

Valley Tech launched a pilot of the program in 2014 in partnership with Global STEM Education Center, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization that partners schools with other countries, corporations, scientists, and engineers to develop and participate in STEM Projects. In its first year, BVT's Electrical students partnered with high schoolers in Arkhangelsk, Russia to collaboratively study topics largely centered on green technology and energy conservation. The program has since expanded to include BVT's Auto Tech, Electrical, Plumbing, and Culinary Arts programs.

In a most appropriate choice for a program that has taken off like a rocket ship, the BVT Global STEM Education program recently concluded its year-long exploration of the science, technology, and multicultural collaboration behind the International Space Station (ISS). Valley Tech and Russian students worked together to research and develop proposals to improve everyday life for the American, Russian, European, Japanese, and Canadian astronauts working on the ISS.

Using their technical expertise, Valley tech students developed a self-sufficient gardening system capable of growing carrots and lettuce in the International Space Station's zero-gravity environment. BVT Students and their Russian teammates also researched the psychology of color and constructed a lighting system that can influence the astronauts' moods by emitting specific shades of red, blue, yellow, and green.

With their Russian partners appearing live on the classroom Smartboard, Valley Tech students recently gathered to present their final projects to a group of teachers, parents, and special guests. Video recordings of the presentations were shared with Dr. Frank Martin, a former recipient of NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal whose career with NASA and Lockheed Martin includes science mission operations on Apollo 16 and Apollo 17 and responsibility for servicing missions to the Hubble Space Telescope.

In an e-mail to Valley Tech, Dr. Martin applauded the Global STEM program and said he was "much impressed with what had to be learned/understood by the students to produce such professional looking presentations."

Global STEM Education Center

The Global STEM Education Center CEO and Founder Dr. Larisa Schelkin commended Valley Tech on becoming the first vocational technical school in Massachusetts to complete three consecutive years of the Global STEM Education program. In recognition of the school's willingness to "write the guide book," BVT Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick was awarded a certificate of appreciation at the third annual Global STEM Education Center Symposium, co-sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The Global STEM program's focus on energy efficiency also contributed to Valley Tech's receipt of a 2016 Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education Award from the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

BVT Teams Reach Robotics World Championship

After qualifying for the international competition during the Southern New England VEX Championship on March 5th, 10 Valley Tech students comprising three teams represented the United States in the 2016 VEX Worlds on April 20th-23rd. The Valley Tech crew joined high school students from 37 nations in Louisville, Kentucky, to see which VEX robotics team is the best in the world.

The 2015-2016 series of VEX robotics events featured a "Nothing But Net" challenge in which students operated mobile robots of their own design and construction to see whose robot could earn the most points by catapulting foam balls into goals of varying height, difficulty, and point-value. In addition to remote control, each robot was required to autonomously compete via student-designed programming for a portion of each event.

BVT VEX Robotics Project Manager Michael Faticanti explained that over the course of the VEX season, BVT students had numerous opportunities to apply the engineering principle of trial and error.

“They can modify the robots at any point during the season,” Faticanti said. “They can look at other robots at a competition and say, ‘Oh, I like that. Let’s use those wheels on our robot.’ Then they come back to shop and go about refining their robots. Teachers supply leadership, but it’s the students designing and programming the robots.”

Faticanti explained that this year BVT increased student-access to VEX robotics thanks in large part to a \$5,000 donation from EMC Corporation that allowed for the purchase of kits to construct 12 new VEX robots. The renewed emphasis on VEX robotics paid off as BVT teams excelled throughout the season and qualified at the Southern New England VEX Championship to represent the United States in the 2016 VEX Worlds Robotics Competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

SkillsUSA: Best of the Best

Considered the Olympics of vocational technical education, the annual series of SkillsUSA competitions give BVT students the chance to prove that their technical skills are among the best in the country. Competing in trade-based events judged by panels of business and industry experts, BVT students kept their impressive winning streak alive in FY16 by earning 141 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

SkillsUSA District V Conference: 40 GOLD, 29 SILVER, 24 BRONZE

SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference Championships: 19 GOLD, 15 SILVER, 3 BRONZE

SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference Championships: 2 GOLD - Rachel Arnold of Northbridge and Olivia Klotz of Grafton (Urban Search & Rescue - Team Event)
7 SILVER - Mikayla Corda of Grafton, Mina Dehestani of Millville, and Josie Burlingame of Upton (Community Service - Team Event); Rachel DeWolfe of Bellingham (Photography); Rebecca Rose of Millbury (Restaurant Service); Lauren Mahoney of Sutton (Culinary Arts); and Carson Hope of Sutton (Health Occupations Professional Portfolio)
2 BRONZE - Steven Alger of Uxbridge & Bryan Desrosiers of Millville (Robotics & Automation Technology - Team Event)
TOP 10 - Marc Peladeau of Sutton (5th Welding Sculpture); Kathleen Daly of Hopedale (6th Medical Terminology, Post-Secondary); and Kevin Konieczny of Upton (8th Welding)

NATIONAL OFFICER - Stacey Muanya of Milford

FY16 AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Hometown Hope Initiative

In recognition of BVT's commitment to community service, Valley Tech was selected to participate in the WMRC First Class Radio and Asphalt Engineering's "Hometown Hope Initiative."

During a live broadcast from the halls of BVT, WMRC Radio interviewed dozens of students, teachers, and industry partners about their community service efforts, including local volunteering, humanitarian trips to the Dominican Republic, and infusing a commitment to public service into BVT's school culture.

Student Services Praised By State

A state review resulted in high marks for BVT in the categories of Civil Rights, English Language Learners, Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE), and Special Education.

The Coordinated Program Review (CPR) was performed in November 2015 by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

In its final report, the CPR team offered special recognition for Valley Tech's "exemplary behavioral supports for all students" and "comprehensive system of interventions that serve the social-emotional needs of the student body."

Achieve Report

A report from one of the nation's top education reform organizations highlighted BVT as a leading example of "what it takes to prepare students for the demands of college and 21st century careers."

The report entitled "Best of Both Worlds: How Massachusetts Vocational Schools Are Preparing Students for College and Careers" was released in July 2015 by Achieve, an independent, non-profit education reform organization leading the effort to make college and career readiness a priority across the country. The report credited BVT as a key player in the transformation of the state's vocational technical schools from "places where struggling students could escape academic rigor" to systems that have successfully combined "full vocational curriculum with college-ready academic standards."

Excellence in Energy

The state's 2016 *Excellence in Energy* awards recognized BVT for promoting environmentally friendly technology and practices in both its facility and vocational technical curriculum. The award highlighted BVT's green initiatives both large and small, from solar panels on the school roof to schoolwide efforts to consolidate the use of ink, paper, and other materials. The state also highlighted BVT's ongoing efforts to transform a historic carriage house into a state-of-the-art green facility in Northbridge, MA.

Way to Go, Doc!

The MetroWest Health Foundation presented its 2016 Deborah Blumer Community Health Leadership Award to BVT Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. Joel Barrera, chair of the foundation's board of trustees, cited numerous examples of how Fitzpatrick has instilled a culture of health and wellness as BVT's Superintendent-Director.

"While the mission of BVT is to prepare students to be part of the workforce by preparing them academically and technically, Dr. Fitzpatrick has also recognized that health and wellness are key components to productivity and therefore essential to student success," said Barrera.

Presidential Scholar

In a first for Valley Tech, 2016 graduate Michael Altavilla of Mendon was selected as a national semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

Altavilla was one of only 689 semifinalists selected from nearly 4,700 candidates nationwide. According to the U.S. Department of Education, inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

Community Projects

Throughout our 13-town District, BVT's work on capital improvement projects is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets and a valuable supply of real-world experience for students. 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 BVT's student-run restaurant, salon, and school store.

Internal student and staff performed capital improvements included the construction of new Career Enrichment classrooms, renovation of the Auto Collision shop, and the installation of new cooling units on the school's exterior walls.

In FY16, a total of 579 projects and services resulted in significant savings for District communities and residents:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$305,376
In-School Projects/Installations/Repairs	<u>\$266,536</u>
Total Savings to District Taxpayers	\$571,912

Refurbished Emergency Vehicle for Blackstone PD

Until the lights flash and the siren sounds, it will be tough to identify the Blackstone Police Department's 2009 Ford Explorer as an emergency vehicle.

"That's a good thing," said Chief Ross A. Atstupenas who partnered with the BVT Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing program to give the Explorer a new and more discreet appearance.

Auto Collision Team Leader Dave Beaudreau led a team of students through the refurbishing process, which began with removing the Explorer's police-themed decals and lights. Once the decals were gone, the entire exterior was washed with an adhesive remover before being completely refurbished. All dents and scrapes were repaired and the vehicle's exterior was refinished, reassembled, and cleaned and polished for delivery.

At roughly 50 hours, the project labor alone is estimated to have a value of \$2,500.

"It looks like a brand new vehicle," Chief Atstupenas said. "They did a very nice job. It's impressive."

Health Screenings for Seniors

Area senior citizens received health screenings free of charge and students gained invaluable experience during BVT's annual Aging Well Assessment Day.

The community event was established by the BVT Post-Secondary Practical Nursing program as a way for its adult-learners to practice real-life application of their nursing skills and theory. Each year, area senior citizens age 85 and older visit Valley Tech for a morning of height, weight, and vision screenings, along with a nutritional assessment and home safety check, followed by an hour-long physical assessment performed by Practical Nursing students and staff.

The event has become an annual tradition for Hopedale resident Joan McMullen, who has participated in Aging Well Assessment Day since its inception.

"They do such a service to the community," McMullen commented. "Don't you love to see your tax dollars go toward something like this?"

Happy 100, Millville!

The town of Millville celebrated its centennial with a little help from its vocational technical education system. In addition to building floats for Millville's centennial parade, students at BVT designed and constructed a commemorative time capsule marking the town's milestone. Valley Tech School Committee member Gerald M. Finn of Millville personally thanked Vocational Curriculum Coordinator Thomas Belland and several Construction technology students for building the time capsule.

Return on Investment

BVT Budget Builds Upon a 50-Year Track Record of Conservative Budgeting

As the BVT School Committee developed the District's FY16 operating budget, no potential source of cost reduction was left unexamined and a new playbook of cost containment strategies was unveiled. As a result of these diligent efforts, the approved budget limited total expenditures to a modest 1.65% increase. In order to further mitigate the state's increase in the minimum contribution rates of our District towns, the School Committee authorized the use of \$250,000 in available reserve funds and incorporated the receipt of grants, gifts, and additional revenue sources.

Significant among a variety of cost containment measures was successful negotiation of debt refinancing; securing favorable rates from health insurance providers; and fair, respectful, and responsible collective bargaining with our valued faculty.

The District's FY16 operating budget of \$21,317,222 was funded primarily by \$8,747,023 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$12,187,199 in Member Assessments. As a dedicated partner of our District towns, we remain committed to further assisting their fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single, consolidated annual request. Valley Tech operates within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Grants: Additional resources to support our community partners

As state and local dollars grow increasingly hard to come by, BVT continues its diligent pursuit of alternative revenue sources. In FY16, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$1.8 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In early 2016, a self-funded roof repair project at BVT received both approval and praise from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which agreed to reimburse up to \$619,526 of the project costs.

"It is truly rare for a district to self-fund its repair and enhancement projects," commented John K. McCarthy, MSBA Executive Director. "Nevertheless, BVT has accomplished that in its last three MSBA projects, including a previous roof project and two world-class science labs."

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick explained that BVT's share of the roof repair costs will be largely financed by capital funds generated from MSBA reimbursements during prior repairs and renovations.

Shortly after the MSBA approved the BVT roof replacement project, Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced that Valley Tech was selected to receive a portion of \$9.3 million grant initiative aimed at connecting students and residents to economic opportunity. The \$407,517 Workforce Skills Capital grant will help BVT train students on specific equipment identified as "must-haves" by the school's 400-plus business and industry advisors. Key pieces of equipment include CNC (computer numerical control) lathes in Manufacturing Technology, a power-calculating dynamometer in Automotive Technology, and medical coding and billing software in Business Technology.

In addition to grants, BVT saved on capital expenses throughout FY16 by accepting donations of equipment and funding from business and industry partners. BVT's Dental Assisting program received one such gift when the Massachusetts Dental Society generously donated a dental exam chair valued at roughly \$10,000. BVT also secured financial support from the Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association to mitigate the costs of transporting students to and from community-based vocational projects.

Class of 2016 Blackstone Graduates

NHS = National Honor Society

NTHS = National Technical Honor Society

Jacob Paul Bernier, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Andrew Lee Bissonnette, Electrical; Corinne Jeanette Boisseau, Plumbing; Amber Marie Boiteau, Culinary Arts; Kimberly Ellen Buteau, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Kristen Sue Carlisle (NHS/NTHS), Dental Assisting; Alex Frederick Carlson, Information Technology; Abner Damazio de Freitas, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Bret Daniel Deguire (NHS), Electronics and Engineering Technology; Brianna Elizabeth Dubois, Construction Technology; Sabrina Ann Farrington, Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing; Darien Rene Giovanella (NHS/NTHS), Business Technology; Ountane Shalott Johnson, Painting and Design Technologies; Kevin Thomas Kennedy, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Anna Priscilla Konowitz, Culinary Arts; Jacquelyn Therese Marchand (NHS), Health Services; Zachary Matthew Marcus (NHS/NTHS), Construction Technology; Kaylee Jean Marcus (NHS/NTHS), Cosmetology; Natasha Lee Materas, Painting and Design Technologies; Heather Marie McKinnon, Plumbing; Jared Healey Morin, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Jake Ryan Osborne (NHS), Electronics and Engineering Technology; Delia Elizabeth O'Toole, Multimedia Communications; Samantha Jane Paterson, Multimedia Communications; Mackenzie Paige Remillard, Health Services; Kiley Elizabeth Slowe, Painting and Design Technologies; Kattryna Melanie Villandry, Painting and Design Technologies; Nicole Michelle White, Culinary Arts.

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.

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
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations – Kurtis W. Johnson
District Treasurer – Barbara A. Auger

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN RATIO SALARY LISTING FOR FY2016

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 Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06478
Al-Haza	Khalid	\$82,183.00	\$ 5,323.81
Allain	Courtney	\$60,743.00	\$ 3,934.93
Allen	Craig	\$80,469.00	\$ 5,212.78
Antonelli	Jennifer	\$24,964.74	\$ 1,617.22
Antonelli	Jennifer	\$19,504.26	\$ 1,263.49
Auger	Barbara	\$24,925.30	\$ 1,614.66
Aukstikalnis	James	\$84,801.00	\$ 5,493.41
Ayers	George	\$90,153.00	\$ 5,840.11
Bates	Christine	\$70,519.00	\$ 4,568.22
Beaudreau	David	\$68,969.00	\$ 4,467.81
Beauregard	Victoria	\$57,107.80	\$ 3,699.44
Belland	Thomas	\$109,415.78	\$ 7,087.95
Bird	James	\$84,895.00	\$ 5,499.50
Breger	Francine	\$80,469.00	\$ 5,212.78
Brochu	James	\$102,585.21	\$ 6,645.47
Brown	Gregory	\$3,152.67	\$ 204.23
Burke	John	\$56,488.00	\$ 3,659.29
Caligaris	Steven	\$84,801.00	\$ 5,493.41
Cann	Danielle	\$63,502.00	\$ 4,113.66
Carney	Brooke	\$54,147.00	\$ 3,507.64
Cavalieri	Christine	\$57,269.00	\$ 3,709.89
Chan	Ting-pak	\$63,571.98	\$ 4,118.19
Checca	Kathleen	\$20,339.28	\$ 1,317.58
Collamati	Joseph	\$30,700.80	\$ 1,988.80
Collard	Cynthia	\$84,801.00	\$ 5,493.41
Collins	Timothy	\$63,948.96	\$ 4,142.61
Colonero	Anne-Marie	\$43,987.59	\$ 2,849.52
Conley	Mark	\$46,169.34	\$ 2,990.85
Connors	Matthew	\$84,801.00	\$ 5,493.41
Cook	Michael	\$22,334.69	\$ 1,446.84
Coonan	Barry	\$90,153.00	\$ 5,840.11
Corda	Rebecca	\$53,220.05	\$ 3,447.59
Corriveau	Joseph	\$68,491.00	\$ 4,436.85
Cote	Christine	\$73,652.02	\$ 4,771.18
Creely	George	\$90,153.00	\$ 5,840.11
Crouch	Charles	\$62,017.69	\$ 4,017.51
Curran	Brendan	\$71,302.00	\$ 4,618.94

D'Amico	Lou	\$62,149.57	\$	4,026.05
Denise	Michele	\$105,000.00	\$	6,801.90
Diesenhau	Scott	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Doherty	Joseph	\$75,232.00	\$	4,873.53
Dolegiewicz	Robert	\$41,165.44	\$	2,666.70
Donahue	Susan	\$53,015.04	\$	3,434.31
Donovan	Meghan	\$23,558.60	\$	1,526.13
Donovan	Pamela	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
Dubois	Dawn	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Ellis	Adele	\$80,061.00	\$	5,186.35
Etzweiler	Vicky	\$49,500.00	\$	3,206.61
Evans III	Edward	\$95,712.75	\$	6,200.27
Faticanti	Michael	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Ferrandino Bedard	Amy	\$80,061.00	\$	5,186.35
Finnell	Thomas	\$44,372.32	\$	2,874.44
Fiore	Jonathan	\$64,286.00	\$	4,164.45
Fitzpatrick	Mark	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Fitzpatrick	Michael	\$219,636.96	\$	14,228.08
Fleisher	Amy	\$49,533.00	\$	3,208.75
Flynn	Joseph	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
Forgit	Caitlin	\$61,167.00	\$	3,962.40
Fraser	Alison	\$69,560.47	\$	4,506.13
Freitas	Timothy	\$65,843.00	\$	4,265.31
Garrison	Jennifer	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Given	Carolyn	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Gonsalves-Arpin	Pamela	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Gothier	Brent	\$50,259.00	\$	3,255.78
Grabowski	Stephen	\$47,564.45	\$	3,081.23
Granger	Gillian	\$61,167.00	\$	3,962.40
Gray	Victoria	\$47,337.30	\$	3,066.51
Grupposo	Nicole	\$30,000.13	\$	1,943.41
Guitarini	Francis	\$35,410.20	\$	2,293.87
Hagen	Pamela	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Hanington	Cheryl	\$85,221.65	\$	5,520.66
Hathaway	Dedra	\$70,636.07	\$	4,575.80
Healy	Lesley	\$54,932.00	\$	3,558.49
Hennessy	Michael	\$20,592.00	\$	1,333.95
Hughes	Tersilia	\$54,988.02	\$	3,562.12
Hunt	Eric	\$49,438.80	\$	3,202.65
Johnson	Kurtis	\$129,245.21	\$	8,372.50
Kahler	James	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Kehowski	Shaun	\$75,503.00	\$	4,891.08
Kelly	John	\$82,183.00	\$	5,323.81
Khorasani	Barbara	\$45,217.64	\$	2,929.20
King	Barbaraann	\$30,394.33	\$	1,968.94
Koopman	Priscilla	\$23,220.35	\$	1,504.21
Lamont	Thomas	\$59,609.00	\$	3,861.47
Langin	Colleen	\$70,519.00	\$	4,568.22

Laprade	David	\$39,153.28	\$	2,536.35
Lavallee	Judith	\$84,895.00	\$	5,499.50
LeBoeuf-Dubois	Sharon	\$55,939.41	\$	3,623.75
Lefrancois	Deanna	\$54,932.00	\$	3,558.49
Lehner	Raymond	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Lehtinen	Brian	\$84,895.00	\$	5,499.50
LeMarbre	Philip	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
LeMay	Georgette	\$36,230.68	\$	2,347.02
Lewis	David	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Lewis	Kayla	\$26,972.82	\$	1,747.30
Lizotte	Charles	\$21,240.00	\$	1,375.93
Locwin	Brian	\$59,609.00	\$	3,861.47
Lord	Keith	\$46,687.50	\$	3,024.42
Lubas	Paula	\$44,066.57	\$	2,854.63
MacKenzie	Jessica	\$63,807.00	\$	4,133.42
MacLure	Ashley	\$54,932.00	\$	3,558.49
MacWilliams	Marcia	\$87,743.88	\$	5,684.05
Malo	Kathryn	\$34,999.65	\$	2,267.28
Mangano	Lorna	\$84,553.00	\$	5,477.34
Manoogian	Kathleen	\$36,124.08	\$	2,340.12
Martell	Kristin	\$75,078.00	\$	4,863.55
Mauricio	Jolie	\$23,166.00	\$	1,500.69
Mayo	Thomas	\$45,510.00	\$	2,948.14
McArdle	J	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
McCabe	Monique	\$52,597.00	\$	3,407.23
McDermott	Suzanne	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
Merchant	Susan	\$54,096.50	\$	3,504.37
Michel	Michelle	\$63,807.00	\$	4,133.42
Miles	Danielle	\$58,828.00	\$	3,810.88
Milewski	Susan	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Millette	James	\$71,302.00	\$	4,618.94
Mitchell	John	\$68,969.00	\$	4,467.81
Monteiro Bernard	Renee	\$9,714.40	\$	629.30
Morin	Daniel	\$59,609.00	\$	3,861.47
Morrison	Andrew	\$42,792.75	\$	2,772.11
Moynihan	Kerry	\$57,269.00	\$	3,709.89
Muise	Brian	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Murray	Charles	\$50,115.36	\$	3,246.47
Naper	Justine	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
Nigro	Ann	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Norton	Michael	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
O'Leary	Justin	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
O'Neil	Leonard	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
O'Neil	Rosario	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Odell	Eileen	\$37,438.13	\$	2,425.24
Paldino	Jessica	\$37,526.72	\$	2,430.98
Pehl	Luanne	\$78,271.32	\$	5,070.42
Pellegrino	Martha	\$59,669.35	\$	3,865.38

Perreault	Paul	\$75,503.00	\$	4,891.08
Petty	Francis	\$35,399.40	\$	2,293.17
Pilibosian	Christine	\$44,906.32	\$	2,909.03
Pires	Kevin	\$32,366.43	\$	2,096.70
Polselli	Jerry	\$75,194.00	\$	4,871.07
Polselli	Kyle	\$52,597.00	\$	3,407.23
Potenti	Megan	\$75,194.00	\$	4,871.07
Procopio	Frank	\$7,905.00	\$	512.09
Ramsey	Walter	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Reilly	Elizabeth	\$61,469.00	\$	3,981.96
Reynolds	Douglas	\$44,477.12	\$	2,881.23
Rivera	Daniel	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Rivers	Donald	\$48,208.00	\$	3,122.91
Robinson	Emily	\$22,321.00	\$	1,445.95
Rose	Donna	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Rose	Sandra	\$47,429.98	\$	3,072.51
Ruzanski	Kathryn	\$70,828.00	\$	4,588.24
Salay	Brenna	\$1,703.52	\$	110.35
Sarah	Paul	\$36,491.36	\$	2,363.91
Shea	Kathleen	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11
Sherman	Elizabeth	\$57,269.00	\$	3,709.89
Sieber	Hannah	\$54,459.00	\$	3,527.85
Small	Kristen	\$77,651.00	\$	5,030.23
Smith	Anne	\$40,751.98	\$	2,639.91
Smith	Eithne	\$84,895.00	\$	5,499.50
Sosa	Kassandra	\$29,444.25	\$	1,907.40
Sroka	Donna	\$104,245.01	\$	6,752.99
St. Hilaire	Nicole	\$61,167.00	\$	3,962.40
Stachura	Stanley	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Steele	Anthony	\$138,311.71	\$	8,959.83
Stienstra	Derek	\$84,801.00	\$	5,493.41
Swanick	Michael	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Swasey	Rebecca	\$96,391.93	\$	6,244.27
Testa	Lenore	\$42,485.61	\$	2,752.22
Theroux	David	\$55,523.04	\$	3,596.78
Theroux	Jon	\$33,554.40	\$	2,173.65
Thibeault	Brian	\$52,597.00	\$	3,407.23
Tornas	Ashley	\$3,840.00	\$	248.76
Toulouse	Christopher	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Urquhart	Matthew	\$99,063.27	\$	6,417.32
Ursoleo	Joseph	\$52,597.00	\$	3,407.23
VanKeuren	Michael	\$37,245.92	\$	2,412.79
Walsh	Lisamarie	\$15,913.91	\$	1,030.90
Ward	Constance	\$59,136.00	\$	3,830.83
Wersted	Shaun	\$82,555.00	\$	5,347.91
Whetstone	Ryan	\$30,673.07	\$	1,987.00
Whitesell	Yvette	\$108,488.68	\$	7,027.90
Williams	Matthew	\$90,153.00	\$	5,840.11

Wills	Abigail	\$38,260.80	\$	2,478.53
Wood Jr	Robert	\$87,274.00	\$	5,653.61
Woodward	James	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
Yancik	Derek	\$80,469.00	\$	5,212.78
		<u>\$11,805,164.57</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>764,738.56</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2016

The values for Fiscal 2017 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 31, 2016.

Fiscal 2017 is a “Revaluation” year and so the Board of Assessors together with the Department of Revenue went through an in-depth review of all property valuations in the Town of Blackstone. This process began January 1, 2016 and culminated on 12/21/2016 with the certification of Blackstone’s values by the Department of Revenue. The next “Revaluation Year” is scheduled for Fiscal 2021, beginning July 1st 2020.

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.

Assisting the Board of Assessors as Assistant Assessor is Patricia J. Salamone. Pat was a professional appraiser for over 20 years prior to joining our staff. Pat still maintains her Certified Appraisal License. Pat is a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor with a MAA designation. Pat has held the position of Assistant Assessor for 10 years.

Rachel Campopiano, the Administrative Assistant Assessor, retired in June. Rachel has served the residents of the Town of Blackstone for 28 years. Rachel’s dedication, reliability, and overall good natured attitude were unsurpassed. Rachel prided herself in always going out of her way to assist residents and other visitors to the Assessors’ Office. No matter how busy she was, you would think you were her “only task”. Approximately 11 years ago, due to budget restraints, our staff was reduced by one. The work load was not reduced but Rachel gladly accepted the additional work with grace, charm, and a welcoming smile. Rachel’s pride in workmanship and genuine caring was rewarded in 2011 by receiving the “Clerk of the Year Award” from the Massachusetts Assessors Association. The Board of Assessors and Assistant Assessor would like to say “thank you” Rachel for a job “well done”. You will be missed.

The entire Board of Assessors and the Assistant Assessor 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 Assistant Assessor 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. Applicants must be 65 years or older. 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 2017 began on July 1, 2016 and runs to June 30, 2017. 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, 2016. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2015 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, 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 "revaluation" year adjustments to property values 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, 2014 through June 30 2016 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, 2016 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2017 is 887,441,232. This reflects a positive 4% change from the previous year.

The Board of Assessors gave public notice and held public disclosure of property values for Fiscal 2017 at the Blackstone Public Library and the Blackstone Assessors’ Office on 11/28/2016 through 12/02/2016.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/13/2016 at 8:00 P.M. at the Municipal Center. 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 2017 tax rate is \$19.26 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 ten years and this is the ninth 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

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2016 REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR

For the year ending December 31, 2016 there were 358 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	23
Additions/Garages	02
Roofs	50
Sheds	18
Porches/Decks	15
Replacement Windows/Doors	28
Vinyl Siding	19
Pools/ Spas	14
Demolition	02
Foundation/Footings	27
Repairs/Renovations	19
Remodel	37
Pellet and Wood Stoves	08
Insulation	09
Fences	11
Signs	03
Solar Panels	51
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	13
Cell Tower	01
Temporary/Tents/Trailers	01

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	\$8,568,530.00
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department		\$ 86,137.00
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees		\$ 5,705.00
Plumbing/Gas Department		\$ 21,176.00
Electrical Department		\$ 33,688.00
Recycling Center	\$192,389.00	
Less: Product Percentage Payments	(12,000.00)	\$ 180,389.00
Board of Health		<u>\$ 25,327.00</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	\$ 352,422.00
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Liens on Property Outstanding	\$ 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
2016 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2016 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 248 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	23
Additions/Garages	02
Service Entrance/Panel	35
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	10
Fire/Security Alarm	18
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	14
Vinyl Siding	19
Generators/AC	07
Meters	06
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	30
Fixtures/Outlets	28
Solar panel	51
Panel Change	05

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	\$33,688.00
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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:

FY2016

Real Estate billed = \$14,048,841.38 – Collected \$13,902,409.93

Collection Rate = 98.76%

Personal Property billed = \$2,372,266.89 – Collected \$2,370,948.91

Collection Rate = 99.93%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,155,661.46 – Collected \$1,122,067.98

Collection Rate = 95.24%

Water Sewer Bills = \$1,509,555.55 – Collected \$1,527,387.82

Collection Rate = 99.59%

Total billed \$19,086,325.28 – Total Collected \$18,922,823.08

Total Collection Rate = 98.76%

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, 2016

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$900.00
INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$8,440,541.11
TERM INVESTMENTS	\$3,372,257.56
TRUST FUNDS	\$3,552,292.60
TOTAL: Cash and Investments	\$15,365,991.27

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SELECTMEN

Dubois, Robert	Selectmen Chairman	\$	1,800.00
Bik, Margaret	Selectmen Vice Chairman	\$	1,500.00
Catalano, Michael	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Haughey, Paul	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Keefe, Daniel	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00

ADMINISTRATION

Keyes, Daniel	Town Administrator	\$	127,241.44
Nadeau-Lemoine, Sandra	Administrative Assistant	\$	41,524.45
Boucher, Barbara	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	1,973.00
Lemoine, Kyle	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	9,313.47

DPW

Sullivan, James	DPW Director	\$	89,315.99
Paterson, Kelly	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	39,725.46
Sutherland, Amy	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	36,314.75
Varieur, Robert	Leadman	\$	85,639.51
Marchand, Thomas	Light Equipment Oper	\$	66,202.65
Faneuf, Randall	Skilled Laborer	\$	46,675.33
Ballou, Conor	Laborer	\$	72.50
Blanchette, Alexander	Laborer	\$	240.00
Chase, Jonathan	Laborer	\$	2,250.00
Martello, Dominic	Laborer	\$	5,370.11
Mathews, Mitchell	Laborer	\$	1,522.50
Mowry, Beau	Laborer	\$	42,281.76
Robidoux, Adam	Laborer	\$	49,201.65
Staples, Joshua	Laborer	\$	41,949.38
Sullivan Jr, James	Laborer	\$	38,145.60
Paterson, Donald	Mechanic	\$	61,649.77
Valastro, Paul	Truck Driver	\$	45,835.93
Wildes, Arthur	Truck Driver	\$	44,452.95

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bissonnette, Debra	Parks Secretary	\$	587.52
Barrett, Dylan	Parks Helper	\$	5,742.50
Neel, Matthew	Parks Helper	\$	120.00
St Amant, Zachary	Parks Helper	\$	5,852.50

FINANCE

Perrault, Steven	Collector/Treasurer	\$	52,782.52
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Muller, Catherine	Asst Treasurer	\$	39,070.60
Jordan, Kevin	Asst Collector	\$	29,870.39
Hebert, Julie	Town Accountant	\$	74,190.51
Zahorsky, Lauren	Asst Town Accountant	\$	44,571.60
Salamone, Patricia	Assistant Assessor	\$	60,646.21
Banaczuk, Kimberly	Admin Asst - Assessor	\$	13,216.22
Campopiano, Rachel	Admin Asst - Assessor	\$	32,412.57

POLICE DEPARTMENT

** Please note Private Details and Overtime are reflected in the below figures.

Atstupenas, Ross	Police Chief	\$	114,327.18
Gilmore, Gregory	Lieutenant	\$	84,716.15
Loether, Travis	Detective	\$	75,131.41
Brodeur, Shawn	Police Sergeant	\$	85,987.92
Luis, Kevin	Police Sergeant	\$	100,300.32
Mantoni, Matthew	Police Sergeant	\$	100,933.94
Blanchette, David	Police Officer	\$	79,387.27
Daigle, Patrick	Police Officer	\$	75,321.98
Giardino, Daniel	Police Officer	\$	86,769.05
Haynes, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	79,498.46
Hurwitz, Maxwell	Police Officer	\$	106,194.40
Johnson, Christopher	Police Officer	\$	4,529.93
Laudon, David	Police Officer	\$	78,217.36
Lungarini, Anthony	Police Officer	\$	78,173.13
Metz, Craig	Police Officer	\$	80,810.82
Niemczyk, Joseph	Police Officer	\$	73,978.55
Pavone, Michael	Police Officer	\$	62,140.46
Tappen, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	56,351.80
Dugas, Albert	Police Dispatcher	\$	68,401.05
Farrington, Sandra	Police Dispatcher	\$	63,118.15
Fenner, Collin	Police Dispatcher	\$	7,785.00
Gibbons, Kyle	Police Dispatcher	\$	2,512.50
Ladouceur, Brian	Police Dispatcher	\$	6,900.00
Lapierre, Jacqueline	Police Dispatcher	\$	480.00
Mastrianna, Jake	Police Dispatcher	\$	5,038.72
Moretti, Mark	Police Dispatcher	\$	210.00
Morris, Mark	Police Dispatcher	\$	3,352.50
Weber, Bettina	Police Dispatcher	\$	70,319.95
Auld, Mark	Police Detail	\$	320.00
Claffey, Michael	Police Detail	\$	1,056.00
Coupe, William	Police Detail	\$	2,616.00
Dion, Scott	Police Detail	\$	624.00
DiRosa, Michael	Police Detail	\$	648.00
Dunlavey, Philip	Police Detail	\$	1,149.50
Filadelfo, Felicia	Police Detail	\$	192.00
Gagne, Russell	Police Detail	\$	336.00
Landry, Cody	Police Detail	\$	1,208.00
Marston, Thomas	Police Detail	\$	320.00

Minichiello, Frank	Police Detail	\$	1,132.00
Padula, Christopher	Police Detail	\$	384.00
Reynolds, Thomas	Police Detail	\$	3,872.00
Sanchioni, James	Police Detail	\$	798.00
Widdiss, Heath	Police Detail	\$	744.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sweeney, Michael	Fire Chief	\$	90,485.70
Marcoux, Michael	Deputy Chief	\$	88,130.52
Cotnoir, Kenneth	Lieutenant	\$	86,911.02
Iannetti, Anthony	Lieutenant	\$	86,096.16
Sevigny, Joey	Lieutenant	\$	90,582.70
Blake, Samuel	Firefighter	\$	31,068.93
Daigle, Christine	Firefighter	\$	43,751.11
Frade, Paul	Firefighter	\$	85,484.19
Johnson, Ramsey	Firefighter	\$	75,997.32
Roy, Kevin	Firefighter	\$	83,264.43
Beaulieu, Gregory	Call Firefighter	\$	840.00
Beaulieu, Kaitlin	Call Firefighter	\$	98.00
Billings, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,358.00
Campbell, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	126.00
Cotnoir, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	15.00
Cunningham, James	Call Firefighter	\$	588.00
Dunayeski, Thomas	Call Firefighter	\$	246.50
Gignac, Dennis	Call Firefighter	\$	116.00
Jolicoeur, Stephen	Call Firefighter	\$	322.00
Lanctot, Christopher	Call Firefighter	\$	616.00
Rainville, Daniel	Call Firefighter	\$	966.00
Rainville, Edward	Call Firefighter	\$	672.00
Rainville, Lucien	Call Firefighter	\$	1,065.00
Sweeney, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,106.00
Troil-Kelliher, Nicholas	Call Firefighter	\$	1,078.00

LIBRARY

Cheever, Lisa	Library Director	\$	60,751.95
Collier, Tressy	Children's Librarian / Assistant Library Director	\$	37,746.41
Ansell, Donna	Senior Library Technician / Head of Circulation	\$	36,509.01
Binette, Denise	Library Aide	\$	2,497.81
Buehler, Dianne	Library Aide	\$	6,829.45
Dias, Robin	Library Aide	\$	5,331.40
Foster, Donna	Library Aide	\$	6,319.26
Goudreau, Ellen	Library Aide	\$	9,097.94
Herbert, Olivia	Library Aide	\$	8,235.69
Landry, Amanda	Library Aide	\$	2,364.74
Marino-Page, Cheryl	Library Aide	\$	2,254.43
Mendes, Ana	Library Aide	\$	1,508.60

Mezzadri, Amy	Library Aide	\$	8,605.05
Miller, Karen	Library Aide	\$	1,738.67
Robeau, Shiela	Library Aide	\$	1,643.10
Marvelle, Roger	Custodian	\$	34,067.49
Marvelle Jr, Roger	Substitute Custodian	\$	503.04
Marvelle, Russell	Substitute Custodian	\$	2,581.28

TOWN CLERK

Dolinski, Claudette	Town Clerk	\$	55,082.30
Bik, Donna	Asst town Clerk	\$	41,989.56
Picard, Julie	Administrative Clerk	\$	25,935.87
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	\$	45,811.17
Curley, Erin	Outreach Coordinator	\$	16,082.39
Tennyson, Courtney	Outreach Coordinator	\$	5,923.53
Leclair, Gail	Nutrition Manager	\$	31,585.74
Pimenta, Dennis	Transportation Manager	\$	21,624.67
Greenhalgh, Robert	Veteran's Rep	\$	5,880.14
Bouvier, Dennis	Van Driver	\$	2,096.94
Cardinal, Therese	Van Driver	\$	9,346.93
Catalano, Anthony	Van Driver	\$	1,280.52
Ceolinski, David	Van Driver	\$	1,080.70
Davidson, Nancy	Van Driver	\$	1,440.40
Flynn, Timothy	Van Driver	\$	3,465.60
Gagnon, Roger	Van Driver	\$	6,382.22
Kanz, Walter	Van Driver	\$	2,790.90
Perrault, Robert	Van Driver	\$	9,330.36

General Government

Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena	Assessors	\$	1,000.00
Sullivan, Kevin	Animal Control Officer	\$	19,550.05
Strapponi, Colleen	Bldg/Health Secretary	\$	43,414.68
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	\$	2,360.00
Casavant, Craig	Board Secretary	\$	1,077.00
Knust Graichen, Arthur	Board Secretary	\$	600.00
Larue, Lisa	Board Secretary	\$	3,717.16
Marvelle, Nicole	Board Secretary	\$	4,058.04
Roche, Joseph	Board Secretary	\$	2,339.50
Speroni, Robert	Building Commissioner	\$	1,800.00
Vater, Earl	Building Inspector	\$	27,255.16
Ray, Lawrence	Electrical Inspector	\$	7,801.50

Villamaire, Michelle	Parade Comm Secretary	\$	1,444.32
Paige, James	Plumb/Gas Inspec	\$	1,077.00
Walsh, William	Plumb/Gas Inspec, Recycle	\$	69,722.54
Bedlion, Delbert	Recycling	\$	9,589.48
Devlin, Thomas	Recycling	\$	10,868.10
Guillemette, Gerard	Recycling	\$	15,810.58
Guillemette, Jeanne	Recycling	\$	10,852.15
Ryan, Joseph	Recycling	\$	2,407.97
Ryan, Kevin	Recycling	\$	45,162.25
Savoie, Jonathan	Recycling	\$	6,687.15
Rego, Marco	Recycling Truck Driver	\$	25,178.62
Schofield, Mary	Recycling Attendent	\$	10,066.91
Weber, Lawrence	Tree Warden	\$	2,613.50
Stone, Frederick	Town Meeting Moderator	\$	150.00
TOTAL		\$	4,527,302.34

Blackstone 2016 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 2,000 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 has been SHINE Certified through the State of Massachusetts. The Director 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, (Erin Curley), 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. The over 60 population in Blackstone has reached more than 2000. 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

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Health, health connector, limited income subsidy, prescription advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance, safe link wireless phones, 911 phone, housing, linkup/lifeline discount program. The senior center has a certified SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) 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 640 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation service. The 640 volunteer hours in calendar year 2015 saved the Town of Blackstone approximately \$8000.00.

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VEHICLES

The Town currently has four 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 and a 2015 Ford Starttrans, 2 wheelchair, 12 passenger, wheelchair lift bus, delivered in March of 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. The Newsletter is funded in part by the EOEA and the Friends of the Blackstone COA.

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, 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 101 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 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, instructors, supplies and volunteer recognition luncheon.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 60 volunteers contributed over 3000 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 ten 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: raffles and evening bingos. Baby afghans are made by volunteers and sold through the Friends Group and some are donated to the infants at the hospitals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Keefe, Director
Blackstone Council on Aging



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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2016 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2016 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with nine full time firefighter/paramedics, a full time fire chief and sixteen 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 132 Elm Street and both are unmanned stations. The department has four front line pumpers, a ladder truck, one 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 four families and a total of nine 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 and Paul Sawyer 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. Firefighter/Paramedic Ramsey Johnson is our lead instructor and does a great job. I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses for their continued support of these programs.

The department took in \$6,225.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting, propane and storage tanks.

The department applied for and has received the following grants and equipment totaling \$11,550.00 in 2016. 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	\$6,750.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,800.00

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2016 were \$326,947.00. 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 2016

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....	943	Landmark Medical Center.....	373
Transports.....	708	Milford Regional.....	295
No Service.....	31	Fatima.....	0
Refusals.....	96	Rhode Island Trauma.....	23
Fire Assist Calls.....	12	Hasbro Children's.....	9
Cancelled	25	Providence Veterans.....	5
Treat/No Transport.....	2	Roger Williams.....	1
Assistance.....	79	Woman & Infants.....	0
False Calls.....	0	Miriam.....	3

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2016

Rescue.....	943
Building Fire.....	17
Appliance Fire.....	2
Brush Fire.....	19
Outside Fire.....	15
Vehicle Fire.....	2
Fire Alarms.....	109
Investigations.....	45
Accidents.....	54
Gas Leaks.....	17
Co Calls.....	18
Rescue Assists.....	95
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	0
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	70
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	69
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	149
Service Calls.....	38
Drills.....	10
Meetings.....	32
Burning Permits.....	249
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	249

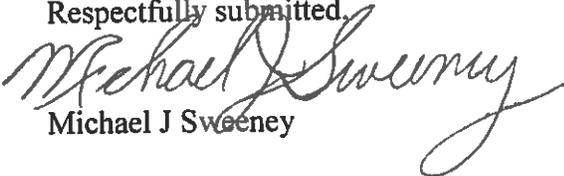
In 2017 the fire department will be asking the residents for three additional hires to bring our full time staffing to twelve members. This will allow for three firefighter/paramedics on each shift and although it comes at a price I believe it will create a much safer and more efficient work environment.

I will also be asking the residents to approve an article to expand fire station three on Elm Street. This building was constructed in early 1970 and is no longer large enough to accommodate the newer trucks.

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,



Michael J Sweeney

2016 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected Kevin J. Ryan as Chairman, William T. Walsh, Vice-Chairman and Peter C. Ryan, Sr. as a member.

The Board of Health continues providing home health care services, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics and other health related services for the seniors and handicapped residents of our community, with the assistance of Patricia Parent, RN. The Board of Health is thankful to Laurie Keefe and her staff for their assistance and commitment with monitoring the health and welfare of our community. The Board would like to thank all municipal departments and Blackstone residents who assist the Board of Health daily.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

2016 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Utilizing the Museum's guest book as a yardstick it would appear to the staff a fair assessment would be that literally hundreds of visitors (individuals and family groupings alike) have made their way through our 23 Main Street archives during the past year. This notwithstanding, it is our fervent hope that we might maintain or indeed improve this respectable tally during the new year.

FEB: Presentations for the 2016 season began with a Saint Valentine's Day celebration kickoff. Venerable ornate cards of an era long past along with their companion art laden envelopes made for an attention getting display. Components utilized were from collections previously donated by fellow Blackstonians Judith Collin and Mary Stone.

MAR: Continuing with what has now become a Museum tradition, Commission members and visitors alike again acknowledged in celebratory fashion the birthday of our town's namesake, William Blackstone. Refreshments were served, the event culminating with a very attractively dressed cake appropriately tailored and served for the occasion.

APR: A unique program of heirloom plant selection and care as well as landscape preservation was presented by Harvard schooled and certified Rose Marques. Ms Marques, whose company is dubbed "Landmarque", provided an incisive overview of her subject which proved educational and of utmost interest to her audience. The well received and well attended talk was capped by each person in attendance receiving a craftily potted plant along with an abundant supply of seeds for spring gardening.

AUG: Members of the Blackstone Commission trekked to Franklin for that Commission's hosting of a learning session for a number of kindred groups from their general geographic area. Purpose of the gathering was to exchange and explore types of historical topics which might favorably appeal to the general public. Final discussion brought forth a suggestion that further sessions on this matter should prove fruitful.

AUG: The Commission joined in a partnership hosting with Blackstone Library personnel a dual part reviewing at the Library to learn first hand what they have to offer in the way of historical resourcing. Following ample discussion on this matter this meeting adjourned for a move to the Museum site for further touring with more appropriate discussion. In true Museum fashion, refreshments were served upon completion of the concluding session.

NOV: In an effort to remain basically historical and yet genuinely entertaining one Karen Antonowicz whose Providence shop is a virtual treasure trove of vintage clothing and accessories and who has successfully branched out to the diverse lecture circuit was selected for an appearance with us. Laced with the nostalgia of vintage fashion pieces of the 1940's and coupled with pithy patter, her skit dubbed "In the Mood" also included a healthy infusion of big band recorded music resonating through our venue. A well attended piece of programming was enjoyed by a most appreciative audience.

DEC: Our annual Christmas Open House, always a favorite, again proved a popular draw. Daisy, Brownie, and Senior Girl Scout chorusters entertained throughout the day which once more created a true yuletide spirit among all present. In keeping with our tradition, as in years past, accompaniment was provided by Commission VP Helen Murray at the keyboard of our archaic peddle pump organ.

As has been made known previously we are but part of a team effort. That having been said it becomes evident that each member of the citizenry can become a major factor in that team. We urge you to visit us frequently. Live better knowing more of your community (and just perhaps your forebears as well). Admission is FREE always; visiting hours are: Every Thursday, Noon to 4pm; and the first and third Saturday of each month, 11am to 4pm. Tours are available and refreshments are served.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Marchand, Chair/Trea.

Eunice Lydon (Alt.)

Helen Murray, Vice Chair.

Thomas Marchand (Alt.)

Jesse Deacon

Mark Ryan (Hon.)

Richard Ryan

Lawrence Weber

Julie Wingate, Sec.

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Blackstone Housing Authority was created to provide housing for people of low income. Its powers, duties, etc. are defined in Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as amended, which is known as the Housing and Urban Renewal Law. The Authority's office is located at 15 Fox Brook Manor, Blackstone, MA. As of January 1, 2017 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Robert Drainville 12 Raynor Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Chairman	April, 2019
Gary Kellenberger 549 Summer Place Blackstone, MA 01504	Vice-Chairman	April, 2020
Lynn Morin 48 Mendon Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Treasurer	April, 2018
Margaret T. Keegan 25 Kanatha Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Asst. Treasurer	April, 2021

OFFICER

Carrie A. Caouette 8 Windsor Road Blackstone, MA 01504	Executive Director
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The Blackstone Housing Authority meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the community room at Fox Brook Manor. The meetings are open to the public as prescribed by the Municipal Open Meeting Law, Chapter 372, of the Acts of 1972. Elderly or handicapped persons of low income who wish to submit an application for an apartment may do so Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the office at 15 Fox Brook Manor.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie A. Caouette, MPHA
Executive Director

2016 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

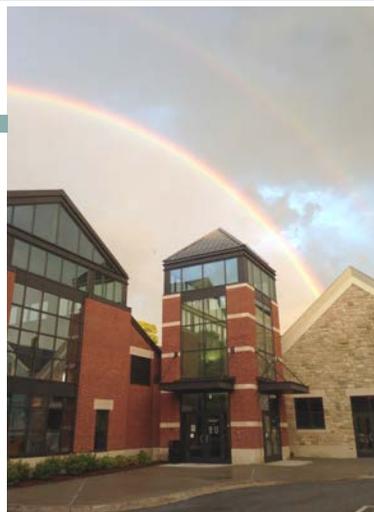
On June 11, 2016, the Blackstone Library entered its twelfth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2016 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

The Blackstone Public Library is 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

Debra 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.

Sunday
Closed

In FY17, the library's warrant articles for new computers, a new copier, and print management software were approved. Phase 1 of the computer replacement plan is in place with the installation of 10 new Dell Optiplex Windows 10 Professional computers for patron use, and 5 of the same for staff use. It has increased efficiency at the circulation desk as well as given the patrons a more reliable computer experience.

The print management system has made patron printing more streamlined and efficient. Patrons release their print job at a computer kiosk, enter their payment into the coin box, and release their print job to the copier. This has saved on staff time and decreased ink and paper waste.

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

Robin Dias

Donna Foster

Ellen Goudreau

Olivia Herbert

Amanda Landry

Cheryl Marino-Page

Amy Mezzadri

**Substitute Library
Aides:**

Karen Miller

Ana Mendes

Custodian

Roger Marvelle

**Congratulations to
library aide Sheila
Robeau for her
retirement in
November 2016.
She will be missed.**



Thank you to the Friends of the Blackstone Public Library for your ongoing support and fundraising efforts.

Ongoing activities for adults:

Library Book Group, Knitting Group, and the Coloring Group

Ongoing activities for children:

Lego Club, Toddler Story-time, Story-time & 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>



CIRCULATION

General

The library is open 1,820 hours per year. (35 hours per week)

There are 6,400 registered borrowers to date.

Visitors

Approximately 44,836 people visited the library in 2016.

Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period

Calendar Year 2016

ILLs received = 8,080

ILLs sent = 11,913

Circulations in a twelve month period

Calendar Year 2016

66,085

This includes all circulations and renewals from the library regardless of material ownership.

Meeting Room Usage in 2016

Large meeting room	156
Quiet Study #1	221
Quiet Study #2	200
Historical Room	57
Total	634

SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING

A summer reading program was held with performers and activities. Seventy-nine children completed the 2016 summer reading program. Several popular children's programs were *Touch the Trucks, Barn Babies, Ice Cream Making, Alex the Jester, One Man Circus in a Suitcase, Banana Bread in a Mug, Intro to Line Dancing, Yoga for Kids, and This A-Way Mezudio.*

The library held its second annual Young Adult Summer Reading program. Twenty-one young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events. Some popular events were *Vision Rocks, Chocolate Party, Water Olympics, Mason Jar Glow Lamps, & Mind Bending.*

The library offered its first Adult Summer reading program. In 2016 eleven adults completed this program. Three adult programs were offered: *Decoupage Tiles, Chocolate Party, and Mind Bending.*



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

Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
LCC-No Irish Need Apply	\$ 175.00
LCC-North Sea Gas	\$ 300.00
LCC-Bark: Get to Know Your Trees	\$ 300.00
LCC-Alex the Jester	\$ 300.00
LCC-Learn, Laugh, Go	\$ 300.00
LCC-One Man Circus	\$ 200.00
LCC-Father Goose's Tales	\$ 300.00
LCC-Maichack Arts-Gift Account	\$ 140.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries 1st installment	\$ 6,346.55
State Aid to Public Libraries 2nd installment	\$ 6,742.91
UniBank	\$ 2,500.00

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the library 24 hours a day without ever leaving home by just clicking on the library's webpage. All you need is your library card!

- ◆ **A to Z World Culture**
- ◆ **A to Z World Travel**
- ◆ **A to Z the USA-State information**
- ◆ **A to Z Maps Online-free map access**
- ◆ **ArtistWorks-learn to play an instrument**
- ◆ **Atomic Training-software training**
- ◆ **Boston Library eCard**
- ◆ **Chilton Library-automobile**
- ◆ **ComicsPlus**
- ◆ **Consumer Health Complete-for your health care needs**
- ◆ **E-books . E-audio books, & eVideo**
- ◆ **Eventkeeper online calendar**
- ◆ **InstantFlix-free movie streaming**
- ◆ **Legal Forms Library**
- ◆ **MA Commonwealth eBooks**
- ◆ **MA Statewide databases**
- ◆ **Miss Humblebee's Academy-preschool**
- ◆ **OneClickdigital-eAudio & eBooks**
- ◆ **Price It!-Antiques**
- ◆ **Testing & Education Reference Center- high school, college prep, career tools, & graduate tools**
- ◆ **Tix Keeper: Museum Passes**
- ◆ **Universal Class-free online classes in just about anything**

PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2016, the children's librarian held 256 children's programs with 1,984 in attendance. Some programs were the *Nightmares in the Library Halloween Party*, *Father Goose's Tales Puppet Show*, *Slime Making*, & *Rainforest Live Animal Program*. The library offered 7 Young Adult programs with 68 in attendance. The library offered 43 programs for adults with 628 in attendance. Programs included: *Farewell to Downton Tea*, *Poetry Reception*, *Ribbons & Greens*, *Wreath Making Workshop*, *North Sea Gas*, *All the Presidents' Women*, *Clean Eating*, and *Volunteer Appreciation Night*. There were also concerts, writing workshops, tech workshops, and author visits.

These programs were possible due to grants/donations from:

- ◆ UniBank
- ◆ Dean Bank
- ◆ The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library
- ◆ Library's gift account
- ◆ Law office of Daniel T. Doyle
- ◆ Blackstone Cultural Council
- ◆ Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

**BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2016**

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to report on its activities and improvements for the calendar year of 2016. We would be remiss not to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the leagues that utilize the fields, businesses and private citizens of Blackstone as well as the town's Highway Department who consistently come forward to aid this commission in our pursuit to improve the fields and parks, and to provide athletic and community activities in the Town of Blackstone.

A new regulation size basketball court was installed at the elementary school complex on Lincoln Street this year. The Parks and Recreation Commission could not have begun to dream of installing this much needed court without the support of the Highway Department (under the direction of Jim Sullivan). Bob Morse headed the project for the Parks Department lending his company's equipment and much of his own time.

Improvements and upkeep on the fields throughout the dry months of summer continues to be a challenge. The new irrigation system at the JFK/AFM Complex utilizes well water and has been helpful on keeping the soccer fields green and playable. Many comments have been made about how great those fields look and the Parks and Recreation Commission agrees!

The addition of lights at Goulet Field helped reduce some of the playing field constraints. Our ball fields are still in high-demand and without new space being available to build new fields, we are doing our best with scheduling our available resources. The lights have definitely been a huge bonus in 2016 by allowing us to increase playtime at Goulet Park. Those lights also came in handy when the Elementary school held their Trick or Treat. Without the lights, it would have been too dark to hold the event. Just another example of working together for the good of Blackstone.

In addition to the annual Free Craft days, Easter Egg Hunt, and decorate a pumpkin day, the Parks and Recreation Commission has added two (2) extremely successful Events. The first event, in celebration of the end of summer, was a Water Balloon Fight in which the Commission waged war on local children and unsuspecting parents in a fun-filled, wet game. The second event was a Fall Festival celebrated at Roosevelt Park with games, contests, delicious food, and many local vendors selling their wares. Both events were attended and it is expected that both events will grow in popularity as they were great fun for both kids and adults.

A treasured tradition of the Tags and Trout was once again jointly sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission, The Lions, and PACC. Tags and Trout is an annual free event for the town's children. Many of the children that attended when they were young now bring their own children to this event, making it one of the most loved and longest running events in Blackstone.

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
Kevin Hart
Deb Bissonette, scribe

2016 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members:

In 2016, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle, He was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke who served as Vice Chairman. Other members include Joseph Belrose, Gerry Rivet, Owen Bebeau and our new associate member Tony Catalano.

Joseph Roche was hired to serve as the Planning Board Coordinator in May of 2016.

The Planning Board continues to work with Consultant Gino Carlucci from PGC Associates of Franklin, MA, this is 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 open to the public as well as recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel. The meetings are also available for viewing 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 (CMRCP) and is represented by Joseph Belrose. Gerry Rivet and Owen Bebeau serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2016 are as follows:

- Endorsed 5 Approval Not Required Plans on Elm St., Main St., Glenside Dr., and Blackstone St.
- Scenic Roads By-Law was adopted at June Town Meeting
- Established a fee schedule for Storm water Management Applications
- Continued to monitor progress at Harris Meadows and Sycamore Park Estates
- Worked with various Town Boards in updating the Master Plan.

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 2016 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2016.

During 2016, 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	\$1,000.00
4.	Narcan Reimbursement Program	varies

This year, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts chose the Blackstone Police Department to be one of six test municipalities to install the new 911 system, known as Nexgen 911. The system integrates new technology in order to assist the public when utilizing 911. The new mapping technology uses Google mapping, which highlights the house that the call originated from and identifies the house number.

The Department also applies for the 911 Support & Training Grant which assists in providing integral training and updates to our dispatchers and replacement equipment associated with the 911 system.

The Alcohol & Support Grant provides funding to the Department for enforcement of alcohol laws, including underage purchases to all licensed establishments in the Town of Blackstone. The Narcan Reimbursement Program provides reimbursement money for the purchase of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) for the officers to use while responding to call for possible opiate overdoses.

www.BlackstonePolice.org

The Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Grant provides funds to the Department for enforcement of crosswalk laws as well as safety initiatives related to pedestrians and bicycles. It also provides bicycle helmets that we have given out to the citizens who cannot afford them.

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>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	19169	18386	-4%
Arrests:	150	175	+16.67%
Protective Custody	10	14	+40%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	184	165	-10%
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	33	46	+39%
Domestic Violence Calls:	47	50	+6%
Incident Reports Investigated:	545	496	-9%
<u>Breakdown:</u>	132	125	open
	174	147	closed
	09	07	arrested
	225	213	no crime
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	2	11	+450%
	0	7	stolen
	2	4	recovered
Field Interviews:	18	9	-50%
Missing/Runaways:	1	1	N/C
Accidents Investigated:	141	153	+8.51%
(See attached at end of Report)			
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	1977	1507	-24%
- Civil	388	241	-38%
- Complaint App	127	115	-9%

- Warnings	292	212	-27%
- Arrests	50	56	+12%
- Verbal Warnings	1120	883	-21%
Parking Tickets Issued:	119	135	+13.45%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	125	183	+46.40%
- License to Carry	118	176	+49.15%
- FID Card	7	7	N/C
Civil Possession of Marijuana	9	6	-33%

The Department has also created a fourth full-time dispatcher position. This was necessary in order to remedy the difficulties associated with the training and retention of part-time dispatchers which were needed to cover approximately 48 hours each week. This led to many instances where full-time dispatchers were required to work seven days a week without any days off, thereby placing a large burden on the full-time staff. The implementation of a fourth full-time dispatcher has effectively eliminated the need for part-time dispatchers.

The Department's four full-time dispatchers now work 12 hour shifts, which has resulted in more efficient department operations. The fourth full-time dispatcher, Jake Mastrianna, was hired after working part-time for the Douglas Police Department. Mr. Mastrianna's additional required training was minimal due to his prior work experience and he has been a good fit for the Department. I want to welcome Mr. Mastrianna and look forward to working with him.

We have also implemented a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program within the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District. I want to thank Superintendent Allen Himmelberger who assisted in the process of picking the officer best qualified to work in the school system with the administration, the teachers, the students and parents.

There were two officers who showed interest in the SRO position and obtained the requisite training. Representatives from the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District conducted the interview process and selected Officer Joseph Niemczyk. I felt as though Officer Niemczyk was an excellent choice and is a strong person to fill that position. Officer Niemczyk is a 17-year veteran of the Department and also serves as the Child Car Safety Technician. I want to congratulate him and know he will be do an excellent job with developing a rapport with the school, students and parents of our school district.

Officer Niemczyk will continue to install child car safety seats and provide those who are in need of child car seats with them, subject to their availability. You may contact Officer Niemczyk by calling the station or emailing him at his department email address at: jniemczyk@blackstonepolice.org.

The Department has also filled a full-time police officer vacancy within the past year. After successfully completing the application and interview process, Officer Christopher Johnson was selected. Officer Johnson was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on November 21, 2016. Since that time, Officer Johnson has been completing his field training program. I want to welcome him to the Department and wish him a safe and long career in Blackstone.

The last big change within the Department during this past year was the promotion of three officers to the rank of Sergeant. After Sergeant Richard Ryan retired in 2014, the Department was left us with no Sergeants to supervise the shifts. The Sergeant's position is a very important one within the Department and provides the necessary structure in order to maintain an efficiently operating police department. The selection process consisted of three days. There was a two-day assessment center along with a one-day interview panel consisting of three chiefs of police. At the end of the process, a list was developed and from that list, three officers were promoted.

I am happy and proud to announce the officers that were promoted to Sergeant. They are Officer Mathew Mantoni, Officer Kevin Luis and Officer Shawn Brodeur. They have been in their position as Sergeant since July and have all successfully stepped-up to their new position along with their new responsibilities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that help make the Blackstone Police Department a professional and efficient law enforcement operation for the Town of Blackstone. 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 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 the 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 continue to 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

2016 Annual Report **Department of Public Works**

Highway Division:

In the spring/summer of 2016, 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, First Avenue, Orchard Street, Chestnut Street, Union Street., Old Lincoln Street. Also, portions of Rathbun Street, Farm Street and Mendon Street were paved. 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 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 a few snow storms in 2016. We thank the residents for their patience while we clear and clean the streets.

Water Division:

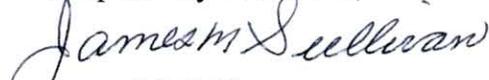
The Department of Public Works personnel continue to operate and maintain six pumping stations that pump water from eight wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The meters in all wells were calibrated. The water distribution system 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. We also tested 20 residential homes and the schools for lead and copper. The Town worked with Toomey Water Services to inspect the backflow devices throughout town. The town's fire hydrants were winterized in the fall to protect them from freezing.

Sewer Division:

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water 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.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, 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 2016

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 2016 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 alternate.

During the 2016 Fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals had Ten (10) Public hearings. These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws.

The Current application fee remains at \$300.00, which became effective September 2001. All 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 2016

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2016 calendar year. It has been a very rewarding and exciting year for the Town Clerk's Office.

As a result of the 2016 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,655. 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, residents ensure that their voting 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, 18,688; Marriages, 10,162; and Deaths, 11,361. 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 not at this time instituted a similar program for marriages.

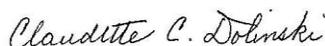
It was a very active election year. A Special Town Meeting was held on February 2, 2016, with 149 voters attending. The Presidential Primary Election was held on March 1, 2016, with 1145 Democrats casting votes along with 967 Republicans, 4 Green-Rainbow Party members, and 4 members of the United Independent Party. The three ImageCast election tabulators approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 26, 2015, were put into service for the March 1, 2016, Presidential Primary. We had a seller's representative in-house throughout the election day to assist with any possible issues or questions, and everything went very smoothly. The Annual Town Election was held on April 4, 2016. There were eighteen positions on the ballot, and 173 voters cast their ballots. Winter Storm Ursula brought moderate to heavy snow on that election day, which accounted for the lower than usual turnout. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 31, 2016. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening with 209 resident voters acting on twenty-seven articles. The State Primary Election, held on September 8, 2016, brought out 94 Democrats, 74 Republicans, 1 Green Rainbow Party member, and no one from the United Independent Party. Topping off the very busy election season was the State Election of November 8, 2016, which saw 74% of Blackstone voters, or 4,623 voters show up at the polls. For the first time in Massachusetts, residents were allowed to "Early Vote." The early voting period ran from October 24 to November 4 and attracted 1,281 voters. We were very fortunate to have Kasey Bik work for us the entire early-voting period. Kasey had experience in our office first as a National Honor Society volunteer in high school and then as a part-timer during college breaks. She single-handedly checked in voters and efficiently explained the early voting process to voters. Blackstone was awarded a 2016 Early Voting Challenge Silver Medal for providing substantial Early Voting opportunities to its citizens.

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

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. Blackstone offers one, two, and three-year licenses, depending on the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. At the close of 2016 we had entered information on a total of 1,483 dogs into our data system.

The Town Clerk's Office functions smoothly with its staff of devoted professionals. Donna M. Bik, Assistant Town Clerk, has seventeen 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 3 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
Certified 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, 2015

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, 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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a change in the use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land located on Elm Street, commonly referred to as "Veterans Park", (Blackstone Assessors' Parcel ID: 18/ 9&10), as more particularly described in the Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Blackstone, dated December 30, 1997 and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 19487, Page 121 (the "Subject Parcel"), from public water supply use to land held for the purpose of disposition, transfer or lease by the Board of Selectmen for the development of low/moderate income housing for veterans and services related thereto; to authorize a change in use of the remainder of the Subject Property to land held for general municipal/recreational purposes under the custody and control of the Board of Selectmen; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise care, custody and control of the Subject Parcel and to enter into a property transfer agreement, long term lease and/or such other related agreements, and to execute such instruments as may be deemed necessary to implement these uses upon such terms and conditions, including possible reverter language, as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town; or take any other action in relation thereto.

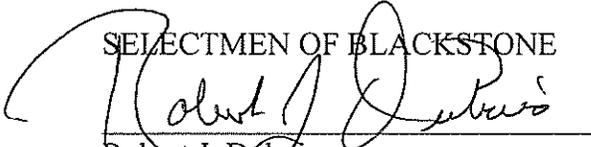
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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 15th day of December 2015.

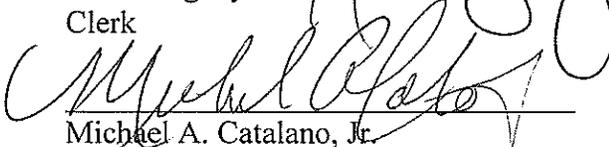
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

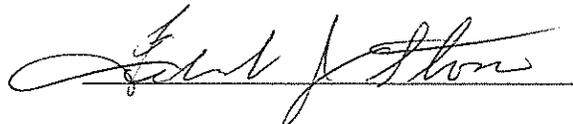

Margaret Birk
Vice-Chairman


Paul Haughey
Clerk


Daniel P. Keefe
Member


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member

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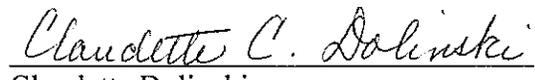

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 16th day of December, 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

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 149 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the 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; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Gary Shepard, President/COO – Soldier On; and John F. Downing, Chief Executive Officer – Soldier On.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Finance Committee Chairman James P. Belisle read the motion on Article 1. Moderator Stone asked if there were any comments or questions on the motion. Anita Robertson of 61 Edgewater Drive was the first to speak indicating that she wanted more information and asked how the influx of people with issues was going to affect the town in terms of emergency services, police, etc.

Town Administrator Daniel Keyes explained that the article is about land use. He said there would have to be an RFP process, but if the voters don't give the town the tools to get the land transfer, then it stays the way it is. He said that the land would also be developed for ball fields for the youth of the community. He also indicated that state officials have said that if this land-use article is voted in the affirmative, the state will help fund a project such as this. He repeated that the article is on land use. There will be public hearings, and boards and commissions will be involved.

Town Counsel Patrick Costello explained that the article is solely for the purpose of changing the dedicated use. When the town acquired the property in 1997, it was for water supply purposes. That well turned out to be of limited capacity. Under Massachusetts General Law, in order to change the property from one use to another, the town has to vote to change its use. He said that the town still has to go through a Chapter 30B process. He said the change in use would convert the property to a taxable use. He said the town would use this development in a creative process so it can build the fields at this location that the town has not been able to fund. He also said this is the type of project that can generate substantial grant funding from state agencies. He added that public meetings, public hearings, and any land-use permits will be applicable to this project.

Other attendees speaking during the discussions were Tammy Lemieux, 120 Lakeshore Drive; Kevin Hart, 8 Residential Lane; John Wozniak of 194 Farm Street; Jacalyn Miner, 125

Blackstone Street; Cheryl Magri, 48 Union Street; Steven Perrault, 340R Main Street; Daniel Keefe, 269 Main Street; and Allyson Anderson, 12 New York Avenue.

There was a motion and second to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

ARTICLE 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize a change in the use of a portion of the Town-owned parcel of land located on Elm Street, commonly referred to as "Veterans Park", (Blackstone Assessors' Parcel ID: 18/ 9&10), as more particularly described in the Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Blackstone, dated December 30, 1997 and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 19487, Page 121 (the "Subject Parcel"), from public water supply use to land held for the purpose of disposition, transfer or lease by the Board of Selectmen for the development of low/ moderate income housing for veterans and services related thereto; to authorize a change in use of the remainder of the Subject Property to land held for general municipal/recreational purposes under the custody and control of the Board of Selectmen; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise care, custody and control of the Subject Parcel and to enter into a property transfer agreement, long term lease and/or such other related agreements, and to execute such instruments as may be deemed necessary to implement these uses upon such terms and conditions, including possible reverter language, as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the interest of the Town.

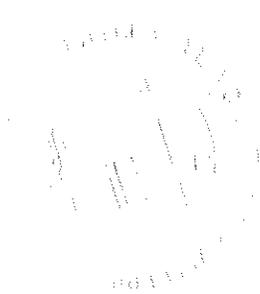
123 YES 27 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE TO APPROVE ARTICLE 1

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 1, 2016

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at Precinct #1 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul St., Senior Center (lower level); Precinct #2 at St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun St.; and in Precinct #3 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul St., Main Conference Room (Upper Level); on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, 2016**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN..... WORCESTER AND NORFOLK DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN..... WORCESTER AND NORFOLK DISTRICT
WARD OR TOWN COMMITTEE..... TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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

Given under our hands this 17th day of February, 2016.

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Daniel P. Keefe

Margaret Bilk, Vice Chairwoman

Paul S. Haughey, Clerk

BLACKSTONE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Worcester, SS

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have on this 18th day of February, 2016, notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, #2, and #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within-named places: at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun Street; and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.

Constable of Blackstone

Feb. 18, _____, 2016
Date

A true copy of Notice and Return:

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
March 1, 2016

WARDENS:

Precinct #1	Margaret T. Keegan
Precinct #2	Robert A. Gilbert
Precinct #3	Frederick J. Stone

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

The votes were recorded as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Democrat	380
Prec #2	Democrat	422
Prec #3	Democrat	343
	Total	1145

	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE				
*Bernie Sanders	210	222	186	618
Martin O'Malley	4	3	0	7
Hillary Clinton	158	182	148	488
Roque "Rocky" de la Fuente	0	0	2	2
No Preference	5	11	6	22
Write-Ins	1	2	1	4
Blanks	2	2	0	4

STATE COMMITTEE MAN--Worcester & Norfolk District

*Francis J. Larkin	184	186	174	544
Kevin J. Tagliaferri	114	168	101	383
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	82	68	68	218

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN--Worcester & Norfolk District

*Lisa A. Mosczynski	286	323	256	865
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	93	99	87	279

TOWN COMMITTEE 20 positions

Group	142	157	133	432
Blanks	238	265	210	713

*Kathryn S. Buckley	193	211	182	586
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*Roger E. Perreault, Sr.	184	237	185	606
*James R. Belisle	175	181	158	514
*James P. Belisle	167	175	156	498
*Michael J. Buckley	184	204	175	563
*Robert J. Dubois	221	271	188	680
*Patricia F. Dubois	188	223	165	576
*William M. Ryan	215	228	189	632
*James P. Pitler	164	182	158	504
*Daniel P. Keefe	202	229	177	608
*John Matthew Wozniak	188	215	171	574
*Patricia A. Wozniak	182	209	174	565
*Sharon E. Beaulieu	187	199	158	544
*Paul G. Beaulieu	183	198	152	533
*John J. Eldridge	210	230	189	629
*Joseph A. Broderick	154	186	147	487
*J. Paul Kimball	177	196	169	542
*Donald C. Cox	180	195	161	536
*Charles J. Sawyer	210	225	189	624
*Michael A. Catalano, Jr.	215	226	183	624
Blanks	3821	4220	3434	11475

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	301
Prec #2	Republican	285
Prec #3	Republican	381
	Total	967

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Jim Gilmore	1	1	0	2
*Donald J. Trump	191	176	233	600
Ted Cruz	27	29	38	94
George Pataki	2	0	0	2
Ben Carson	9	6	10	25
Mike Huckabee	1	1	1	3
Rand Paul	1	1	0	2
Carly Fiorina	0	1	1	2
Rick Santorum	0	0	0	0
Chris Christie	0	2	2	4
Marco Rubio	42	37	67	146
Jeb Bush	1	1	0	2
John R. Kasich	26	30	24	80

No Preference	0	0	2	2
Write-Ins	0	0	2	2
Blanks	0	0	1	1
STATE COMMITTEE MAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Michael Richard Potaski	65	50	81	196
*Ryan Steffin Chamberland	207	203	264	674
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	29	32	36	97
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
*Kimberly B. Roy	141	144	185	470
Jennifer B. Modica	126	105	147	378
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	34	36	49	119
TOWN COMMITTEE 35 positions				
Daniel Doyle	1			1
Travis Wildes	2			2
Matthew Catalano		1		1
Wayne Anderson		1		1
Danita Sutton			1	1
Marc Greenwald			1	1
All Others	4	2	4	10
Blanks	10528	9971	13329	33828
GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY				
*Denotes winner for Blackstone				
	Prec #1	Green-Rainbow		1
	Prec #2	Green-Rainbow		0
	Prec #3	Green-Rainbow		3
		Total		4
	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE				
Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry	0	0	0	0
*Jill Stein	0	0	2	2
William P. Kreml	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	1	1

Write-Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	3	4
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	3	4
TOWN COMMITTEE 10 positions				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	0	30	40
UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY				
*Denotes winner for Blackstone				
	Prec #1	United Ind. Party		1
	Prec #2	United Ind. Party		3
	Prec #3	United Ind. Party		0
		Total		4
	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE				
No Preference	0	1	0	1
Write-Ins	1	1	0	2
Blanks	0	1	0	1
STATE COMMITTEE MAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	3	0	4
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	3	0	4
TOWN COMMITTEE 10 positions				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	30	0	40
The polls were closed at 8 p.m.				

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--5,901					
Total voters--all parties--2120					
36% of the eligible voters cast ballots.					
<i>Claudette C. Dolinski</i>					
Claudette C. Dolinski					
Town Clerk of Blackstone					

**Town of Blackstone
Warrant for the Annual Town Election
April 4, 2016**

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 4th day of April, 2016.

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:

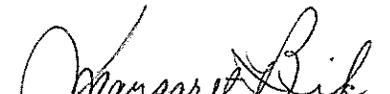
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year term; One Member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee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

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

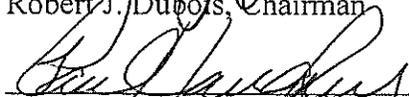
Given under our hands this 8th day of March, 2016.



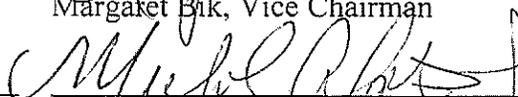
Robert J. Dubois, Chairman



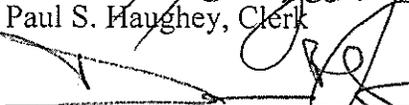
Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman



Paul S. Haughey, Clerk

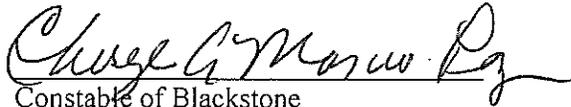


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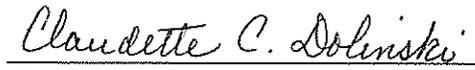


Daniel P. Keefe

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 15th day of March, 2016 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Cheryl G. Masco
Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

April 4, 2016

WARDENS:
 Precinct #1: Arthur W. Langelier
 Precinct #2: Rachel L. Bouvier
 Precinct #3: Sheila J. Landry

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

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	58
Prec #2	66
Prec #3	49
Total	173

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS)				
*Robert A. Gilbert	47	54	36	137
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	11	12	13	36
BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (3 YRS)				
*Margaret T. Keegan	43	53	35	131
Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	15	13	13	41
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Wendy L. Greenstein	49	52	36	137
Others	1	0	1	2
Blanks	8	14	12	34
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Millville Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Erin P. Vinacco	46	49	35	130
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	12	17	14	43
COLLECTOR/TREASURER (3 YRS)				
*Steven J. Perrault	42	54	38	134
Others	0	2	0	2
Blanks	16	10	11	37

CONSTABLE (3 YRS)--Five Positions				
*Joshua Edward Benjamin	43	47	34	124
*Cheryl A. Marino-Page	34	46	34	114
*Frederick J. Stone	41	49	40	130
*Rye Rivet	33	46	34	113
*John Therrien	2	5	5	12
Frederick Gremza	1	2	6	9
Paul Haughey			1	1
Peter Ryan			1	1
Robert Antonitis			1	1
James Pitler	1			1
Jackie Miner		1		1
Gerry Rivet		1		1
Leo Martinelli		1		1
Blanks	135	132	89	356
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)				
*Kevin J. Ryan	39	45	35	119
Others	0	1	0	1
Blanks	19	20	14	53
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YRS) -- Two positions				
*Celeste M. Langlois	48	44	35	127
*Robert J. Morse	49	56	34	139
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	19	32	29	80
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (Unexpired 3 Yrs to expire ATE 2018)				
*Kevin M. Hart	28	30	26	84
Kirk A. Van Dyke	18	28	18	64
Others	0	1	0	1
Blanks	12	7	5	24
PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)				
*Gerald P. Rivet	43	49	36	128
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	15	17	13	45
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS)--Two Positions				
*Michael A. Catalano, Jr.	41	48	38	127
*Robert J. Dubois	42	41	31	114
Others	3	7	1	11
Blanks	30	36	28	94
TOWN CLERK (3 YRS)				
*Claudette C. Dolinski	51	55	42	148
Others	0	2	0	2
Blanks	7	9	7	23

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--5,938

Total voters--173

3% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski

Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 31, 2016

“Amended – April 26, 2016”

Worcester, SS:

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

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 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 accept the Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee’s proposed amendment to the Regional School District Agreement, as submitted to the member towns’ Boards of Selectmen in accordance with Section VI of the Regional Agreement, by amending Section XII - Assumption of Jurisdiction by Member Towns over Grades Kindergarten through Five, Inclusive, by deleting sub sections (A) (B) and (C) and replacing said sections with the following language: All students in Grades Pre-K through Five of all member towns, regardless of which member town they live in, will attend the assigned elementary school regardless of where it is located, based on grade level, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year; and, further, to delete Sub-section (A) and (C) from Article XIII - Miscellaneous Provisions.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Capital Investment Trust the sum of \$431,239 for purposes of funding the following capital debt payments: BMRSD – Sewer Note - \$102,995; BMRSD – Roof Project Note - \$254,014; Recycling Fund – 3 Phase Electric Debt - \$26,155; Recycling Fund – Sorting Facility Equipment Debt - \$48,075, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500,000 to replace the roof, drainage, walkways and stairs, update exterior of building and other incidentals of the Municipal Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town to convert the office of Collector-Treasurer from an elected office to an appointed office by deleting the reference to the Collector-Treasurer in Article IV, Section 4-1A, and adding a reference for the Collector-Treasurer to Article V, Section C5-2A, (1), with a Term of Appointment of 3 years, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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 \$2,500 during Fiscal Year 2017, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for purposes of a lease and installation of a replacement colored copier and coin box, and the purchase of print management equipment and software, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,500 for purposes of funding the replacement of one server and thirty-one computers and computer related equipment, software, and technical training for the Blackstone Public Library, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5-37, Review of contracts; required security to read as follows: Every contract involving the Town exceeding \$15,000 except in cases of emergency to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, shall be submitted to the Town Counsel for review prior to execution. The providing of bid bonds equal to 5% of the bid amount and performance bond is required for all construction or multiyear contracts or for the providing of services greater than \$10,000. The contractor must provide certificates of liability insurance in addition to certificates of workmen's compensation. (Proposed new language underlined.)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5-28A. Capital Outlay Committee, to read as follows: The Capital Outlay Committee, as defined in Section 6-2 of the Blackstone Town Charter, shall make recommendations on all articles that fall within the classification of capital items. All articles on any Town Meeting Warrant regarding any expenditure in excess of \$35,000 on an item having a useful life of five years or more shall not be acted upon by the Town Meeting unless and until those articles have received a recommendation by the Capital Outlay Committee. (Proposed new language underlined.)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$310,000 for the completion of the design and construction of Well #9, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

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 \$100,000 to fund the inspection and a study of numerous Town bridges in need of repair, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to fund the Department of Public Works' disposal of debris such as road materials and concrete, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector/Treasurer to increase Motor Vehicle Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property Demand fee to \$25, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,866 for the replacement of (5) currently inoperable roof exhaust fans at the Municipal Building, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Administrator)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw to be designated Chapter 190 of the Town Code to adopt the Scenic Road Act as follows:

CHAPTER 190 Scenic Roads

190-1 Statutory Authority

The Scenic Roads Act, MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C, allows town meeting, upon recommendation or request of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Historical Commission to designate any road within the town, other than a numbered route or state highway, as a scenic road.

After a road has been designated as a scenic road, any repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect thereto shall not involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with prior written consent of the Planning Board after a public hearing duly advertised twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, as to time, date, place and purpose, the last publication to occur at least seven days prior to such hearing; provided, however, that when a public hearing must be held under the provisions of this section and under section three of Chapter Eighty-Seven prior to the cutting or removal of a tree, such hearings shall be consolidated into a single public hearing before the Tree Warden and the Planning Board, and notice of such consolidated public hearing shall be given by the Tree Warden or his deputy as provided in said section three of Chapter Eighty-Seven.

190-2 Purpose

The purposes of these regulations are the following:

- A. To maintain the natural beauty that currently exists along scenic roads in Blackstone.
- B. To maintain and enhance the rural character of the Town and encourage compatibility with existing roadside features.
- C. To implement more fully the provisions of the Scenic Road Act, with acknowledgement that roads serve a transportation function for pedestrians, equestrians and non-motorized as well as motorized vehicles.

190-3 Procedure To Designate Roads As A Scenic Road

A. Designation Process.

The Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, or by petition of citizens of the Town (consistent with petition requirements to place an article on the warrant) may propose "scenic road" status for any road in Blackstone other than a numbered route or state highway as a scenic road. The Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing on the petition, notifying the Selectmen, the Tree Warden, the DPW Director, the Conservation Commission, and the Historical Commission, and advertising twice in a newspaper of general circulation, the first advertisement at least fourteen days prior to the date of the public hearing.

The Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Town Meeting on the merits of designation of the proposed road as a scenic road.

A majority vote of Town Meeting is required for designation. Such designation shall be effective as of the date of Town Meeting action. Any work on any portion of the right-of-way of a scenic road which was not physically commenced at the time the road was designated as a scenic road shall conform to these regulations.

B. Criteria for Designation as a Scenic Road.

The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Historical Commission shall, in determining which roads or portions of roads should be recommended for designation as scenic roads, consider the following criteria:

1. Overall scenic beauty; ☐
2. Contribution of trees to scenic beauty;
3. Contribution of stone walls to scenic beauty; ☐
4. Age and historic significance of road, trees and stone walls.

C. Notification of Designation as Scenic Road.

Upon designation by Town Meeting of any road or portion thereof as a scenic road, the Planning Board shall take the following steps within 30 days of such designation:

1. Notify all municipal departments that may take action with respect to such road; ☐
2. Notify the State Department of Public Works; ☐
3. Notify the Commissioners of Worcester County; ☐
4. Indicate such designation on maps currently in use by municipal departments, as appropriate; and ☐
5. Notify all utility companies or other parties that may be working in or around such road.

190- 4 Definitions

In the absence of contrary meaning established through legislation or judicial action pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Sec. 15C, these terms contained in that statute shall be construed as follows:

"Road" shall mean a vehicular traveled way plus its necessary appurtenances within the entire right-of-way, not just the paved surface, including bridge structures, drainage systems, retaining walls, traffic control devices, pedestrian facilities, and the air space above them, but not intersecting streets or driveways.

"Cutting or removal of trees" shall not be construed to include clearing of nuisance growth, routine or emergency tree maintenance which removes only permanently diseased or damaged limbs, trunks or roots and dead whole trees, or thinning out of overcrowded trees as determined by the Tree Warden, but shall mean removal of one or more trees, cutting of major branches or cutting of roots, including such cutting or removal done in contemplation of, or following, repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work for a road.

"Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction, or Paving-work" shall mean any such work done within the right-of-way by any person or agency, public or private. Construction of new driveways, bicycle paths, roadside paths/sidewalks or alterations of existing ones, is also included to the extent such work takes place within the right-of-way. Except as allowed in the preceding paragraph, roadside cutting for clearance for vehicles or for improvement of line-of-sight shall also be included within this definition.

"Trees" shall mean any trees (not bushes) having a trunk diameter of 4 inches or larger at one foot above the ground. All trees within the right-of-way of a scenic road or on the boundaries thereof shall be subject to these regulations; if for whatever reason, it is uncertain whether the tree is within the right-of-way of the scenic road, it shall be taken to be within the coverage of these rules and regulations until the contrary is shown.

"Stone walls" shall not be construed to include assemblages of stone involving less than one cubic foot of wall material per linear foot nor totaling less than five feet in length. All stone walls within the entire right-of-way of a scenic road or on the boundaries thereof shall be subject to these regulations; if for whatever reason, it is uncertain whether the stone wall is within such right-of-way of the scenic road, it shall be taken to be within the coverage of these rules and regulations until the contrary is shown.

"Tearing down or destruction of stone walls" shall not be construed to include temporary removal and replacement within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days, at the same location with the same materials and consistent with the original character of the wall.

190-4 Filing Instructions

- A. Any person or organization seeking consent of the Planning Board under MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 15C (the Scenic Road Act) regarding the cutting or removal of trees or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, in connection with the Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction or Paving-work (as defined in Section 5) on Scenic Roads, shall submit a request to the Planning Board together with the following:
 1. A plan showing the location and the nature of the proposed action and a description of the proposed changes to trees and stone walls;
 2. A statement of the purpose(s) for the change;
 3. A statement of the feasible alternatives to the proposed action, together with an indication of the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative; □
 4. A list of owners of property fronting in whole or in part on both sides of the scenic road within 500 feet of the proposed action;
 5. Except in the case of town agencies, a filing fee in an amount established by the Planning Board shall be paid; and
 6. Any further explanatory material useful to adequately inform the Planning Board of the nature and extent of the proposed action prior to the public hearing.
- B. Notice of submittal shall be filed with the Town Clerk and a copy of the submittal transmitted to the Tree Warden after it is accepted and signed for by the Planning Board or its staff.

Planning Board hearings shall be held in conjunction with those held by the Tree Warden acting under MGL Ch. 87. Consent to an action by the Planning Board shall not be construed as inferring consent by the Tree Warden or the reverse, nor shall execution of these rules and regulations in any way limit or restrict the Tree Warden's powers and duties under MGL Ch. 87.

190-6 Notice.

- A. The Planning Board shall, as required by statute, give notice of its public hearing by advertising twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area. This notice shall contain a statement as to the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing with a reasonable description of the action proposed by the applicant. Copies of this notice shall also be sent the Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the DPW Director, the Tree Warden, and the assessed owners of property within 500 feet of the proposed action.
- B. The first publication of the notice shall be as soon as feasible after the Planning Board receives the request from the applicant, and shall in all cases be at least 14 days before the hearing. The last publication shall occur, as required by statute, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

190-7 Hearing and Decision

- A. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within 30 days after the Planning Board meeting at which receipt of a properly filed request is acknowledged.
- B. The Planning Board shall make a decision on the request within 21 days after the public hearing. If the Planning Board fails to mail or deliver to the applicant a copy of its decision within this time period the requested approval shall be deemed granted.

190-8 Considerations

In acting in regard to a Scenic Road request, the Planning Board shall consider the following:

- A. Scenic and aesthetic characteristics;
- B. Public safety;
- C. Accident history within 500 feet of tree(s) and stone walls at issue;
- D. Location and setback of utility poles in relation to the pavement, trees and stone walls;
- E. Traffic volume, congestion and posted speed limit;
- F. Preservation of natural resources;
- G. Environmental and historical values;
- H. Recreational uses of road, taking into account the nature and extent;
- I. Relationship of the road design to the standards of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, but recognizing that a variance from standard should be allowed when a road has been designated scenic by the Townspeople;
- J. Compensatory actions proposed, such as replacement of trees or walls;
- K. Existence or absence of reasonable alternatives (including a no-build alternative);
- L. Consistency with articulated town policies;
- M. Financial and other consequences of design revision to avoid or reduce damage to trees or stone walls;

- N. Evidence contributed by abutters, town agencies, and other interested parties; and
- O. Other sound planning principles.

190-9. Public Shade Tree Act.

Whenever both the Scenic Road Act and the Public Shade Tree Act (MGL Ch. 87) apply, notice shall be given and the Planning Board hearing shall be held in conjunction with the hearing held by the Tree Warden acting under the Public Shade Tree Act. The consent of the Planning Board to a proposed action shall not be regarded as implying consent by the Tree Warden, or vice versa. The Planning Board decision shall contain a condition that no work may be done until all applicable provisions of MGL Ch. 87 have been complied with.

190-10 General

- A. Approval of Curb Cuts by Selectmen. The consent of the Planning Board to work involving a proposed curb cut shall not be deemed to indicate or imply consent or approval by the Selectmen to such curb cut, or vice versa.
- B. Emergency Work. In the event that the Selectman determine that emergency conditions require that work otherwise requiring Planning Board approval must proceed before such approval can be obtained, the Selectmen may authorize the work to proceed before Planning Board approval is obtained to the extent to which the Selectmen deem it necessary to protect public health and safety.

190-11 Designated Scenic Roads

The following roads within the Town of Blackstone have been designated as Scenic Roads under the Scenic Road Act, MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C, as of the date of the adoption of this Bylaw:

- Milk Street
- Union Street
- Hill Street
- Mendon Street (from Crestwood Drive to Mendon town line)

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 25. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$250,000 as the Town's 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 M.G.L. 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 relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the “Blackstone Valley Recycling Center Enterprise Fund”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27. 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.

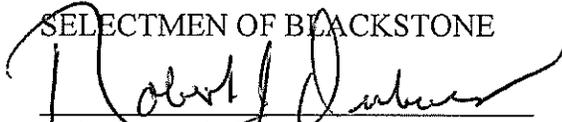
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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.

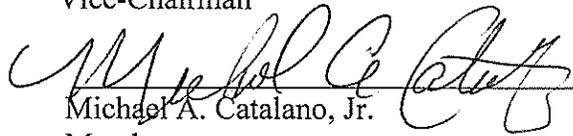
Given under our hands this 26th day of April 2016.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman


Margo Birk
Vice-Chairman

Paul S. Haughey
Clerk


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member

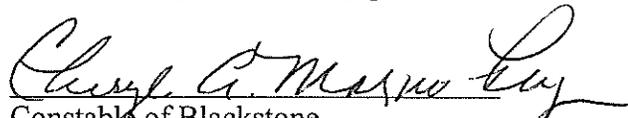

Daniel P. Keefe
Member

A true copy attest:


Cheryl A. Marino
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 27 day of April, 2016 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Cheryl A. Marino
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 31, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 209 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; Long & DiPietro, LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Kyle Gibbons, Police IT; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Shawna Schiller, Casella Waste Systems; Mark Evans, Casella Waste Systems; Colleen Strapponi, Building/Recycling Center; 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

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee's proposed amendment to the Regional School District Agreement, as submitted to the member towns' Boards of Selectmen in accordance with Section VI of the Regional Agreement, by amending Section XII - Assumption of Jurisdiction by Member Towns over Grades Kindergarten through Five, Inclusive, by deleting sub sections (A) (B) and (C) and replacing said sections with the following language: All students in Grades Pre-K through Five of all member towns, regardless of which member town they live in, will attend the assigned elementary school regardless of where it is located, based on

grade level, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year; and, further, to delete Sub-section (A) and (C) from Article XIII - Miscellaneous Provisions.

139 YES 46 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE TO APPROVE ARTICLE 3

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Capital Investment Trust the sum of \$431,239 for purposes of funding the following capital debt payments: BMRSD – Sewer Note - \$102,995; BMRSD – Roof Project Note - \$254,014; Recycling Fund – 3 Phase Electric Debt - \$26,155; Recycling Fund – Sorting Facility Equipment Debt - \$48,075, *for the life of the bond or obligations.*

SECRET BALLOT

145 YES 21 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

Finance Committee Chair James P. Belisle asked that Article 26 be taken out of order.

After Article 26 was read, Selectman Daniel Keefe motioned that the article be indefinitely postponed. The Moderator indicated it was a debatable motion. The following people spoke on the issue: Elaine Connors, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes, John Eldridge, William Walsh, Selectman Keefe, John Wozniak, Constance Perrault, Mark Poirier, Warren Pisani, James Watson, and Patrick Costello, Esq.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE **NOT** TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

ARTICLE 26. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to *rescind* Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the “Blackstone Valley Recycling Center Enterprise Fund.”

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO RESCIND

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$23,873,323 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, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 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.

That	\$ 16,868,998	raised from FY'17 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,582,632	raised from FY'17 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,430,000	raised from FY'17 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,814,327	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$ 300,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 2,776	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 1,816,318	raised from FY'17 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues

That \$ - transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
 That \$ - raised from FY'16 Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from Stabilization
 That \$ 58,272 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
01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$161,915	
EXPENSES	\$13,500	
TOTAL	\$175,415	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
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$112,363	
EXPENSES	\$15,260	
TOTAL	\$127,623	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$103,926	
EXPENSES	\$73,375	
TOTAL	\$177,301	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$120,844	
EXPENSES	\$29,250	
TOTAL	\$150,094	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	\$20,987	
TOTAL	\$20,987	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$202,890	
TOTAL	\$202,890	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$123,658	
EXPENSES	\$20,400	
TOTAL	\$144,058	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$9,400	
EXPENSES	\$24,410	
TOTAL	\$33,810	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	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		

EXPENSES	\$2,401	
TOTAL	\$2,401	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A discussion was held regarding the gasoline line item under the General budget.

01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$152,860	
TOTAL	\$152,860	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$320,025	
TOTAL	\$320,025	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,424,647	
EXPENSES	\$156,180	
TOTAL	\$1,580,827	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$230,750	
EXPENSES	\$2,200	
TOTAL	\$232,950	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$835,938	
EXPENSES	\$37,550	
TOTAL	\$873,488	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$5,665	
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$55,665	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$64,126	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$67,626	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$15,100	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$16,233	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$9,010	
EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$9,660	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$22,750	
TOTAL	\$23,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$17,396	
EXPENSES	\$7,800	
TOTAL	\$25,196	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$5,902	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$24,102	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A discussion was held regarding the Education – BMR budget. Speakers included John Eldridge, Superintendent Himmelberger, Warren Pisani, and Tammy Lemieux.

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$8,473,130	
TOTAL	\$8,473,130	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$799,530	
TOTAL	\$801,030	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	\$28,877	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$28,877	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$246,866	
TOTAL	\$246,866	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		

EXPENSES	\$37,148	
TOTAL	\$37,148	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,170	
TOTAL	\$110,670	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$109,375	
TOTAL	\$109,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$71,500	
TOTAL	\$71,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$308,000	
TOTAL	\$308,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$553,964	
TOTAL	\$553,964	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A discussion was held regarding the Recycling budget. Speakers included Paul Muller, Constance Perrault, and Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor.

01434 RECYCLING		
SALARIES	\$268,242	
EXPENSES	\$57,800	
TOTAL	\$326,042	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$20,047	
EXPENSES	\$71,138	
TOTAL	\$91,185	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$178,207	
EXPENSES	\$11,920	
TOTAL	\$190,127	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,517	

EXPENSES	\$136,170	
TOTAL	\$141,687	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$230,265	
EXPENSES	\$200,275	
TOTAL	\$430,540	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$71,662	
EXPENSES	\$52,688	
TOTAL	\$124,350	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	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$984,948	
TOTAL	\$984,948	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$330,398	
TOTAL	\$330,398	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$44,238	
TOTAL	\$44,238	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	-	
TOTAL	-	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$584,744	
TOTAL	\$584,744	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$572,236	
TOTAL	\$572,236	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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	\$22,057,005	
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	\$162,218	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$162,218	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$189,426	
TOTAL	\$189,426	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$425,450	
TOTAL	\$425,450	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL SEWER	\$827,094	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		

SALARIES	\$150,416	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$150,416	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$71,152	
TOTAL	\$71,152	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$524,818	
TOTAL	\$524,818	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$162,000	
TOTAL	\$162,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$28,838	
TOTAL	\$28,838	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$989,224	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,816,318	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS	\$23,873,323	

ARTICLE 6. 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

At this point a motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 26.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

ARTICLE 7. 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 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$500,000 to replace the roof, drainage, walkways and stairs, update exterior of building and other incidentals of the Municipal Center.

SECRET BALLOT

89 YES 31 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town to convert the office of Collector-Treasurer from an elected office to an appointed office by deleting the reference to the Collector-Treasurer in Article IV, Section 4-1A, and

adding a reference for the Collector-Treasurer to Article V, Section C5-2A, (1), with a Term of Appointment of 3 years.

49 YES 54 NO

MOTION FAILS

(TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED TO APPROVE)

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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 \$2,500 during Fiscal Year 2017.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$15,000 for purposes of a lease and installation of a replacement colored copier and coin box, and the purchase of print management equipment and software.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$45,500 for purposes of funding the replacement of one server and thirty-one computers and computer related equipment, software, and technical training for the Blackstone Public Library.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5-37, Review of contracts; required security to read as follows: Every contract involving the Town exceeding \$15,000 except in cases of emergency to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, shall be submitted to the Town Counsel for review prior to execution. The providing of bid bonds equal to 5% of the bid amount and performance bond is required for all construction or multiyear contracts or for the providing of services greater than \$10,000. The contractor must provide certificates of liability insurance in addition to certificates of workmen's compensation. (Proposed new language underlined.)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5-28A. Capital Outlay Committee, to read as follows: The Capital

Outlay Committee, as defined in Section 6-2 of the Blackstone Town Charter, shall make recommendations on all articles that fall within the classification of capital items. All articles on any Town Meeting Warrant regarding any expenditure in excess of \$35,000 on an item having a useful life of five years or more shall not be acted upon by the Town Meeting unless and until those articles have received a recommendation by the Capital Outlay Committee. (Proposed new language underlined.)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from water/sewer retained earnings the sum of \$310,000 for the completion of the design and construction of Well #9.

SECRET BALLOT
90 YES 14 NO
MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund the inspection and a study of numerous Town bridges in need of repair.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$50,000 to fund the Department of Public Works' disposal of debris such as road materials and concrete.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Collector/Treasurer to increase Motor Vehicle Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property Demand fee to \$10.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$6,866 for the replacement of (5) currently inoperable roof exhaust fans at the Municipal Building.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to adopt a General Bylaw to be designated Chapter 190 of the Town Code to adopt the Scenic Road Act as follows:

CHAPTER 190 Scenic Roads

190-1 Statutory Authority

The Scenic Roads Act, MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C, allows town meeting, upon recommendation or request of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Historical Commission to designate any road within the town, other than a numbered route or state highway, as a scenic road.

After a road has been designated as a scenic road, any repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect thereto shall not involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with prior written consent of the Planning Board after a public hearing duly advertised twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, as to time, date, place and purpose, the last publication to occur at least seven days prior to such hearing; provided, however, that when a public hearing must be held under the provisions of this section and under section three of Chapter Eighty-Seven prior to the cutting or removal of a tree, such hearings shall be consolidated into a single public hearing before the Tree Warden and the Planning Board, and notice of such consolidated public hearing shall be given by the Tree Warden or his deputy as provided in said section three of Chapter Eighty-Seven.

190-2 Purpose

The purposes of these regulations are the following:

- A. To maintain the natural beauty that currently exists along scenic roads in Blackstone.
- B. To maintain and enhance the rural character of the Town and encourage compatibility with existing roadside features.
- C. To implement more fully the provisions of the Scenic Road Act, with acknowledgement that roads serve a transportation function for pedestrians, equestrians and non-motorized as well as motorized vehicles.

190-3 Procedure To Designate Roads As A Scenic Road

A. Designation Process.

The Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, or by petition of citizens of the Town (consistent with petition requirements to place an article on the warrant) may propose "scenic road" status for any road in Blackstone other than a numbered route or state highway as a scenic road. The Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing on the petition, notifying the Selectmen, the Tree Warden, the DPW Director, the Conservation Commission, and the Historical Commission, and advertising twice in a newspaper of general circulation, the first advertisement at least fourteen days prior to the date of the public hearing.

The Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Town Meeting on the merits of designation of the proposed road as a scenic road.

A majority vote of Town Meeting is required for designation. Such designation shall be effective as of the date of Town Meeting action. Any work on any portion of the right-of-way of a scenic road which was not physically commenced at the time the road was designated as a scenic road shall conform to these regulations.

B. Criteria for Designation as a Scenic Road.

The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Historical Commission shall, in determining which roads or portions of roads should be recommended for designation as scenic roads, consider the following criteria:

1. Overall scenic beauty;
2. Contribution of trees to scenic beauty;
3. Contribution of stone walls to scenic beauty;
4. Age and historic significance of road, trees and stone walls.

C. Notification of Designation as Scenic Road.

Upon designation by Town Meeting of any road or portion thereof as a scenic road, the Planning Board shall take the following steps within 30 days of such designation:

1. Notify all municipal departments that may take action with respect to such road;
2. Notify the State Department of Public Works;
3. Notify the Commissioners of Worcester County;
4. Indicate such designation on maps currently in use by municipal departments, as appropriate; and
5. Notify all utility companies or other parties that may be working in or around such road.

In the absence of contrary meaning established through legislation or judicial action pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Sec. 15C, these terms contained in that statute shall be construed as follows:

"Road" shall mean a vehicular traveled way plus its necessary appurtenances within the entire right-of-way, not just the paved surface, including bridge structures, drainage systems, retaining walls, traffic control devices, pedestrian facilities, and the air space above them, but not intersecting streets or driveways.

"Cutting or removal of trees" shall not be construed to include clearing of nuisance growth, routine or emergency tree maintenance which removes only permanently diseased or damaged limbs, trunks or roots and dead whole trees, or thinning out of overcrowded trees as determined by the Tree Warden, but shall mean removal of one or more trees, cutting of major branches or cutting of roots, including such cutting or removal done in contemplation of, or following, repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work for a road.

"Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction, or Paving-work" shall mean any such work done within the right-of-way by any person or agency, public or private. Construction of new driveways, bicycle paths, roadside paths/sidewalks or alterations of existing ones, is also included to the extent such work takes place within the right-of-way. Except as allowed in the preceding paragraph, roadside cutting for clearance for vehicles or for improvement of line-of-sight shall also be included within this definition.

"Trees" shall mean any trees (not bushes) having a trunk diameter of 4 inches or larger at one foot above the ground. All trees within the right-of-way of a scenic road or on the boundaries thereof shall be subject to these regulations; if for whatever reason, it is uncertain whether the tree is within the right-of-way of the scenic road, it shall be taken to be within the coverage of these rules and regulations until the contrary is shown.

"Stone walls" shall not be construed to include assemblages of stone involving less than one cubic foot of wall material per linear foot nor totaling less than five feet in length. All stone walls within the entire right-of-way of a scenic road or on the boundaries thereof shall be subject to these regulations; if for whatever reason, it is uncertain whether the stone wall is within such right-of-way of the scenic road, it shall be taken to be within the coverage of these rules and regulations until the contrary is shown.

"Tearing down or destruction of stone walls" shall not be construed to include temporary removal and replacement within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days, at the same location with the same materials and consistent with the original character of the wall.

190-4 Filing Instructions

- A. Any person or organization seeking consent of the Planning Board under MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 15C (the Scenic Road Act) regarding the cutting or removal of trees or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, in connection with the Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction or Paving-work (as defined in Section 5) on Scenic Roads, shall submit a request to the Planning Board together with the following:

1. A plan showing the location and the nature of the proposed action and a description of the proposed changes to trees and stone walls;
2. A statement of the purpose(s) for the change;
3. A statement of the feasible alternatives to the proposed action, together with an indication of the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative; □
4. A list of owners of property fronting in whole or in part on both sides of the scenic road within 500 feet of the proposed action;
5. Except in the case of town agencies, a filing fee in an amount established by the Planning Board shall be paid; and
6. Any further explanatory material useful to adequately inform the Planning Board of the nature and extent of the proposed action prior to the public hearing.

B. Notice of submittal shall be filed with the Town Clerk and a copy of the submittal transmitted to the Tree Warden after it is accepted and signed for by the Planning Board or its staff.

190-5 Tree Warden

Planning Board hearings shall be held in conjunction with those held by the Tree Warden acting under MGL Ch. 87. Consent to an action by the Planning Board shall not be construed as inferring consent by the Tree Warden or the reverse, nor shall execution of these rules and regulations in any way limit or restrict the Tree Warden's powers and duties under MGL Ch. 87.

190-6 Notice.

- A. The Planning Board shall, as required by statute, give notice of its public hearing by advertising twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area. This notice shall contain a statement as to the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing with a reasonable description of the action proposed by the applicant. Copies of this notice shall also be sent the Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the DPW Director, the Tree Warden, and the assessed owners of property within 500 feet of the proposed action.
- B. The first publication of the notice shall be as soon as feasible after the Planning Board receives the request from the applicant, and shall in all cases be at least 14 days before the hearing. The last publication shall occur, as required by statute, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

190-7 Hearing and Decision

- A. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within 30 days after the Planning Board meeting at which receipt of a properly filed request is acknowledged.
- B. The Planning Board shall make a decision on the request within 21 days after the public hearing. If the Planning Board fails to mail or deliver to the applicant a copy of its decision within this time period the requested approval shall be deemed granted.

190-8 Considerations

In acting in regard to a Scenic Road request, the Planning Board shall consider the following:

- A. Scenic and aesthetic characteristics;
- B. Public safety;
- C. Accident history within 500 feet of tree(s) and stone walls at issue;
- D. Location and setback of utility poles in relation to the pavement, trees and stone walls;
- E. Traffic volume, congestion and posted speed limit;
- F. Preservation of natural resources;
- G. Environmental and historical values;
- H. Recreational uses of road, taking into account the nature and extent;
- I. Relationship of the road design to the standards of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, but recognizing that a variance from standard should be allowed when a road has been designated scenic by the Townspeople;
- J. Compensatory actions proposed, such as replacement of trees or walls;
- K. Existence or absence of reasonable alternatives (including a no-build alternative);
- L. Consistency with articulated town policies;
- M. Financial and other consequences of design revision to avoid or reduce damage to trees or stone walls;
- N. Evidence contributed by abutters, town agencies, and other interested parties; and
- O. Other sound planning principles.

190-9. Public Shade Tree Act.

Whenever both the Scenic Road Act and the Public Shade Tree Act (MGL Ch. 87) apply, notice shall be given and the Planning Board hearing shall be held in conjunction with the hearing held by the Tree Warden acting under the Public Shade Tree Act. The consent of the Planning Board to a proposed action shall not be regarded as implying consent by the Tree Warden, or vice versa. The Planning Board decision shall contain a condition that no work may be done until all applicable provisions of MGL Ch. 87 have been complied with.

190-10 General

- A. Approval of Curb Cuts by Selectmen. The consent of the Planning Board to work involving a proposed curb cut shall not be deemed to indicate or imply consent or approval by the Selectmen to such curb cut, or vice versa.
- B. Emergency Work. In the event that the Selectman determine that emergency conditions require that work otherwise requiring Planning Board approval must proceed before such approval can be obtained, the Selectmen may authorize the work to proceed before Planning Board approval is obtained to the extent to which the Selectmen deem it necessary to protect public health and safety.

190-11 Designated Scenic Roads

The following roads within the Town of Blackstone have been designated as Scenic Roads under the Scenic Road Act, MGL Chapter 40, Section 15C, as of the date of the adoption of this Bylaw:

- Milk Street
- Union Street
- Hill Street
- Mendon Street (from Crestwood Drive to Mendon town line)

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 the sum of \$250,000 as the Town’s 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 M.G.L. 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 relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer a sum of \$102,619.27 from free cash to the stabilization fund.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS
Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
James P. Belisle	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2019
Stephen P. Goudreau	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2019
James T. Watson III	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2019

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 31, 2016
“Amended – April 7, 2016”

Worcester, SS:

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

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$21,195.74 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 wastewater treatment host fees, 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 \$11,720.95 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 Bond, 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 money not to exceed \$75,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 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 \$250,000 to fund the Blackstone Recycling budget, 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 \$531.95 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 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$295.01 to pay prior year bill payable to National Grid, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$107.95 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast, or take any 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 the sum of \$92.85 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$402.03 to pay prior year bill payable to Blackstone Gas Company, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14.99 to pay prior year bill payable to W.B. Mason, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$171.47 to pay prior year bills payable to Ready Refresh, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$775 to pay prior year reimbursement payable to Adam Robidoux, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$24.48 to pay prior year payroll payable to Nicole Marvella, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary, or take any action in relation thereto.

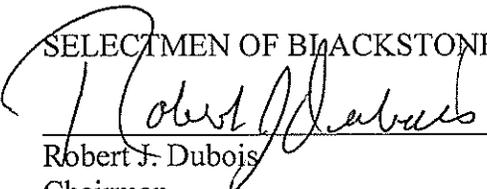
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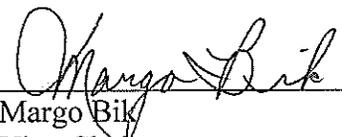
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on 200 Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town .

Given under our hands this 7th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.

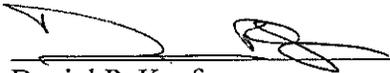
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman


Margo Birk
Vice-Chairman

Paul S. Haughey
Clerk

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member

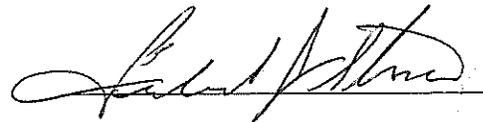

Daniel P. Keefe
Member

A true copy attest:

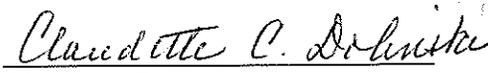

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this ^{14th}~~12th~~ day of April, 2016 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 31, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 144 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; Long & DiPietro, LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Shawna Schiller, Casella Waste Systems; Mark Evans, Casella Waste Systems; Colleen Strapponi, Building/Recycling Department.

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

Finance Committee Chairman Belisle read Article 1, and a lengthy discussion was held regarding the City of Woonsocket's host fees. Speakers were Selectman Keefe, John Eldridge, John Wozniak, and Patrick Costello, Esq. After the discussion, a hand-count vote was taken. This article requires a nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from water/sewer retained earnings the sum of \$21,195.74 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 wastewater treatment host fees.

123 YES 52 NO

MOTION FAILS

(NINE-TENTHS REQUIRED TO APPROVE)

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from water/sewer retained earnings the sum of \$11,720.95 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 Bond.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$68,920 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

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 \$250,000 to fund the Blackstone Recycling budget.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY 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 \$531.95 to pay prior year bill payable to M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$295.01 to pay prior year bill payable to National Grid.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$107.95 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast.

182 YES ZERO NO

NINE-TENTHS MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$92.85 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast.

184 YES 4 NO

NINE-TENTHS MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$402.03 to pay prior year bill payable to Blackstone Gas Company.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$14.99 to pay prior year bill payable to W.B. Mason.

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 \$171.47 to pay prior year bills payable to Ready Refresh.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$24.48 to pay prior year payroll payable to Nicole Marvelle, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary.

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 7:45 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2016 STATE PRIMARY

SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

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

Pct. 1—Senior Center, Municipal Center (Lower Level), 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone

Pct. 2—St. Theresa Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun St., Blackstone

Pct. 3—Main Conference Room, Municipal Center (Upper Level), 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone

On **THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

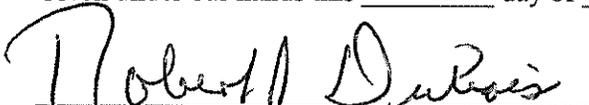
To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
COUNCILLOR
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
SHERIFF

SECOND DISTRICT
SEVENTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
WORCESTER COUNTY

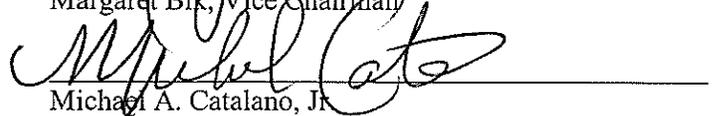
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of July, 2016.


Robert J. Dubois, Chairman


Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman

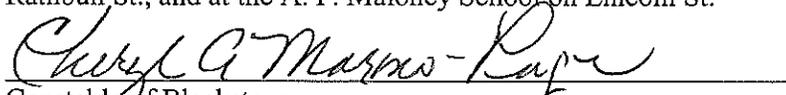

Paul S. Haughey, Clerk


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Daniel P. Keefe

Selectmen of Blackstone

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 27 day of July, 2016, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St., at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun St., and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.


Cheryl A. Marmo-Rape
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY
September 8, 2016**

WARDENS:	Precinct #1	Margaret T. Keegan
	Precinct #2	Robert A. Gilbert
	Precinct #3	Frederick J. Stone

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

The votes were recorded as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Democrat	41
Prec #2	Democrat	30
Prec #3	Democrat	23
	Total	94

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District

*James P. McGovern	40	30	22	92
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1	2

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Matthew CJ Vance	40	27	20	87
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	3	3	7

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District

Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Blanks	41	29	23	93

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighth Worcester District

Write-Ins	0	2	1	3
Blanks	41	28	22	91

SHERIFF--Worcester County

Write-Ins	0	2	0	2
Blanks	41	28	23	92

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	23
Prec #2	Republican	30
Prec #3	Republican	21
	Total	74

PREC 1 PREC 2 PREC 3 TOTAL

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District

Write-Ins	0	3	2	5
Blanks	23	27	19	69

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Jennie L. Caissie	22	23	16	61
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	7	5	13

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District

*Ryan C. Fattman	22	29	20	71
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	1	1	3

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighth Worcester District

*Kevin J. Kuros	22	28	19	69
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	5

SHERIFF--Worcester County

*Lewis G. Evangelidis	20	24	18	62
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	6	3	12

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	0
Prec #2	Republican	0
Prec #3	Republican	1
	Total	1

	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	1	1
COUNCILLOR--Seventh District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	1	1
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	1	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighth Worcester District				
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0
SHERIFF--Worcester County				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	1	1

UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	0
Prec #2	Republican	0
Prec #3	Republican	0
	Total	0

	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
COUNCILLOR--Seventh District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighth Worcester District

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

SHERIFF--Worcester County

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

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--5,983

Total voters--all parties--169

.03% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

**WARRANT
STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

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

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

on **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTFOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
SHERIFF. WORCESTER COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

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

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of

commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

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

Given under our hands this 18th day of October, 2016.

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman

Paul S. Haughey, Clerk

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Daniel P. Keefe

Selectmen of Blackstone

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this _____ day of October, 2016, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street, at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun Street, and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.

Constable

_____, 2016
Date

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

QUESTION #1--Expanded Slot-Machine Gaming

*Yes	782	836	799	2417
No	642	711	717	2070
Blanks	47	45	44	136

QUESTION #2--Charter School Expansion

Yes	524	556	571	1651
*No	922	1016	968	2906
Blanks	25	20	21	66

QUESTION #3--Conditions for Farm Animals

*Yes	1128	1246	1190	3564
No	316	328	348	992
Blanks	27	18	22	67

QUESTION #4--Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana

*Yes	888	916	866	2670
No	565	661	682	1908
Blanks	18	15	12	45

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6,209

Total voters--4623

74% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

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 of the Town of Blackstone 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, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Hebert
Town Accountant

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

	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	3,297,680	994,335	413,775	1,427,728	8,003,353	-	14,136,871
Petty Cash	975						975
Receivables:							
Property taxes	221,343	-	-	-	-	-	221,343
Motor vehicle excise	280,306	-	-	-	-	-	280,306
Tax Liens	977,387	-	-	-	-	-	977,387
Water		-	-	89,198	-	-	89,198
Sewer		-	-	106,694	-	-	106,694
Other		622,587	-	-	-	-	622,587
Special assessments							
Pre-Paid Expenses							
Due from State							
Due from Other							
Accrued Revenue		172,994				9,801,464	172,994
Amounts to be Provided							9,801,464
Loans Authorized							
Total assets	<u>4,777,691</u>	<u>1,789,916</u>	<u>413,775</u>	<u>1,623,620</u>	<u>8,003,353</u>	<u>9,801,464</u>	<u>26,409,819</u>
Liabilities & reserves							
Warrants & accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payrolls payable & withholdings	2,444	-	-	-	-	-	2,444
Other liabilities	10,724	-	-	-	-	-	10,724
Due to other funds							
Notes payable							
Bonds payable						9,801,464	9,801,464
Loans Authorized and Unissued							
Deferred revenue & provision	793,163	622,587		195,892			1,611,642
Overlay Balance	685,877						685,877
Total liabilities & reserves	<u>1,492,208</u>	<u>622,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,801,464</u>	<u>12,112,151</u>
Fund balances							
Reserved							
Encumbrances	202,218	114		330,530			532,862
Free Cash for Expenditures	728,257						728,257
Continued appropriations	505,175			41,008			546,183
Overlay for Expenditures				310,000			310,000
Special Purposes			413,775		8,003,353		8,417,128
Undesignated	1,849,833	1,167,215		746,190			3,763,238
Total fund balances	<u>3,285,483</u>	<u>1,167,329</u>	<u>413,775</u>	<u>1,427,728</u>	<u>8,003,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,297,668</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>4,777,691</u>	<u>1,789,916</u>	<u>413,775</u>	<u>1,623,620</u>	<u>8,003,353</u>	<u>9,801,464</u>	<u>26,409,819</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis
Fiscal Year 2016

Fund 01

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2015:		\$ 1,788,394
Date of Entry		
Close FY2016 Revenue/Expenditures		(630,780)
Close FY2016 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend		1,187,484
Close FY2016 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		589,386
Close FY2016 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		352,288
Establish FY2017 F/B Res for Cont Approp.		(505,175)
Establish FY2017 F/B Reserved for Encumb.		(202,218)
Establish FY2017 Free Cash Reserv for Expend.		(728,257)
Prior Year Audit Adjust Withholdings		(1,289)
Ending Balance, June 30, 2016 Undes.		<u>1,849,833</u>

Balance Sheet

Summary Total Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances		202,218
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations		505,175
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expend		728,257
Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash		
Undes. Fund Balance		1,849,833
Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2016		<u>\$ 3,285,483</u>

From Balance Sheet		<u>\$ 3,285,483</u>
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	550	25		575	575	-	0
SELECTMEN	71,360		262,492	333,852	70,285	-	263,567
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	170,444			170,444	170,029	17	398
FINANCE COMMITTEE	9,300			9,300	1,214	645	7,441
RESERVE FUND	75,000	(48,000)		27,000	-		27,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	3,100			3,100	624	-	2,476
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	120,592	-		120,592	113,899	6,595	98
ASSESSORS	150,337			150,337	143,697	1,283	5,357
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	143,994			143,994	136,525	4,506	2,963
TOWN COUNSEL	100,000			100,000	78,931	10,198	10,871
DATA PROCESSING	140,000		201	140,201	129,325	4,437	6,439
COPIER	17,070	3,500		20,570	18,680	-	1,890
BONDS & INSURANCE	198,003	33,000		231,003	230,474	365	164
TOWN CLERK	134,866	25	10,500	145,391	130,172	2,737	12,482
ELECTIONS	20,550		21,000	41,550	38,977		2,573
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,500			6,500	3,836	1,138	1,526
CONSERVATION COMM	4,225			4,225	4,075		150
OPEN SPACE			100,000	100,000	-		100,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,331		20,317	46,648	25,313	840	20,495
ZONING BOARD	8,389		24	8,413	4,437		3,976
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	5,000			5,000	205		4,795
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,350			2,350	2,342		8
GENERAL	152,860	(5,000)		147,860	92,967	232	54,661
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	302,025		251,042	553,067	501,196	46,473	5,398
TOWN REPORT	3,000			3,000	2,119		881
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,865,846	(16,450)	665,576	2,514,972	1,899,897	79,466	535,609
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,472,815	-	65,667	1,538,482	1,446,017	1,595	90,870
POLICE DISPATCHERS	218,679	-		218,679	214,306		4,373
FIRE DEPARTMENT	750,861	-	12,455	763,316	746,180	2,129	15,007
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	-			-			0
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	-			-			0
AMBULANCE	55,056	(3,442)	6,570	58,184	39,705	2,231	16,248
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	56,529			56,529	55,127	535	867
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	15,793			15,793	15,652	-	141
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000			2,000	1,750		250
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	9,397			9,397	9,311		86
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	16,750			16,750	11,185	5,000	565

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
ANIMAL CONTROL	24,589			24,589	23,589		1,000
FORESTRY	24,025			24,025	20,702		3,323
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,646,494	(3,442)	84,692	2,727,744	2,583,524	11,490	132,730
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	8,368,465	-		8,368,465	8,368,465	-	0
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	732,620			732,620	732,620	-	0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	524,192	(15,000)		509,192	399,233	-	109,959
EDUCATION	9,625,277	(15,000)	-	9,610,277	9,500,318	-	109,959
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	-			-			0
ENGINEERING	15,000			15,000	5,450	6,250	3,300
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	28,058			28,058	28,052		6
HIGHWAY LABOR	243,064		775	243,839	232,481		11,358
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	35,881		121,245	157,126	141,194	1,714	14,218
SNOW & ICE	110,669		68,920	179,589	179,348		241
STREET LIGHTING	109,375	-		109,375	98,247		11,128
MECHANICAL REPAIR	69,000	-	532	69,532	68,038	1,061	433
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	305,000	25,000		330,000	324,233	17	5,750
STREET CLEANING	2,250			2,250	1,015		1,235
WASTE COLLECTION	538,120			538,120	466,918	70,401	801
PUBLIC WORKS	1,456,417	25,000	191,472	1,672,889	1,544,976	79,443	48,470
BOARD OF HEALTH	93,611			93,611	85,273	8,648	1,090
COUNCIL ON AGING	172,109	1,400	65,000	237,109	212,061	1,143	23,905
VETERANS	141,526			141,526	114,234		27,292
HUMAN SERVICES	407,246	1,400	65,000	473,646	411,568	9,791	52,287
LIBRARY	400,324		65,000	465,324	418,517	6,133	40,674
PARKS	116,357		47,256	163,613	140,070	13,114	10,429
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000		15	2,015	2,009		6
MEMORIAL DAY	10,100			10,100	9,799		301
CULTURAL COUNCIL	-			-			0
CULTURE & RECREATION	528,781	-	112,271	641,052	570,395	19,247	51,410

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
PRINCIPAL	939,224			939,224	939,148	-	76
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	363,625	-		363,625	363,471	-	154
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	5,000	(5,000)		-	-	-	0
DEBT SERVICE	1,307,849	(5,000)	-	1,302,849	1,302,619	-	230
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	7,210	(2,000)		5,210	5,197	-	13
COUNTY RETIREMENT	540,058			540,058	540,058	-	0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000	(5,000)		45,000	10,650	-	34,350
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	521,175	17,520		538,695	537,639	-	1,056
LIFE INSURANCE	3,000			3,000	2,106	-	894
MATCHING MEDICARE	65,000	(3,571)		61,429	56,609	-	4,820
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	10,000	-	0
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500	6,522		14,022	14,021	-	1
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	39,735	21		39,756	39,735	-	21
COURT JUDGMENT	-			-	-	-	0
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,243,678	13,492	-	1,257,170	1,216,015	-	41,155
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	19,081,588	-	1,119,011	20,200,599	19,029,312	199,437	971,850
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	146,035			146,035	146,035	-	0
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	0
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-	-		-	-	-	0
TRANS TO OPEB TRUST	250,000			250,000	250,000	-	0
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	1,929,942			1,929,942	1,947,225	-	-17,283
	2,325,977	-	250,000	2,575,977	2,593,260	-	-17,283
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	21,407,565	-	1,369,011	22,776,576	21,622,572	199,437	954,567

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2016

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
Receipts:				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	111,224	111,224	-	0.00%
A2 School Transportation	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>111,224</u>	<u>111,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,261,792	1,261,792	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive	-	-	-	
B7 Veterans Benefits	77,590	77,636	46	0.00%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	38,436	36,954	(1,482)	-3.86%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly	-	-	-	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	26,842	26,842	-	0.00%
Additional State Aid	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>1,404,660</u>	<u>1,403,224</u>	<u>(1,436)</u>	<u>-0.10%</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,515,884</u>	<u>1,514,448</u>	<u>(1,436)</u>	<u>-0.09%</u>
Offset Items				
TOTAL, All Receipts	<u>1,515,884</u>	<u>1,514,448</u>		
Charges:				
A County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3 Mosquito Control	25,846	25,846	-	0.00%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	2,369	2,369	-	0.00%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	11,520	11,520	-	0.00%
	<u>39,735</u>	<u>39,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2016

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
Local Receipts:				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	825,000	1,236,625	411,625	49.89%
2a MEALS TAX		13,675	13,675	#DIV/0!
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	85,750	144,899	59,149	68.98%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	11,577	15,936	4,359	37.65%
10 FEES:	25,000	29,598	4,598	18.39%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	125,000	208,316	83,316	66.65%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	37,999	2,999	8.57%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	10,000	6,608	(3,392)	-33.92%
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:		-	-	0.00%
22 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	-	15,437	15,437	0.00%
	<u>1,117,327</u>	<u>1,709,093</u>	<u>591,766</u>	<u>52.96%</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2016

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ (172,994)	77,068	\$ 1,090,261	\$ 994,335
Accounts receivable	-		622,587	622,587
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government			-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
Accrued Revenue	172,994	-	-	172,994
	-	77,068	1,712,848	1,789,916

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	-			-
Due to other funds	-		-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	622,587	622,587
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-		-
Fund balance - reserved		114	-	114
Unreserved fund balance	-	76,954	1,090,261	1,167,215
	\$ -	\$ 77,068	\$ 1,712,848	\$ 1,789,916
	0	0	0	0

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Year ended June 30, 2016

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Federal & State Grants	476,307	174,111	540,127	\$ 1,190,545
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-		\$ -
	476,307	174,111	540,127	\$ 1,190,545

Expenditures				
General Government	-	39,566	165,031	\$ 204,597
Public Safety	-	24,811	5,512	\$ 30,323
Education	-		93,238	\$ 93,238
Public works	474,647	16,313	3,696	\$ 494,656
Human services	-	30,889	5,365	\$ 36,254
Culture & recreation	-	13,241	21,044	\$ 34,285
Insurance & other	-	-	-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	\$ -
Debt Service	-	-	-	\$ -
	474,647	124,820	293,886	\$ 893,353

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	1,660	49,291	246,241	\$ 297,192
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Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers in	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers (out)	-	(38,333)	(288,911)	\$ (327,244)
	-	(38,333)	(288,911)	(327,244)

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	1,660	10,958	(42,670)	(30,052)
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Fund Balance, 6/30/15	(1,660)	66,110	1,132,931	\$ 1,197,381
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Fund Balance, 6/30/16	-	77,068	1,090,261	1,167,329
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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2016

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2015	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2016
Fund 13 Highway Fund						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	-1,660	476,307	474,647	0	0
Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund						
Federal Grants:						
Total Federal Grants:		0	0	0	0	0
State Grants:						
020-000-000-35000	Undesignated Fund Balance	0				0
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	0	1,797	1,797		0
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	3,081	0	0		3,081
020-100-193-35000	Green Communities Grant	37,769	0	37,769		0
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	14,793	2,708	6,886		10,615
020-200-212-35000	Community Policing Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-213-35000	Underage Drinking Grant	845	342	0		1,187
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	0	0	0		0
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	0	23,675	0		23,675
020-200-218-35000	VV Public Safety Equipment Grant	514	0	514		0
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	6,067	0	6,020		47
020-200-221-35000	Fire Safe Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-223-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	7,735	6,953	8,611		6,077
020-200-225-35000	Fire Safety Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-227-35000	Homeland Security Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	23	0	0		23
020-200-229-35000	ARRA Fire Staffing Grant	0	0	0		0
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	0	5,560	2,780		2,780
020-200-290-35000	Fire VFA Grant	0	0	0		0
020-400-422-35000	Winter Rapid Recovery Road Grant	-35,234	35,234	0		0
020-400-429-35000	Lake Hiawatha Dam Grant	0	0	0		0
020-400-437-35000	Water Emergency Reimb Grant	0	0	0		0
020-400-438-35000	Sewer Rate Relief Grant	0	0	0		0
020-500-439-35000	Recycling Grant	0	3,550	3,260		290
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	237	0	0		237
020-500-514-35000	BOH - PHER Grant	0	413	413		0
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant	1	13,571	13,441		131
020-500-542-35000	COA - MARTAP Grant	0	900	900		0
020-500-548-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	616	0	287		329
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	23,524	13,089	10,806		25,807
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	124	0	0		124
020-600-613-35000	Library Match Grant	0	0	0		0
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	2,560	2,420	1,741		3,239
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	0	5,000	3,714		1,286
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	1	0	0		1
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	590	0	0		590
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	0	0	8,133		-8,133
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	2,864	4,700	4,695		2,869
021-400-429-35000	FEMA	0	54,199	13,053	-38,333	2,813
20000-20200	Warrants Payable	0				0
Total State Grants:		66,110	174,111	124,820	-38,333	77,068
Total Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund		66,110	174,111	124,820	-38,333	77,068

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2016

	Balance July 1, 2015	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2016	
Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue						
Receipts Reserved:						
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,549	0	0	2,549	
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	17,638	0	0	17,638	
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	7,814	578	0	-8,392	
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	63,147	14,200	0	77,347	
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148	0	0	13,148	
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500	0	0	25,500	
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	63,264	0	0	63,264	
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise Gift	428,135	61,522	162,400	327,257	
000-029-135-35600	Compensated Balances	0	0	0	0	
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	7,944	1,505	2,631	6,818	
029-100-175-35603	Meadow Harris	265	0	0	265	
029-100-175-35602	Canal St	425	0	0	425	
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	918	0	0	918	
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	352	0	0	352	
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,021	0	0	1,021	
029-200-208-35600	Police Canine Donation	1	0	0	1	
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	1,916	11,221	5,512	7,625	
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	355,768	322,211	0	-250,000	
029-200-241-35600	On-Site Project Rep	0	0	0	0	
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188	0	0	188	
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58	0	0	58	
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	3,193	90,045	93,238	0	
029-200-440-35600	Sewer Onyx Peer Review	174	0	0	174	
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	26,085	0	0	-25,750	
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center	0	3,696	3,696	0	
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	6,181	1,365	0	-4,769	
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	1,902	948	868	1,982	
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	33,792	2,101	2,447	33,446	
029-500-542-35600	COA Van Friends Donations	0	0	0	0	
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	33,261	2,570	2,050	33,781	
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	24,844	13,921	12,466	26,299	
029-600-613-35600	Public Libraries Fund	0	0	0	0	
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	4,355	0	0	4,355	
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	898	0	0	898	
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	4,813	1,515	300	6,028	
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	2,314	12,729	8,278	6,765	
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	1,068	0	0	1,068	
Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:		1,132,931	540,127	293,886	-288,911	1,090,261
TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS		1,197,381	1,190,545	893,353	-327,244	1,167,329

**Note: State Reimbursable Grants

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS
June 30, 2016

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31		Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31		Recyc Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31		Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32		Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33		Millerville Sewer Fund 35		Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36		Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36		Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37		Stormwater Retro Fund 38		Well #9 Fund 39		TOTAL Capital Projects Fund		
	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 32	Fund 33	Fund 35	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 37	Fund 38	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39
Assets																									
Cash and investments	1,693	157,183	-	-	-	14,140	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	111,279	-	-	413,775	
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liabilities & Fund Bal.																									
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	157,183	-	-	-	14,140	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	111,279	-	-	413,775	
	1,693	157,183	-	-	-	14,140	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	111,279	-	-	413,775	

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Year ended June 30, 2016

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31		Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31		Recyc Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31		Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32		Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33		Millerville Sewer Fund 35		Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36		Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36		Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37		Stormwater Retro Fund 38		Well #9 Fund 39		TOTAL Capital Projects Fund		
	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 31	Fund 32	Fund 33	Fund 35	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 36	Fund 37	Fund 38	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39	Fund 39
Intergovernmental																									
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures																									
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Supplies	-	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205,386	
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	383	
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205,769	
Excess Revenues over/(under) Expenditures	-	(383)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(205,769)	
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bond Proceeds	-	382,000	-	-	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,007,000	
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(162,232)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,232	
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	337,768	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(162,232)	
	-	382,000	-	-	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	337,768	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,007,000	
Excess Revenues over/(under) Exp/Transfers	-	381,617	-	-	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	337,768	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43,154)	801,231	
Fund Balance, 6/30/15	1,693	(224,434)	-	-	(125,000)	14,140	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,993	(337,768)	-	-	-	90	154,433	-	-	(387,456)	
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	1,693	157,183	-	-	-	14,140	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,993	-	-	-	-	90	111,279	-	-	413,775	

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2016**

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
Assets				
Cash and investments	574,030	823,147	30,551	1,397,177
Accounts receivable user fees	103,289	86,563		189,852
Accounts receivable lien	3,405	2,635		6,040
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	680,724	912,345	30,551	1,593,069

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll				-
Deferred revenue	106,694	89,198		195,892
Notes payable		-		-
Fund balance - reserved for cont app	39,208	1,800	-	41,008
Fund balance - reserved for expendit	-	310,000	-	310,000
Fund balance - reserved for encumbr	314,917	15,237	376	330,154
Unreserved fund balance	219,905	496,110	30,175	716,015
	680,724	912,345	30,551	1,593,069

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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, 2016

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	679,604	932,701	187,729	1,612,305
Other / Premium on Sale of Bond		31,854	4,344	31,854
	679,604	964,555	192,073	1,644,159
Expenditures				
Personal Services	144,910	204,794	206,412	349,704
Purchase of Services	260,618	400,827	118,126	661,445
Supplies	-		-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-		-	-
Capital Outlay	-			-
Prior Year Encumbrance	103,765	8,463	1,967	112,228
Debt Service	-	67,611	29,019	67,611
	509,293	681,695	355,524	1,190,988
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	170,311	282,860	(163,451)	453,171
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-		250,000	-
Transfers (out)	(30,000)	(30,000)		(60,000)
	(30,000)	(30,000)	250,000	(60,000)
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	140,311	252,860	86,549	393,171
Fund Balance, 6/30/15	433,719	570,287	(55,998)	1,004,006
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	574,030	823,147	30,551	1,397,177

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY 2016 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-BUDGET BASIS

DEPARTMENT/Purpose		Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Personnel	162,509	-	-	162,509	144,910	-	17,599
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	601,609	-	-	601,609	235,364	314,917	51,328
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER		764,118	-	-	764,118	380,274	314,917	68,927
<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		7,940	-	-	7,940	540	-	7,400
90803 ATM 5/14#27 Repair Pump		43,002	-	-	43,002	12,993	-	30,009
90800 STM 5/16 PY Bond		-	11,721	-	11,721	11,721	-	-
Total Sewer Articles		59,985	11,721	-	71,706	25,254	-	46,452
TOTAL SEWER		824,103	11,721	-	835,824	405,528	314,917	115,379
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	Expenses	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
RESERVE FUND-WATER	Expenses	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
RESERVE FUND		100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
WATER LABOR	Personnel	147,473	-	-	147,473	141,610	-	5,863
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	71,282	-	-	71,282	63,184	-	8,098
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	531,625	-	-	531,625	399,190	15,237	117,198
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	45,000	-	-	45,000	45,000	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	27,996	-	-	27,996	22,611	-	5,385
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA		2,000	-	-	2,000	1,637	-	363
WATER		825,376	-	-	825,376	673,232	15,237	136,907
<u>WATER ARTICLES</u>								
90904 ATM 05/09#13		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98001 ATM 05/12#29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
90800 STM 5/15 PY Salary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Water Articles		-	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
TOTAL WATER		825,376	-	-	827,176	673,232	15,237	138,707
RESERVE FUND-RECYCLING	Expenses	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND		15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	208,731	-	-	208,731	206,412	-	2,319
	Expenses	103,589	15,000	-	118,589	118,126	376	87
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT PRN	Expenses	25,800	-	-	25,800	25,800	-	-
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT INT	Expenses	3,778	-	-	3,778	3,219	-	559
RECYCLING CENTER		341,898	15,000	-	356,898	353,557	376	2,965
<u>RECYCLING ARTICLES</u>								
90802ATM05/11#12		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90804STM10/11#7		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90809 ATM 5/14 #29 F150 Pickup Truck		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Recycling Articles		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		2,091,377	26,721	-	2,119,898	1,432,317	330,530	357,051

**TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2016**

	Fund Balance July 1, 2015	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2016
Expendable Trusts:						
#70 - OPEB Trust Fund	-	250,000	13,978	1,380	-	262,598
Total Fund #70:	-	250,000	13,978	1,380	-	262,598
#84 - Stabilization Fund	3,184,056	146,035	45,641	-	-	3,375,732
#84 - Law Enforcement	9,462	1,299	-	-	-	10,761
Total Fund #84:	3,193,518	147,334	45,641	-	-	3,386,493
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	3,003,221	-	45,211	-	498,385	3,546,817
Total Fund #85:	3,003,221	-	45,211	-	498,385	3,546,817
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	6,196,739	397,334	104,830	1,380	498,385	7,195,908

Agency Funds

	Balance July 1, 2015	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2016
Police Outside Detail	(8,084)	79,923	63,788	8,051
Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535	-	-	2,535
ANP Escrow	650,664	36,960	-	687,624
Performance Bonds	56,228	27	14	56,241
Bond Rolling Brook	-	-	-	-
Deputy Fees	3,311	28,454	29,107	2,658
Fish & Game - State	71	-	-	71
Police FID	3,188	11,988	10,788	4,388
ANP Sewer Charges	3,137	48,679	48,679	3,137
Recycling Agency Fund	-	14,705	14,705	-
Sycamore Estates	17,026	12	11,250	5,788
Onyx Road Bond	-	25,249	-	25,249
Pickering Road Bond	-	1,503	-	1,503
Elm Street Road Bond	-	2,000	-	2,000
Canal Street Road Bond	-	4,507	3,375	1,132
Federal Hill Road Bond	-	43	-	43
Farm Street Road Bond	-	5,505	-	5,505
Lincoln Street Road Bond	-	6,020	4,500	1,520
Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	728,076	265,575	186,206	807,445

Total Trust & Agency Funds

8,003,353

