

2017

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: 8793
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 2018 TAX RATE: \$19.49. 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 3,647 housing units in Blackstone. The Blackstone Housing Authority directs Fox Brook Manor, 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 2017

Position	Name
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	GILBERT, ROBERT A
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena B
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	KEEFE, JACK R
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	LEMIEUX, TAMMY
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	JARRET, GEORGETTE A
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	GREENSTEIN, WENDY L
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	VERNON, CARYN DOWNEY
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	POIRIER, MARK N
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	VAN DYKE, KIRK
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	KEEFE, DANIEL P
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	RIVET, GERALD P
TOWN CLERK	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C

**Appointed Officials
2017**

Position	Name
ADA COORDINATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
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 OF TAXES	CAREY, JEREMIAH
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
ASSESSORS/ADMIN ASSISTANT	BIK, KASEY A
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	WILLIAMS, SARAH
BUILDING INSPECTOR	SPERONI, ROBERT J
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASST	VATER, EARL
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	PICARD, JULIE E
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
C M R P C/DELEGATE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	BEBEAU, OWEN T
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY M
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	JOHNATHAN J SAVOIE
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	PERRAULT, STEVEN J
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/DEPUTY	GRADY, ROBERT
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	MULLER, JILLIAN N
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	DRAKE, AUDREY
COUNCIL ON AGING	WINGATE, JULIE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CARDOZA, CHRISTINE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DOBECK, MARYANN
CULTURAL COUNCIL	MCGILVRAY, LINDA
CULTURAL COUNCIL	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ROBIDOUX, DIANE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ST JEAN, JOYCE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	WINGATE, JULIE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	BLANCHETTE, ANDREW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CIAK, RANDY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	MARTINS, BRENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	BUCKLEY, MICHAEL
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BULSO, MARY E
FINANCE COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P

**Appointed Officials
2017**

FINANCE COMMITTEE	NORCROSS-MELSON, CATHERINE
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SAVOIE, JOHNATHAN JOSEPH
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ST AMANT, JACOB W
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, KATHRYN M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WALSH, AMY C
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	DEACON, JESSE E
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	LYDON, EUNICE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	TENEROWICZ, SUSAN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WEBER, LAWRENCE A
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	ARSENAULT, HUBERT N
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GILLIS, KELLY L
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	HEMPHILL, LINDA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
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	STONE, FREDERICK J
MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PARKING CLERK	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
PLANNING BOARD	CATALANO, ANTHONY, SR
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	KEEFE, LAURIE

**Appointed Officials
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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
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
PUBLIC WORKS, SUPT OF	SULLIVAN, JAMES M
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/ACTING	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	MOORE, MARCUS CHAD
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	CASAVANT,, CRAIG R
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	DIONNE, DAVID J
WOONSOCKET REG WASTEWATER COMM	KEEFE, DANIEL P
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
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE

RESIGNATIONS SUBMITTED**IN
2017**

Position	Name	Resignation Date
Town Accountant	Julie M. Hebert	1/24/2017
Wiring Inspector	Lawrence I. Ray, Jr.	2/13/2017
Historical Commission	Mary Bulso	2/10/2017
Finance Committee	James P. Belisle	2/28/2017
Board of Library Trustees	Kathryn Tata	3/20/2017
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Craig Casavant	3/23/2017
Planning Board	Gerald P. Rivet	4/4/2017
Finance Committee	John M. Wozniak	4/4/2017
Finance Committee	James R. Belisle	4/4/2017
Assistant Collector	Kevin Jordan	4/19/2017
Planning Board/Associate	Anthony M. Catalano	6/22/2017
BMR Dist. School Committee	Wendy L. Greenstein	8/10/2017
Town Accountant	Shannon MacKenzie	8/25/2017
Historical Commission	Theresa Marchand	9/11/2017
Historical Commission/Alternate	Eunice Lydon	10/5/2017
Parks & Recreation Commission	Kevin M. Hart	10/10/2017
Director of Veteran Services	Robert W. Greenhalgh	11/8/2017
BMR Dist. School Committee	Georgette Jarret	12/11/2017
Collector/Treasurer	Steven J. Perrault	12/31/2017

Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of the Town of Blackstone:

Walk, jog or simply ride your bike as we saw the completion of the Blackstone portion of the Blackstone River Greenway and Bikeway officially opened. During the next few years total completion of the bikeway will allow citizens to travel the 48-mile-long path linking from Worcester, MA to Providence, RI. It allows us here in Blackstone to be an important partner in the National Heritage Corridors success.

The finances of our town are excellent and the town audit report for fiscal year 2017 shows that there is “no financial weakness” as stated by our auditor in a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. This town continues to carry a AA+ bond rating as set by Standard and Poors Rating Service.

At the end of our fiscal year, the town had a long-term bonded debt outstanding of approximately \$8.7 million. The total long-term debt decreased by approximately \$1.1 million during the current fiscal year due to scheduled debt payments. The current debt limitation, as set by state law is approximately \$44.4 million, which significantly exceeds the Town’s outstanding general obligation debt.

The Master Plan is nearly completed and a final draft should be available by April 2018. The following items have been addressed:

- Survey of Residents: **Complete**
- Draft Goals and Objectives: **Complete**
- Land Use and Zoning Element: **Partially Complete**
(Awaiting completion of other elements so that any zoning-related recommendation from other elements can be added here.)
- Draft Economic Development Element: **Complete**
- Draft Housing Element: **Complete**
- Natural and Cultural Resources Element: **Partially Complete**
- Open Space and Recreation Element: **Complete**
- Circulation Element: **Complete**
- Services and Facilities Element: **Complete**
- Implementation Element: **Expected completion February 2018**

On this schedule, we will be able to consolidate all sections into a complete draft by February and we should plan a public forum in April to allow for public input prior to adoption. Of course, comments on any of the draft elements are welcome at any time.

The Planning Board is also being kept up-to-date on this as it is the Planning Board’s responsibility to adopt a master plan under Chapter 41, Section 81D of the Massachusetts General Laws.

We will continue to serve the citizens of Blackstone and welcome your input regarding the issues of the day. We ask that you continue to use the resources available to you through our cable broadcast, website and email programs.

The Department Heads, employees and volunteers take pride in their work as we continue to make Blackstone a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Keyes
Town Administrator

Report of the Board of Selectmen

To the residents of Blackstone:

In 1885 the Board of Selectmen began its Annual Town Report to residents as follows, “In accordance with general usage the undersigned board of selectmen herewith respectfully present the fortieth annual town report, since the organization of the town, March 25, 1845, together with such suggestions as seems to them proper for consideration”. Based on this historical note, your current Board of Selectmen presents for your consideration the 172nd Annual Town Report.

The Board of Selectmen, with the cooperation of the Town Administrator, Finance Committee, Town Boards and Commissions and Municipal Department Heads, continues to work to provide the resident tax payers with the best use of their tax dollars. Tax payers in the community should be complimented for their prompt payment of taxes and fees that allow for their town government to function in an effective manner. As a result of this cooperation between town governments and the tax payer, the town has a strong financial position. The town has a AA+ rating from Standard and Poors and has been able to meet its short and long-term debt in a timely manner. Reductions in local aid from state and federal sources continues to create challenges regarding the funding of town and school district services and increases in property tax rates. It will take the continued cooperation of all concerned parties to overcome these challenges.

The Recycling Center was moved at the May 2016 Annual Town meeting from an Enterprise Fund to General Government. Since that change, the recycling budget has been reduced dramatically and the Recycling Center re-organized to provide the most cost-efficient operation possible, while continuing to provide the valuable services that the residents have become accustomed to. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank William Walsh and his staff for maintaining these services and standards with a reduced budget.

In addition to the recycling services provided on Chestnut Street, the town has renovated the Blackstone Animal Shelter to enhance the town’s ability to work with other communities in areas of animal control and public safety. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Ross Atstupenus and Animal Control Officer Kevin Sullivan for their hard work and dedication to this undertaking.

The Blackstone River Greenway, segment 1, also known as the Bike Path, was officially dedicated on July 24, 2017. This facility provides residents with valuable recreational opportunities and an opportunity to better understand the history and nature of our region.

As part of the on-going plan to maintain high quality roadways in our community, Ascension Street and Chestnut Street were paved. The lower portion of Mendon Street was completely renovated to include cold planing of the existing pavement, new water line installation, and new pavement and sidewalks. The town took advantage of the State’s decision to delay paving Main Street by installing several new water main shut offs. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank superintendent James Sullivan and the Water and Sewer Commissioners for their foresight and cooperation in this matter.

The Senior/Veteran Work Off Program which allows residents to earn up to one-thousand-dollar tax credit continues to be a great success at locations such as the Recycling Center, Senior Center, Blackstone Town Library and most recently the Kennedy/Maloney Elementary School Complex.

The Town is currently in the process of negotiating an agreement with our local Power Plant. Successful completion of this process will be critical to both short and long-term capital expenses.

The Town has received by gift 47.1 acres of the former McCooey Property. The Town's original plan was to purchase this property in its entirety for the sum of \$550,000 for a number of possible uses. Through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and the generosity of the current land owner, Gary and Michele Jolicoeur, this historic and aesthetically beautiful property will remain for use by the town and its residents.

The Board would like to thank former Selectman Paul Haughey, Veteran's Agent Robert Greenhalgh and Collector/Treasurer Steven Perrault for their dedicated service to the town. The Board Welcomes Selectman Gerald P. Rivet and Veteran's Agent Chad Moore.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the men and women on all Boards, Committees and Commissions who dedicate their valuable time and resources for the good of our community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Selectmen
Daniel P. Keefe, Sr., Chairman
Margaret Bik, Vice-Chairman
Michael A. Catalano, Jr., Clerk
Robert J. Dubois, Member
Gerald P. Rivet, Member

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2017, *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, public facility construction/ improvement agreements, Regional School District and other general legal issues. Of particular significance during the past year was the finalization of the Soldier On Development Agreement for a veterans affordable housing project on Elm Street, implementation of two solar photovoltaic net-metering credit purchase agreements, assisting Town enforcement officers with health and sanitary code judicial enforcement matters, and resolution of subdivision infrastructure completion issues.

A summary of the litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2017 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. A trial was held on March 30, 2017. On October 27, 2017, the Court issued a decision dismissing the plaintiff’s claim against the Town as to Montcalm Avenue as a public way. The Court also denied both parties’ claims against one other that they had lost or abandoned their rights to use the way and found that both parties have rights to use the way. The appeals period has passed and this matter is now closed.

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 Defendant to pay the Town fines previously issued for violations of the Code and an Order to maintain the property at 10 – 14 Auclair Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts in compliance with said Code. Upon discussion regarding potential resolution of the claims, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation of Dismissal. This matter is now closed, although the Board retains the right to take further enforcement action against the defendant for any new violations.

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 trash and refuse violations at her home at 92 Mill Street. The Board has concluded that the property is a hoarding situation. A hearing was held on December 1, 2016 and the Clerk-Magistrate ordered the defendant to clean up the property and to pay the Town \$4600.00. She paid the fine on December 21, 2016 and the Board of Health is monitoring her cleanup progress, which we have been informed is very slow. The Board has observed additional and continuing violations as has issued additional orders and fines. A hearing on those fines and remedial action was conducted on October 26, 2017. The Court found in the Board's favor in that the defendant had not made substantial progress in cleaning up the property and ordered her to pay fines totaling \$7900.00. The Court further informed the parties that if the defendant fails to make said payment the Board can convert the matter to a criminal complaint. We will await further Board direction.

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 2018.

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

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2017 Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Community Members,

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District continues to rely, now more than ever, 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. In my Three Year Strategic and Financial Plan submitted to the School Committee in November, 2017 and available on the District website at www.bmrtd.net, I outlined the challenges facing the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District; stabilizing enrollment, continuing to update curriculum and technology, and improving infrastructure. These issues and their solutions will require planning and systematic funding increases so we can provide the best education for all of our students in a rapidly changing world.

2017 was an eventful year for staff and students at BMRSD. We now have chrome books for every student at the High School and we are integrating technology into our teaching and learning. We plan to roll out this one to one initiative to the Middle School as well. To that point, there were over 17,000 jobs in Massachusetts in technology related fields that were unfilled as of July 2017; so we must continue to invest in and support technology. The skills needed for college and career success emphasize how to breakdown and synthesize information, the ability to read complex text, sharing work in a team, how to search for data and prove that it is valid, and how to present material in a clear and concise manner using multiple technologies.

Our curriculum continues to evolve through state regulations with the new K-8 science standards that now need to be implemented. Our history and social studies frameworks are being revised to meet today's societal needs and are expected to be approved for the 2019-2020 school year. Due to the overwhelming shift in jobs and careers that use technology, Massachusetts is looking to make computer science a core requirement for all students as well so this will dictate much planning, funding, and professional development. What we teach, how we teach, and when we teach is constantly being examined to align to the needs of our twenty-first century world.

Public education is changing constantly to meet the needs of today's learners but there is less funding at the federal and state level. 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. Our heartfelt thanks to parents and community members who have given so much of their time and money to support our students. You have indeed made a difference.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen W. Himmelberger
Superintendent of Schools

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School
2017 Principal's Report

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

The 2017 school year was highlighted by the forty-seventh Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening the second of June. Class advisors, Ms. Nicole Sacco and Mrs. Nicole Shaughnessy led the one hundred-fourteen graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Mr. Allen Himmelberger presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Saralynn Spear, Salutatorian Abigail Austin, and class president, Colin Bisbee delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The keynote speaker, Alumni, Dr. Michael Hill (class of '06), spoke about his positive memories of BMR and shared insight on how to lead a happy and successful life. The members of the graduating class chose to enter the workforce, serve our country in the Armed Forces, or continue their studies at a college/university level. Many of the prestigious college and universities graduates are currently attending included University of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Boston University, Hofstra University, Quinnipiac University, and Catholic University of America.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2018 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: Temple University, University of Maine, University of Vermont, Worcester State University, Bridgewater State University, and the University of Tampa. Additional academic accolades include college book awards/scholarships, increased participation in leadership conferences, as well as the Blackstone Lion's Club Speech Competition.

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School has had a successful run as a partner in the Mass Insight Advanced Placement Initiative Grant. In order to extend on student opportunities within the classroom, this timely initiative allowed the high school to offer a larger number of advanced placement courses, increasing our sections from 4 to 9 courses. Further, this grant offered staff professional development focusing on effective instructional practices and student engagement. Additionally, an invaluable amount of financial resources, student workshops, and faculty mentorships have increased community awareness in raising the academic bar for all students. Our efforts to increase AP level enrollments and challenging students in a rigorous academic setting have paid off. Our students' qualifying AP scores have increased from 29 in 2013, to 99 in 2017. Currently, we have a record number of students (113 total) enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. We are also proud of our 21 AP Scholars who have taken at least four AP courses and averaged a score of 3 or higher on their exam.

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 and collecting funds for Toys for Tots.

The high school's recognized "silver" Student Council was also very active in the school and community. Leadership opportunities continued to be part of the student council experience as several of our members attended the following: annual state conference in Hyannis, national student council conference in New Hampshire, MASC summer leadership training at Worcester State, as well as multiple regional conferences. Senior, Antia Lahue was also elected delegate of the State Student Council Association.

Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, our middle and high school musicians continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. Last Spring, six students earned district recognition while two students earned All-State status, selected by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association. Our Jazz Ensemble and Marching Band continue to rise to the occasion and personify what it means to be a CHARGER.

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. BMRHS is 1 of 125 schools in the country to participate in the PBS student reporting labs that are connected to 35 news stations and 2500 students. Under the direction of staff and student leaders our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances. Additionally, "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.

As Principal, 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. I am proud to say that we are truly a family. Together we will rise!

IN THE KNOW: BY THE NUMBERS

- **84% of the class of 2017 was accepted to college or post-secondary program**
- **All BMRHS students participate in our 1:1 Learning program and have been issued a Chromebook**
- **52% of the class of 2017 enrolled in at least one advanced placement course while at BMRHS**
- **The BMR Marching Band are two-time National Champions (2015 & 2016)**
- **More than 235 student-athletes participate in 21 MIAA-approved sports**

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Dudek
Principal

Special Education Department
2017 Report of the Director of Special Education

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

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

The faculty and staff have worked to provide quality programs and services to more than 325 students with disabilities. In English Language Education, we have provided the most comprehensive programs, services and supports to more than 87 English Language Learners. Our preschool program is experiencing fantastic success with our young children entering the district for the first time between the ages of three to five.

Entering my third year with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, it is my honor and privilege to serve the community as the Director of Students Services. The faculty and staff work tirelessly to meet the needs of diverse learners and exceptional students. Moreover, it is impressive to see our students in action each and every day realizing the goals of the District.

In a *mandate* to provide a free appropriate public education to all students, we know that cost is not to be a consideration. The provision of FAPE, however, is not free; and in fact, is very costly. With the decreases in the State and Federal Special Education Grants, managing fiscal resources has been a challenge in prioritizing our needs which is the administrative predicament of special education funding. Allocating resources in a tense fiscal environment demands that data is collected to develop and monitor the special education budget and the Special Education Improvement Plan. We analyze special education enrollment trends, staff-student ratios and trends, parent feedback, disability trends, out-of-district trends, special education referrals and evaluation data to inform our budgetary obligations.

The list of factors contributing to the funding crisis in special education is both familiar and staggering to consider.

- **Funding formulas which are inequitable, disparate, complex, and inadequate**
- **Legal costs which are unparalleled in almost any other area of education**
- **Uncontrolled cost of nonpublic or private placements**
- **The need for discretionary dollars to meet the unexpected needs of families who move into the District**

In conclusion, by nature I am optimistic and committed to the Blackstone–Millville Regional School District community of children, families, and staff. I am prepared to proactively generate solutions as well as carefully understand the complexities of issues and offer hope to support special education programs and services and the students served. Please accept my deepest gratitude for all of the assistance and support you have graciously provided, in general, and as a department, specifically, throughout this academic year.

Respectfully Yours,
Loretta Braverman, MSW
Director of Student Services

Principal Transition

During the month of June, I met numerous times with the outgoing principal, Justin Cameron, to learn about the school, staff, budget, and our school improvement plan. I created a summer Google Classroom for our One Book, One School book, *The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall, as well as math practice assignments. Every student received the book at no cost. If the student completed the work, they were able to participate in a Penny Social raffle for prizes in the fall.

Upon my start on July 1st, I shared my principal entry plan with the superintendent and the middle school staff /families. As part of my plan, I set aside time to meet with the staff on a one-to-one basis throughout the summer. Students had two opportunities to meet me and make either a stress ball or a Minion origami character. Parents had two opportunities to meet and have coffee with me.

Enrollment

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School greeted 426 students for the school year on August 30, 2017.

As of October 1, 2017, the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6 130 students

Grade 7 141 students

Grade 8 155 students

Curriculum and Instruction

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). Students can enroll in band as an elective class.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra (grade 7), Extended Algebra/Algebra (grade 8), Life Science, World History, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Electives are Band, Fitness for Life, Exploring the Arts, and Chorus (grade 8).

Our Intervention and Enrichment or Growth in English and Math (GEM) classes are assigned to students on a quarterly basis. Using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA), the results determine placement in either an ELA/math intervention (a need for core strengthening) or ELA/math enrichment (a high-achieving opportunity). Other enrichment classes offered are Spanish I (grade 8), CSI, Math Beyond Numbers, Art, Making Math Matter, Early Horror Writers, The Joy of Literature, Two Sides to a Story, Making Literacy Matter, Exploring Literacy Devices Through Film, and Virtual Middle School.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, PBIS Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs include: Cooking Club, Art Club, Hoops for Life Club, Flag Football Club, Photography Club, Movie Maker Club, Lego Club, Board Games Club, Off-Season Sports Training Club, Coding Club and Ski Club. The funding source for these focus clubs came from a very successful school fundraiser, the National Grid's Energy Savings Program, and the HMS PTO.

Musical opportunities (beyond band during the school day) include marching band, color guard, winter guard, and Jazz band.

Sports opportunities include soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country, track and field, cheerleading, and basketball.

Students have an opportunity to engage in a number of community service projects sponsored by StuCo and NJHS. Some of these projects included the Kindness Rocks campaign, a canned Food Drive, a Penny Wars, Holiday Food Baskets, and Winter Clothing Drive.

Our eighth grade class traveled to Washington D.C. while seventh grade went to the YMCA Hockomock Ropes Course Challenge and the sixth grade had an overnight trip at Nature's Classroom.

Parent-Teacher Organization

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising by hosting several school-wide events such as their annual Volleyball Marathon. Their fundraising has helped to provide funds towards field trips, assemblies, dances/socials, honor roll breakfasts, and other special events.

The HMS PTO purchased two 3D printers for our new Makerspace. It is housed in our media center/library. Students from all grades have been able to make use of these printers in their academic classes.

School Resource Officer

This year we welcomed a new SRO to our school, David Loudon. He has quickly worked to build relationships with all our students so they are comfortable talking to throughout the day. We have greatly appreciated his support as well as the support of the entire Blackstone Police Department.

This has been an exciting year for students and staff at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School. Everyone feels extremely fortunate and offers our sincere appreciation to the communities and the district administration for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Curt-Hoard
Principal

John F. Kennedy Elementary School
2017 Report of the Principal

The new school year began as the buses rolled up to JFK/AFM on August 30, 2017. Our new Charger mascot greeted students as they piled off the buses to begin a new school year. During the summer the Blackstone Elementary School Parents Organization (BEPO) had worked hard to re-landscape the grounds of the school, adding gravel and bright colors around our schools. The John F. Kennedy Elementary School covers grades kindergarten through second grade, while the A.F. Maloney Elementary School covers grades 3 through 5. Our schools operate as two separate schools, however we share staff, resources, physical spaces and work collaboratively to smooth transitions between the schools.

Our parent-teacher organization, BEPO, works hard to support both JFK and AFM staff and students through a variety of fund-raising efforts and additional learning opportunities for our students. In the fall, the Move-A-Thon was a phenomenal success both in terms of its fund-raising and its fun factor! Other events that the BEPO organized for our students included the Trunk or Treat, Pajama time with Santa, Scholastic Book Fair, Boy and Special Lady event, Girl and Special Guy event. BEPO also organized our Mascot election day where the students chose the name Blaze, for our new school mascot! We are very grateful for all that BEPO does to support our school.

We continue to expand our implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) program in our schools. This program outlines and reinforces expected student behaviors for various areas in our school and on our buses. We have monthly Citizen of the Month awards for students who are demonstrating desired behaviors. We also award the “Golden Spoon” award each month to the class that consistently models the cafeteria expectations. More PBIS programs will be added to support students and their behaviors.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our teachers continue to align their instruction and assessments with the Massachusetts State and Common Core Standards. We follow a Reader’s Workshop model as part of our literacy instruction. We target phonemic awareness through our use of the Foundations program. This year we have begun implementing the Empowering Writers program to develop student writing skills. Teachers are receiving ongoing professional development in instructional methodologies, providing student feedback and how to support students as they make connections between their reading and writing. Teachers continue to refine and develop their skills as they implement the enVisions Math Program. This math program facilitates mathematical critical thinking skills to prepare all students for ongoing success in higher education. This school year also marked the use of our new Standards-based report card. These report cards were developed by an in-house committee to build a report card that communicates student achievement in reference to student mastery of specific curriculum standards. Besides the new report cards, a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions and Glossary of terms and acronyms was sent home to help explain the newly revised report card.

Thank you to our superintendent of Schools Allen Himmelberger, for your guidance and support of students, teachers, staff and families. A warm welcome to Blackstone Police Officer Dave Laudon, who was recently named our School Resource Officer. Officer Dave has been a solid presence in our schools

from his first day, he can be seen riding buses occasionally, greeting students each morning, and throughout the day in various supportive roles throughout our schools. We have also had several new staff join our team this year, welcome to Mrs. Taylor Teixeira, Grade 2 teacher, Mrs. Lisa Clark, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Cathleen Nikosey, Special education teacher. These experienced professionals have made a great addition to our staff at JFK. An additional welcome to Mr. Dennis Larose, who is our new head custodian. Dennis is a familiar face to those in town, he has worked in various capacities throughout the district and has done a great job caring for our building and all of us in it!

Thank you to all of our families who support student learning at home and here at school. We are grateful for all of the parents who have been able to support our students and teachers as classroom volunteers. We have also begun to form a partnership with the Blackstone Council on Aging, whereby they have been sending seniors to work alongside the students in our classrooms. All of these demonstrate that we all have a role to play in our children's education and our children are better off for all of your efforts!

I am very pleased to have begun my first year here at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School. I am thoroughly impressed with the dedication and commitment the staff makes to the children of Blackstone. Your children are well taken care of when they come through our doors each day.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Tringali
Principal

Millville Elementary School
2017 Report of the Principal

Professional Development in the areas of writing and curriculum revisions were our overarching focus this year. All faculty and staff (Grades 2-5) attended professional development for Empowering Writers. Empowering Writers emphasizes a unique approach to writing instruction, emphasizing the connection between good writing skills and literacy achievement as a whole. As well, Aspen/X2 curriculum efforts in the online web portal continued this year - so we have a “live” data warehouse of all of our teaching and learning efforts as a school (Preschool – Grade 5). All members of Millville Elementary School community participated in Alice training, which emphasized safety preparedness in times of crisis; as well as various forms of technology integration workshops on our district-wide professional development days. All staff returned to Millville Elementary on August 29th, 2017 to prepare for the year ahead by taking part in the first professional development offerings. On August 30th, two hundred eighty nine 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 Halls-o-ween event at the end of October; a Colonial Feast for the Senior Citizens of Millville; a Toys for Tots & Teens Drive supported by our local U. S. Marine Corp; and a Cookies and Sleigh Ride event with Mr. & Mrs. Claus to close out 2017. In 2018, 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.

In conclusion, all of us at Millville Elementary wish Mr. Allen W. Himmelberger, Blackstone-Millville Regional’s Superintendent of Schools, well as he prepares for his retirement. 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!”

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.
Principal

**Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Salary Listing**

Name	Salary	Name	Salary
Abisla, Stephanie P	\$74,284.54	Carty, Monica M	\$53,875.97
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$81,724.82	Chaplin, Victoria A	\$20,113.46
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$14,164.49	Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$60,651.55
Allard, Denise L	\$27,629.91	Chase, Louise W	\$73,052.75
Allard, Pamela J	\$52,711.74	Cividino, David A	\$31,238.22
Allen, Courtney B	\$16,232.45	Clark, Lisa D	\$16,061.41
Amylon, Philip M	\$13,278.28	Cobb, Wen S	\$91,671.28
Anderson, Jillien L	\$50,658.56	Colgan, Susan M	\$57,770.61
Andrade, Denise M	\$21,385.30	Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$63,405.96
Andrews, Darren S	\$24,132.56	Conrad, Eleanor M	\$59,802.77
Angelini, Stephen T	\$61,930.48	Conti, Carol M	\$61,490.58
Arno, Laura L	\$19,126.79	Costa, Maria	\$71,904.46
Arroyas, Ann R	\$43,939.18	Costello, Diane L	\$22,158.43
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$10,941.98	Cote, Esther H	\$73,108.84
Bacon, Paul M	\$42,250.70	Covino, Diane J	\$13,024.93
Bacon, Wilfred R	\$48,355.67	Crandall, Jennifer R	\$12,276.30
Bak, Tracy J	\$10,459.62	Crocker, Elizabeth H	\$18,847.80
Baldini, Ann M	\$14,632.67	Croteau, Leslie A	\$11,129.88
Barbato, Jessica A	\$12,113.99	Cunningham, Marcia D	\$74,276.66
Barber, Wendy S	\$18,372.78	Curran, Jeffrey M	\$72,578.68
Bartusek, Karen E	\$14,596.83	Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	\$47,338.05
Beaven, Donna M	\$7,312.01	Cusack, Sharon K	\$18,757.50
Beech, Lona M	\$13,483.18	D'Andrea, Tara J	\$48,527.65
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$65,858.27	D'Eletto, Nicholas M	\$56,816.81
Blanchard, Michele M	\$76,801.78	Dansereau, Linda A	\$62,162.36
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$70,940.95	Davia, Janine M	\$73,537.69
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$74,943.73	Davidge, Debra A	\$17,672.59
Borchard, Susan P	\$65,750.00	Davies, Mary F	\$14,990.73
Bourassa, Susan D	\$9,490.63	Davis, Karyn A	\$19,717.70
Bourgerly, Patricia A	\$78,804.72	Dean, Shannon M	\$12,431.25
Bouzan, Sean M	\$86,047.54	DeCelles, Dale L	\$38,005.23
Boyan, William J	\$42,860.27	Deleo, Lauren V	\$15,287.12
Boyko, Michael	\$38,940.52	Demers, Lisa M	\$72,098.75
Boyle, Lauren M	\$15,451.21	Denomme, Elise A	\$59,865.95
Braverman, Loretta	\$101,414.31	DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$43,486.92
Breault, Karen J	\$50,380.48	Dery, Diane M	\$14,262.91
Breen, Molly K	\$18,190.50	Desai, Varsha B	\$51,036.56
Brown, Carol A	\$107,275.69	Deschamps, Lisa A	\$20,768.43
Buteau, Karen E	\$13,838.59	Descoteaux, Stefanie A	\$71,839.86
Buurma, Ann P	\$18,772.33	Desilets, Susan J	\$20,997.36
Cameron, Justin A	\$60,645.52	Desjardins, Kim C	\$55,880.79
Carlson, Katherine W	\$26,133.01	Dewolf, Mark A	\$64,565.81
Carpentier, Jamie L	\$47,948.09	Dextraze, Michelle D	\$49,724.10
Carr, Hillary M	\$29,705.59	DiCecco, Dawn M	\$69,616.75
Carroll, Deborah A	\$60,791.58	DiCecco, Kristie J	\$73,199.83
Carson, Lauren M	\$70,973.60	Dorfman, Sarah P	\$52,838.87

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District**Salary Listing**

Doten, Elizabeth J	\$39,982.67	Hernandez, Jennifer R	\$48,008.63
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$68,076.75	Highcove, Dawn	\$74,788.59
Dubofsky, Grace A	\$48,329.31	Himmelberger, Allen W	\$161,732.10
Dubois, Katharine E	\$67,584.71	Hindle, Kayla R	\$23,236.27
Ducharme, Keith A	\$93,043.70	Holihen, Amy M	\$71,729.87
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$78,316.73	Hook, David C	\$53,407.38
Dudek, Michael E	\$108,117.06	Hughes, Karen A	\$6,581.08
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$29,603.71	Hughes-Paterno, Colleen F	\$46,330.41
Dutremble, Carolyn	\$3,296.46	Hunt, Ursula	\$40,639.59
Dutremble, Kristen T	\$10,010.94	Isenberg, David	\$74,805.73
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$3,504.60	Jackson, Lynnea D	\$14,612.06
Euglow, Joshua M	\$53,496.21	Jones, Bianca C	\$31,688.44
Eyssallem, Denise	\$7,237.50	Jones, Kathleen M	\$69,429.17
Fanning, Kevin T	\$42,354.09	Juba, Mark P	\$74,300.95
Faulkner, Edie A	\$73,268.27	Kearnan, Julie A	\$11,848.83
Faulkner, Ian M	\$4,843.88	Kerwin, Stephanie A	\$17,855.64
Finn - Campopiano, Barbara	\$40,853.00	Kiely, Kevin P	\$74,780.51
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$70,763.57	Labrecque, Diane F	\$52,957.57
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$25,467.08	Labrie, Lauri A	\$16,500.05
Fontaine, Jeffrey R	\$14,634.07	Lacroix, Tina M	\$57,426.00
Fortini, Meghan A	\$30,491.62	Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$29,229.66
Franzosa, Tara K	\$63,473.09	Lanctot, Nicole L	\$22,247.70
Gallagher, Amy L	\$55,209.76	Lanctot, Richard J	\$40,566.91
Gallagher, Jason E	\$36,780.73	Landry, Alison M	\$29,599.74
Gallo, Lise M	\$69,365.34	Landry, Richard N	\$41,498.56
Ganis, Eilizabeth	\$18,153.36	Landry, Steven J	\$19,846.54
Gaudet, Damien W	\$48,554.85	Landry, Susan A	\$24,933.04
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$34,225.84	Langone, Kerri	\$76,399.14
Gentile, Charlsey L	\$34,449.02	Laporte, Janis H	\$90,655.41
Ginish, Laura E	\$50,832.43	Laren, Norma C	\$75,531.91
Gomes, Lynne M	\$68,102.86	LaRose, Dennis J	\$39,050.57
Goulet, Peter R	\$79,841.72	Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$18,064.42
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$56,026.99	Lauzon, Karen E	\$50,883.17
Grube, Lynnell	\$47,105.35	Le-Gagne, Thien-Phuong T	\$6,247.27
Guidi, Vanina V	\$19,269.07	LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$51,563.60
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$21,120.58	Lee, Linda P	\$36,652.63
Hagan, Maribeth	\$7,537.50	Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$78,203.97
Hagerman, David T	\$37,606.63	Levitte, Suzanne E	\$39,287.01
Haggas, Lory J	\$21,587.29	Liard, Linda M	\$13,677.21
Hannon, Heather M	\$60,225.66	Liard, Roy J	\$60,520.48
Hardy, Natalie A	\$41,537.45	Lipsett, Edward F	\$38,335.17
Harpin, Rebecca E	\$70,658.84	Lovely, Mary E	\$47,220.81
Haughey, Paul S	\$105,291.53	Lynch, Timothy A	\$9,808.68
Healy, Brendan M	\$48,630.80	MacMillan, Maureen	\$78,206.00
Hebert, Debra A	\$19,335.94	Mailloux, Jennifer M	\$46,833.14
Hebert, Ethan J	\$46,417.53	Maloney, Deborah A	\$29,943.67
Hebert, Scott A	\$43,403.82	Maranda, Jonathan A	\$21,032.55

**Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Salary Listing**

Marchand, Kimberly A	\$40,431.12	Reilly, Jenna L	\$15,067.40
Marcotte, Nicholas N	\$52,969.91	Reilly, Sheri L	\$58,911.46
Marlborough, Carrie A	\$14,421.39	Remillard, Erica D	\$7,696.06
Martinelli, Christine J	\$16,520.75	Renz, Christine E	\$53,387.52
Martino-Harms, Andrea J	\$57,569.20	Renzi, Andrea A	\$13,835.42
Martins, Kevin M	\$52,786.55	Riedel, Jean L	\$44,560.51
Martufi, Caitlin P	\$49,492.12	Rielly, Susan S	\$64,234.87
Maurice, Jamie A	\$67,974.12	Roberge, Hillary J	\$51,151.41
McCall, Candace M	\$15,138.32	Robertson, Christine R	\$67,402.51
McCormick, William J	\$75,593.97	Robinson, Lynn A	\$14,483.73
McCourt, Kevin M	\$80,751.14	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$14,380.89
McCrum, Kelly A	\$27,566.69	Rodriguez, Antonia	\$31,032.72
McLean, Marianne J	\$84,107.89	Roe, Ethan	\$77,515.36
McNamara, Keith M	\$59,033.21	Romano, Ann M	\$51,119.12
McQuaid, David P	\$22,759.69	Rondeau, Jill A	\$41,103.90
Medeiros, Jessica S	\$53,207.11	Rose, Maureen	\$76,791.12
Menard, Jacqueline A	\$17,612.05	Rosenbaum, Katherine M	\$58,798.50
Menard, Kristi A	\$52,523.59	Rounds, Lisa A	\$57,286.09
Menard, Megan L	\$49,173.88	Rousselle, Renee	\$75,117.18
Mignanelli, Barbara	\$73,727.63	Rowden, Audra, A	\$41,486.00
Moreau, Linda A	\$71,507.56	Ryan, Paula M	\$57,929.43
Morgan, Melissa J	\$30,644.82	Sacco, Nicole L	\$47,864.34
Morin, Diane M	\$79,801.00	Salome, Linda A	\$47,436.24
Morrisson, Kelly L	\$6,982.71	Samson, Barbara E	\$33,414.92
Murphy, Eileen S	\$12,621.59	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$67,111.32
Nagelschmidt, Mary J	\$10,536.01	Schaper, Nicholas P	\$12,272.76
Najarian, Robin A	\$70,244.59	Schimmelpenningh, Matthew L	\$19,771.64
Nerbonne, Jean M	\$15,916.71	Scott, Lynne S	\$75,853.48
Nerbonne, Richard E	\$31,959.41	Scott, Sean P	\$36,783.38
Newman, Colette L	\$73,083.57	Scoville, Kristen N	\$42,962.43
Nikosey, Cathleen H	\$17,869.94	Shafer, Christina M	\$80,188.61
Nneji, Lynne M	\$74,889.23	Shafer, Todd L	\$92,971.36
Northup, Jacob K	\$16,954.66	Shaughnessy, Nicole E	\$53,836.28
O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$37,719.90	Shea, Debra L	\$17,343.02
Olbrys, Maria S	\$71,891.71	Sheerin, Angela R	\$51,014.35
Oliveira, Rachel R	\$27,178.00	Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$35,243.89
Pereira, Cliff R	\$80,547.79	Sherman, Mary B	\$82,144.10
Pilibosian, Carol A	\$13,022.50	Simard, Monique F	\$56,348.79
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$83,508.19	Simonetti, Pamela	\$15,115.29
Pilling, Christopher S	\$18,757.96	Slate, Steven H	\$73,609.37
Poirier, Jessica R	\$21,833.40	Solari, Jennifer A	\$72,473.84
Poirier, Tina M	\$30,705.77	Soule, Patricia E	\$72,428.92
Porter, Richard A	\$15,508.69	Spont, Anne M	\$57,032.67
Potter, Joann R	\$14,961.87	St. Germain, Kelli S	\$5,031.90
Powers, Maria A	\$25,866.63	Stalnaker, Carrie M	\$3,214.80
Powers, Patricia J	\$82,103.04	Staples, Daniel R	\$10,760.01
Rayos, Lora J	\$21,417.00	Stearman, Kathy L	\$9,970.48

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District**Salary Listing**

Stefanik, Karen M	\$19,636.09
Stone, Pepper A	\$3,250.00
Sullivan, Allison K	\$65,611.29
Sullivan, Timothy J	\$48,185.73
Swanson, Francine P	\$17,490.61
Swanson, Gwyn J	\$8,321.25
Takessian, Brenda L	\$14,258.93
Tasick, Lori A	\$72,492.63
Tasker, Sara E	\$23,030.09
Teixeira, Taylor M	\$16,588.17
Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$49,627.25
Thompson, Karen P	\$65,861.16
Thomson, David L	\$62,497.95
Torvi, Janice A	\$71,013.67
Tosti, Jill M	\$64,637.05
Tringali, Steven J	\$44,164.62
Trottier, Lisa A	\$72,166.83
Trudeau, Kimberley NT	\$51,050.76
Tulloch, Alexandria D	\$15,953.82
Tunnessen, Arthur M	\$13,453.19
Turgeon, Emily E	\$65,340.58
Uppstrom, Kelsey L	\$44,072.93
Vaughan, Maryalice	\$48,431.75
Verreault, Amy L	\$41,277.50
Villucci, Kaitlyn R	\$40,183.44
Volk, Kari M	\$56,832.36
Walker, Jennifer L	\$16,211.16
Walker, Matthew B	\$40,531.15
Walsh, Brigitte B	\$57,886.00
Warren, Maureen L	\$72,490.35
Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$61,082.00
Wiggin, Cassandra A	\$2,990.88
Williams, Michelle L	\$65,439.65
Wolfgang, Lea D	\$17,483.31
Wolford, Julianne C	\$23,527.54
Young, Karen M	\$54,389.10
Yurick, Juliet D	\$55,816.19
Zilonis, Tessa G	\$18,631.86

**Blackstone Valley
Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

A Message from the Superintendent-Director

In true BVT fashion, we have once again chosen to use our Annual Report as an opportunity to integrate our student successes in academic and vocational classrooms with the achievements of the District as a whole and the facts and figures of our operation. Our students have experienced tremendous success during this fiscal year thanks in part to the financial support of our 13 District towns. Perhaps the most telling indicator of the impact of your investment comes from the letters, e-mails, and phone calls we receive from our alumni sharing their accomplishments.

We first heard of 2013 Business Technology graduate Jennifer “Jen” Lannon’s career success when she was featured as the cover story of the July 2015 edition of Plumbing & Mechanical magazine. Jen is building a lucrative career in the plumbing industry as a member of a very small demographic of female plumbers. Of course, breaking boundaries was not unusual for Jen who earned a co-op placement as a junior, and spent her senior year participating in a dual enrollment — completing a co-op education and taking classes at Quinsigamond Community College.

Jen’s initiative and drive, along with the myriad of customer service skills and general “people skills” she says she learned while walking the halls of BVT, has earned her company a stellar reputation throughout the Cape Cod region. Jen’s success in an industry so outside of her original comfort zone is not unusual for BVT graduates. Our students are given the tools and knowledge to succeed in a highly competitive and ever-changing world by our faculty and staff. While we celebrate the accolades our alumni have earned, we also continue to commit ourselves to providing the best quality education for our current and future students. I invite you to join me in exploring Jen’s story and the stories of our current students and staff who are breaking boundaries along the road to success at Blackstone Valley Tech.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

Jennifer Lannon – Breaking Boundaries

Overwhelmed. Hesitant. Unsure.

It’s a simple description of how Jennifer “Jen” Lannon felt walking through the maze of display tables boasting the majors offered at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI. Registered to be a freshman in the fall, Jen came to an important realization as she stood surrounded by excited co-eds at the orientation: college was not for her.

“I didn’t like the college experience,” she said. “I didn’t like living in a dorm, and none of the majors I thought I was interested in interested me enough to want to study them for four years.”

Deciding not to pursue a college degree was simple, but choosing a career path was difficult for the 2013 Business Technology graduate. She explored a variety of options including working as a personal trainer and completing an internship with the District Attorney's office, but neither experience inspired her.

“With both jobs, I thought ‘I like working out, but I don’t like being a personal trainer’ and ‘I like Law and Order, but I don’t like sitting in a courtroom,’” she said. “I was really stressed out trying to figure out what I wanted to do.”

As Jen struggled to find a career path to fit her passions, her father, John Lannon, was looking for a career change. The 1975 BVT graduate was tired of the stress and long hours associated with his work as a VP for JJ Bafaro, the plumbing company he worked at for 30 years.

“He said to me, ‘well, what about the trades?’ and I said, ‘well, what about them?’ Then he said, ‘well, what about plumbing?’ and I said ‘well, what about it?’” Jen said. “I had never even considered working in the field.”

John had experienced a lucrative career as a plumber. He has held a master plumbing license for more than 40 years, worked on his own, ran his own small business, and worked his way up the ranks of JJ Bafaro. He proposed starting a father-daughter owned and operated plumbing company. Jen would have dual responsibilities using her BVT education to run the business and learning the plumbing trade as his apprentice.

The father-daughter duo did exactly that taking their idea and turning it into Jen's Plumbing & Heating. With two hours' worth of work lined up, John and Jen moved to Sandwich, MA where they had owned a summer home before becoming full-time Cape Cod residents. They completed their first job — replacing a water heater in Osterville — on March 31, 2014.

“It was interesting because I had never seen anything like it, and I had never done anything like it before,” Jen said. “I knew the more I worked in the field the more I'd get the hang of it. It definitely got my attention watching things go from start to finish.”

A love of seeing projects through each stage to the final product was one she had previously discovered while working at Consigli Construction Co., Inc. through BVT's cooperative education program. As a junior, Jen began her placement at the company bouncing throughout the office working with project management, marketing, accounting, business management, and engineering. During her senior year, she landed on a job site working directly with the project management team.

“When I was working at Consigli, I realized how fascinating it is watching a project from start to completion and everything that goes into it,” she said. “I got the construction bug.”

Now a registered plumbing apprentice, the construction bug is serving her well. Each day, she and her father set out to replace water heaters, complete the plumbing of new homes, repair leaks, and more throughout the Cape Cod region. Jen and John make an ideal team as he teaches her the ins and outs of the trade.

“She has a great work ethic and great people skills,” John said. “The one thing we’ve heard from the day we set up shop is that none of the plumbers call anybody back. Even if we can’t do it, we call them back and give them somebody else’s name. We make it a point to call people back, always the same day they call.”

Jen credits her time at BVT for teaching her the importance of customer service. Answering the phones in the Business Technology shop, working at the school store, and interacting with students and instructors taught her to value the customer experience by returning phone calls, beginning appointments on time, and responding to each job with a smile and friendly face.

There is one other factor Jen says helps her customers feel at ease with her — she is female.

“I think that our customers really appreciate that I am a female,” she said. “When we first started, my dad made a point that typically when we go to someone’s house for a service call a woman is home during the day, and usually the woman would be more comfortable with me showing up at the door versus your typical male plumber.”

Most of her customers are so comfortable with her in fact that they greet her at the door with a hug and offer her coffee and lunch while she is working in their homes. The relationships she’s built with customers has allowed Jen’s Plumbing & Heating to run without advertising.

“When we first started we did advertising. We placed an ad in the church bulletin, in the Cape Cod Times, in Prime Time Magazine, and we did BNI [Business Network International]. After spending all this money on advertising, we came to the conclusion that 90 percent of our business was word of mouth.”

Simply driving to different jobs in their work van with the pink logo Jen designed brought business to the company.

“We have the white truck with pink and blue letters and pink shirts and pink business cards. We capitalize on it being father-daughter owned and operated and a woman plumber,” she said. “The pink and blue shiny business cards, the pink shirts... it’s just the little things that people appreciate.”

As a female in the plumbing trade, Jen will have a multitude of options once she receives her journeyman’s and master’s plumbing license. She and her father can choose to continue to be simply father-daughter operated, they can hire additional plumbers or apprentices, or Jen can choose to join a large corporation.

Jen’s career in the plumbing industry is bright as only 1.3 percent of all plumbers are female.

“A woman licensed plumber could get a job in a minute,” said John.

Jen will go for her journeyman's license in early 2019. The journeyman's license will allow Jen to work on her own in the field. One year after she earns her original license, Jen plans to go for the master's license test, which will allow her to hire additional plumbers and apprentices.

"We've talked about getting a high school student who wants to go on a co-op program and working with him or her," Jen said. "I think that's the most important advice I'd give to students now. If you can get a job on co-op, get a job on co-op no matter what that job is. It will open so many doors for you."

Confident. Focused. Determined.

It's a simple description of how Jen feels walking up to a new jobsite ready to install or repair water lines, waste piping, vent piping, and more. More than three years into her apprenticeship, Jen and her father have turned their simple idea into a lucrative business and countless opportunities for Jen's future.

Is There Anything More American Than Apple Pie?

The participants of the 2016 WorldSkills General Assembly, co-hosted by Canada's Skills Competencies Canada and the United States' SkillsUSA, were treated to an All-American Barbecue including the American culture's signature dessert: Apple Pie.

BVT students baked 300 individually wrapped mini apple pies for delegates of the WorldSkills General Assembly over two days before sending them off with the US delegation of SkillsUSA to be enjoyed at the event.

"It was an honor to present each participant with an individual apple pie made by our students," said Karen Ward, Executive Director of SkillsUSA Massachusetts. "The pies not only represented America's pastime, but the extraordinary talent and skill of our career and technical education students. We were very proud as participants raved about the pies."

The 2016 WorldSkills General Assembly marked the first time the General Assembly was held in North America, and the first time two countries co-hosted the event. As a co-host, the United States had the opportunity to showcase students and national pastimes.

"The pies became a gathering point to welcome the world — 63 countries from Austria to Zambia enjoyed a slice of America thanks to the talents of our students," said Ward. "Thank you to Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, the teachers, students, and members of the school's administrative team for bringing our vision to reality and our hospitality to the world. We are very grateful."

BVT's own Stacey Muanya represented the United States as the official spokesperson for SkillsUSA at the international event.

BVT Celebrates the Class of 2017

Showing off their artistic and technical talents with colorful, 3-dimensional, and LED lit mortarboards, members of the Class of 2017 celebrated their graduation from Blackstone Valley Tech on June 1st at Worcester’s Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. This year, 286 students officially concluded their dual high school education by crossing the graduation stage and receiving their industry-recognized vocational certificates and diplomas.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick commended students for their academic achievement, technical prowess, community service dedication, and humility during their high school careers. He advised students to continue to pursue educational opportunities in all areas to become masters of lifelong learning.

“As you write your next story, be a curious seeker of adventurous learning. Acquire new skills and view the world as an ocean of opportunity,” Fitzpatrick said. “Recognize that occasional challenges and disappointment will likely be part of your journey, and strive to spread goodness wherever you go.”

After receiving their dual credentials, members of the BVT Class of 2017 were greeted outside the Hanover Theatre with cheers, balloons, and congratulations from hundreds of proud parents, guardians, family members, and friends.

See the photo gallery at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2017

FY17 – Another Outstanding Year of Achievements

BVT students continue to display their mastery of rigorous academic topics and industry validated vocational technical competencies.

409

During the 2016–2017 school year, a total of **409 AP course exams** were given to 262 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Computer Science A, Physics 1, and Spanish Language & Culture.

15 years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System’s (MCAS) Spring 2016 test results revealed a tremendous performance by BVT students for the **15th straight year**. In English Language Arts, 100% of our 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.

\$4.2 million

Members of the BVT Class of 2017 earned more than 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value in excess of **\$4.2 million**.

302

A total of **302** 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.

An Integrated History Lesson

The students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at BVT never thought they'd learn about the Civil War as a part of their shop curriculum. Neither did the Health Services students, or the students in English and Art classes. Nevertheless, instructors throughout BVT used the Civil War Reenactment held at Daniels Farmstead on October 8th and 9th as an opportunity to integrate the Civil War into seemingly unrelated subjects.

The fusion of history into different programs allowed students to understand the complexities and multifaceted nature of the Civil War.

The Culinary Arts program used the reenactment as a springboard to teach students about the availability and quality of food during the Civil War period. The students created a beef stew using ingredients and techniques from the era. The stew used substitutions when necessary, but the final version gave students and guests an idea of what soldiers ate while serving in the war.

The history lesson continued to transcend the history department when students in the Health Services program discovered the many ways modern medicine differs from Civil War era medicine. Through an in-class project, students traced the path medicine followed through the Civil War to evolve into what they are learning about today by researching the medical care and treatment of wounded and sick soldiers.

"The students were astounded by the crude instruments and the simple medications used. The class research showed students how the Civil War aided in the evolvement of medical care," said Health Services Instructor Judith Lavallee.

The vocational programs were not the only ones integrating social studies into their curriculum by using the event to bring a more detailed understanding of the time period. The English and Art programs teamed up to create a contest for students to display their new knowledge. Students were encouraged to create a short story, poem, comic strip, or other piece of art based on the reenactment. Students were able to take in the sights and sounds of the event, couple them with their knowledge of the time period from their social studies classes, and create something new.

The students' knowledge of the Civil War was further developed by an interactive presentation where two reenactors, dressed in Union soldier uniforms, answered students' questions about the Civil War and the process of planning and executing a reenactment of one of the most turbulent times in American history. The reenactors gave detailed answers about everything from women's role in the war to how soldiers set up their camps.

“Our multifaceted Civil War reenactment project, established in partnership with Daniels Farmstead, served as a recipe for active and applied learning,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “The venture was a biology lesson blended with a history lesson, spiced with a culinary arts lesson, incorporated within a creative writing lesson, and embedded within a health services field hospital setting.”

The integrated history lessons provided by the Civil War reenactment created a school-wide learning initiative. The reenactment, which was well attended by students, teachers, and the general public, allowed history to take center stage and inspired students to see how history is involved in every facet of education.

SkillsUSA: A BVT Triumph

The annual SkillsUSA competition series, an elite vocational technical skills event, gives 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, our students kept their impressive winning streak alive in 2017 by earning 153 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

Massachusetts District V Conference
35 GOLD, 33 SILVER, and 30 BRONZE

Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference
24 GOLD, 14 SILVER, and 6 BRONZE

National Leadership and Skills Conference
2 GOLD - Connor Andrews of Sutton and Zachary Rivernider of Mendon (Mobile Robotics Technology – Team Event).
1 SILVER - Elizabeth Stallcup of Upton (Restaurant Service).
8 BRONZE - Steven Alger of Uxbridge and Bryan Desrosiers of Millville (Robotics & Automation Technology – Team Event); Rachel Arnold of Northbridge and Jonathan Lynch of Mendon (Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue – Team Event); Gabrielle DeCosta of Grafton (First Aid-CPR); Matthew Keith of Douglas (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration); Priya Patel of Douglas (Job Skills Demonstration Open); Olivia Rice of Grafton (Health Occupations Professional Portfolio).

TOP 15 – Bailey Martin of Upton (4th Diesel Equipment Technology); Sarah Arnold of Northbridge (7th Commercial Baking); Kevin Konieczny of Upton (7th Welding); Kristina Richardson of Uxbridge (7th Photography); Alexandra Valoras of Grafton (7th Principles of Technology); Christopher Coley of Upton (8th Culinary Arts); Mackenzie Varieur of Blackstone (10th Medical Math); Donovan Tames of Northbridge (12th Telecommunications Cabling).

STATE OFFICER - Adam Cavanaugh of Milford

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES - Anika Koopman of Northbridge; Kelley Muanya of Milford

NATIONAL OFFICER - Stacey Muanya of Milford

Students Lured to Fishing

The sound of a 3 a.m. alarm clock is often met with enthusiasm by Corey Smith and Conner Polymeros because it means a morning of bass fishing at tournaments throughout Massachusetts.

In 2016, Smith and Polymeros created a bass fishing team at BVT. In its inaugural season, the team had four members who traveled to compete in tournaments. After a successful first year, Smith and Polymeros recruited new members through social media and the school's daily announcements.

In 2017, the 19 members of the bass fishing team competed in three tournaments during their April–June season. At each tournament, participants are judged by the weight of their catches with a maximum of five fish per person. The tournaments also give students the chance to learn from older fishers who offer advice on the sports' best practices.

“The older fishers like to teach us different things. They might give advice about where to fish because of the time of day or water temperature. I've learned a lot from them,” said Smith, an Electrical student from Uxbridge.

In a typical BVT entrepreneurial approach, the students raised outside funding versus relying upon operational budget support. They received sponsorships from area businesses, and the supports coupled with the students' and school's contributions allowed each student to receive a personalized fishing jersey. This education in sales is just one life skill the club has provided.

“I learned a lot about getting familiar with people and starting different conversations and asking for advice,” said Polymeros, an Engineering Technology student from Northbridge.

Smith and Polymeros are enjoying the fruits of their labor with their well-received club while looking towards the future.

“The club grew a lot in a single year,” said Polymeros. “It exploded, and we know there will be people to carry it on when we graduate.”

The bass fishing team created another place for students to showcase and hone their skills thanks to the passion of two students, the school, and local community that supported their drive.

FY17 Awards & Accolades

Presidential Scholar

Class of 2017 graduate Stacey Muanya of Milford was selected as a national semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

Muanya was one of only 722 semifinalists selected from nearly 5,100 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 the community and school activities.

Green Up New England Challenge

The students in the Students for Environmental Awareness (S.E.A.) club gave area residents a quick, simple, environmentally friendly option to rid themselves of excess waste through their Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge, and they received the Honorable Mention award at the Green Up New England Challenge.

The students collected plastic grocery bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, Ziploc bags, bubble wrap and more from December 2016 through April 15, 2017. The students weighed and recorded the amount of plastic film received through the recycling bins spread throughout the school. In total, the S.E.A. club redirected 565 pounds of plastic away from landfills.

Citizenship Awards

In April 2017, Sarah Arnold, a junior Culinary Arts student from Northbridge, and Silvana Reid, a junior Manufacturing and Engineering Technology student from Mendon, received Citizenship Awards from the Leukemia & Lymphoma society.

The award recognizes their dedication to the society's mission of curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, myeloma, and improving the quality of life for patients and families, as well as their efforts to get the community involved in fundraising to find a cure for blood cancers.

CareerSafe Spotlight

In December, Information Technology Instructor John Kelly was recognized by CareerSafe, an organization dedicated to delivering safety education for America's future, for his commitment to educating students about workplace safety. Kelly was featured in several CareerSafe publications including their website and print magazine, and drew praise from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators for the accomplishment.

While teaching at BVT, Kelly saw a need for a safety protocol upgrade within his program, as well as surrounding programs. Kelly thought it was important to stay ahead of safety issues and grow safety protocols in accordance to the technology and resources available to the district. The CareerSafe spotlight showcased Kelly's drive to bring safety to all students, and the success he is finding with his lessons.

The Oscars of Food

The James Beard Foundation presented its 2017 James Beard Award for Outstanding Service to Blue Hills at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills, New York — a restaurant managed by 2007 Culinary Arts graduate Christine Langelier. The Outstanding Service award is presented to a restaurant in operation for five or more years that demonstrates high standards of hospitality and service.

“As the General Manager, I’ve helped train and mentor the staff that contributed in this year’s award,” said Langelier. “Having my team able to stand beside me to accept one of the industry’s highest awards was such positive affirmation for the hard work we all put into the restaurant.”

PN Program Earns Top Spot

PracticalNursing.org, an organization that promotes the growth of nursing professionals through education, ranked BVT’s Practical Nursing as the number one LPN program in Massachusetts.

The ranking assessed 17 practical nursing programs in Massachusetts, focusing on how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. The National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) pass rates for the previous five years were analyzed and weighted by year. Blackstone Valley Tech received an overall score of 100 to secure the top spot.

Community Projects

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

In FY17, a total of 332 projects and services resulted in significant savings for District communities and residents:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$372,105
In-School Projects, Installations, and Repairs	<u>\$194,464</u>
Total Savings to Taxpayers	\$566,569

A few of the FY17 community projects and services include:

Retrofitting the Temporary Millville Town Hall

The town of Millville received a helping hand from BVT students as it worked to retrofit the town’s American Legion Hall into a temporary town hall. Approximately 100 students offered their drafting, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC skills to the project.

For the next three years, the American Legion Hall will house municipal offices and town operations while the town develops and builds a new town hall. The existing Longfellow Municipal Center was closed in the summer of 2015 due to structural issues.

BVT students were heavily involved in taking the American Legion building apart to create offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, and other things necessary for it to function as a town hall. Drafting students created renderings, Construction Technology students were involved in demolition work and built a ramp for the rear entry, Plumbing students re-plumbed the bathroom

to make it ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, Electrical students rewired approximately two-thirds of the building, HVAC students installed a central cooling system, and Painting & Design Technologies students painted the interior of the building.

Upton State Forest CCC Camp Restoration

The Construction Technology and Painting & Design Technologies students teamed up to restore the CCC Camp at Upton State Forest. Students in the Construction Technology program removed a portion of the old, weathered siding from the building before replacing it with new siding that matched the original grain. Once the new siding was installed, Painting & Design Technologies students went on location to stain it to blend with the existing siding.

Refurbished Uxbridge Fire Truck

A focus on the details and pride in their work led BVT students to go above and beyond when working on the Uxbridge Fire Department's 2006 Ford Maintenance 1 pickup truck. The project began as a replacement of the rear bed, which was almost completely rotted. As the students worked on the truck, they identified other rust spots, a dent in the hood, and a faulty starter. With the guidance of instructors David Beaudreau and Benjamin Bertrand, students fixed each problem before painting the entire vehicle. The Painting & Design Technologies students also created and applied lettering identifying the truck for the Fire Department.

"It looks brand new!" the Uxbridge Fire Department said on its Facebook page. "This partnership with BVT saved us a lot of expense and will keep this 11 year old vehicle in service for several more years."

Return on Investment

BVT's Budget Helps to Connect Skills, Workforce, and Post-Secondary Training

As the BVT School Committee advanced the District's FY17 budget, they developed a blueprint that was responsive to Governor Charlie Baker's concerns of the looming skills shortage. Valley Tech's budget includes those resources necessary to respond to the challenges posed by both the state and its regional employers. Utilizing relationships with industry partners and securing grant opportunities and other monetary gifts, the operating budget was held to a modest 3.00% 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.

Significant among a variety of cost containment measures is the ongoing green efforts of our faculty, staff, and students with regards to printing, energy consumption, and waste recycling. Additionally, the District continues to seek solar power opportunities (Net Metering Credits) that will reduce energy costs and return valuable dollars to the classroom.

The District's FY17 operating budget of \$21,956,739 was funded primarily by \$8,840,232 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$12,718,507 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 Funding to Support Our Mission

BVT continues to aggressively pursue any non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations to support enhanced learning, programs, and services for students. In FY17, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$1.3 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In FY17, Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced that Valley Tech was selected to receive a portion of an \$11.8 million grant aimed at expanding opportunities and training programs for careers in growing industries.

“These investments have a major impact for the educational institutions training our workforce and the students who stand to benefit from enhanced skills and career paths,” said Governor Baker. “Strengthening relationships between educational institutions and local industry as this program seeks to do is crucial to the success of our communities and Commonwealth as a whole.”

The \$495,000 Workforce Skills Capital Grant will help BVT train students on specific equipment identified as “must-haves” by the school’s 300-plus business and industry advisors. Key pieces of equipment include a SIMS Mother & Baby Birth Simulator, a Mock Pharm Tech Lab, a Panoramic X-Ray Machine, a 3D printer, and a Roland 30” Printer/Cutter among other exciting STEM opportunities.

In addition to grants, BVT saved on capital expenses throughout FY17 by accepting donations of equipment and funding from business and industry partners. Our athletic program received one such gift when UniBank generously donated \$30,000 to install a new digital scoreboard on the athletic field. BVT also secured financial support from National Grid to mitigate the cost of installing energy efficient LED lights throughout the building.

Class of 2017: Blackstone

NHS = National Honor Society NTHS = National Technical Honor Society

Alex Lee Ahee, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Katherine Frances Alotta, Construction Technology; Rebecca Rose Belanger, Construction Technology; Aiden Matthew Belanger, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Olivia Leigh Bouchard, Dental Assisting; Sara Ann Boucher, Automotive Technology; Cameron Richard Desrochers, Manufacturing and Engineering Technology; Harrison Lloyd Diehl, Multimedia Communications; Heather Nye Dowrey, Painting and Design Technologies (NHS/NTHS); Ethan Vincent Gariepy, Electronics and Engineering Technology; Andrew Christopher Hahn, Business Technology; Stephanie Katherine Konicki, Painting and Design Technologies (NHS); Joelle Renee LaChance, Cosmetology (NHS/NTHS); James Matthew Martinelli, Multimedia Communications; Blake David Morin, Electrical; Matthew Steven Papineau, Electronics and Engineering Technology (NHS/NTHS); Samantha Ashley Reed, Automotive Technology; Alex Joseph Robeau, Information Technology (NHS/NTHS); Megan Marie Thibodeau, Business Technology; Mackenzie Alexandra Varieur, Health Services (NHS/NTHS).

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 FY2017

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 .06194
Al-Haza	Khalid	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Allain	Courtney	\$64,894.00	\$ 4,019.53
Allen	Craig	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Antonelli	Jennifer	\$50,720.60	\$ 3,141.63
Auger	Barbara	\$25,797.68	\$ 1,597.91
Aukstikalnis	James	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Ayers	George	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Bates	Christine	\$74,862.00	\$ 4,636.95
Batt	Daniel	\$73,263.00	\$ 4,537.91
Beaudreau	David	\$73,263.00	\$ 4,537.91
Beauregard	Victoria	\$59,392.32	\$ 3,678.76
Belland	Thomas	\$111,330.56	\$ 6,895.81
Bertrand	Benjamin	\$51,641.00	\$ 3,198.64
Bird	James	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Bisceglia	Shayne	\$36,497.13	\$ 2,260.63
Booker	Aaron	\$12,068.97	\$ 747.55
Boynton	Courtney	\$43,050.00	\$ 2,666.52
Brochu	James	\$104,123.99	\$ 6,449.44
Brown	Gregory	\$38,881.23	\$ 2,408.30
Burke	John	\$60,446.00	\$ 3,744.03
Caligaris	Steven	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Cann	Danielle	\$67,654.00	\$ 4,190.49
Chan	Ting-pak	\$65,955.76	\$ 4,085.30
Checca	Kathleen	\$55,636.00	\$ 3,446.09
Collamati	Joseph	\$31,848.80	\$ 1,972.71
Collard	Cynthia	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Collins	Timothy	\$66,106.08	\$ 4,094.61
Colonero	Anne-Marie	\$45,747.35	\$ 2,833.59
Conley	Mark	\$47,900.84	\$ 2,966.98
Connors	Matthew	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Coonan	Barry	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Corda	Rebecca	\$55,085.55	\$ 3,412.00
Corriveau	Joseph	\$72,776.00	\$ 4,507.75
Cote	Christine	\$7,336.98	\$ 454.45
Creely	George	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63

Last Name	First Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06194
D'Amico	Lou	\$64,635.48	\$ 4,003.52
Denise	Michele	\$108,150.00	\$ 6,698.81
Diesenhuis	Scott	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Dolegiewicz	Robert	\$42,449.04	\$ 2,629.29
Donahue	Susan	\$54,473.12	\$ 3,374.07
Donovan	Meghan	\$24,438.05	\$ 1,513.69
Donovan	Pamela	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Dubois	Dawn	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Elder	Kimberly	\$44,275.86	\$ 2,742.45
Ellis	Adele	\$84,747.00	\$ 5,249.23
Etzweiler	Vicky	\$8,344.83	\$ 516.88
Evans	Edward	\$98,344.85	\$ 6,091.48
Faticanti	Michael	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Finnell	Thomas	\$45,748.08	\$ 2,833.64
Fiore	Jonathan	\$68,455.00	\$ 4,240.10
Fitzpatrick	Mark	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Fitzpatrick	Michael	\$225,127.88	\$ 13,944.42
Fleisher	Amy	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Flynn	Joseph	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Forgit	Caitlin	\$65,248.00	\$ 4,041.46
Forman	Nicole	\$40,000.00	\$ 2,477.60
Fraser	Alison	\$69,560.47	\$ 4,308.58
Freitas	Timothy	\$70,056.00	\$ 4,339.27
Garrison	Jennifer	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Given	Carolyn	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Gniadek	Jeffrey	\$59,448.60	\$ 3,682.25
Gothier	Brent	\$55,957.00	\$ 3,465.98
Grabowski	Stephen	\$49,346.80	\$ 3,056.54
Granger	Gillian	\$65,248.00	\$ 4,041.46
Gray	Victoria	\$54,043.00	\$ 3,347.42
Greenlaw	Tina	\$58,844.00	\$ 3,644.80
Grimes	Elizabeth	\$77,301.00	\$ 4,788.02
Guitarini	Francis	\$36,833.15	\$ 2,281.45
Hagen	Pamela	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Hale	Karen	\$60,417.00	\$ 3,742.23
Hanington	Cheryl	\$88,630.52	\$ 5,489.77
Hathaway	Dedra	\$101,787.53	\$ 6,304.72
Healy	Lesley	\$58,844.00	\$ 3,644.80
Hollingworth	Holly	\$53,429.31	\$ 3,309.41
Holmes	Cheryl	\$29,025.00	\$ 1,797.81
Hughes	Tersilia	\$57,050.24	\$ 3,533.69
Johnson	Kurtis	\$133,768.79	\$ 8,285.64
Kahler	James	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Kehowski	Shaun	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06

Last Name	First Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06194
Kelly	John	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Khorasani	Barbara	\$46,800.52	\$ 2,898.82
King	BarbaraAnn	\$31,526.95	\$ 1,952.78
Koopman	Priscilla	\$24,149.00	\$ 1,495.79
Lamont	Thomas	\$63,652.00	\$ 3,942.60
Langin	Colleen	\$74,862.00	\$ 4,636.95
Lapan	Timothy	\$35,977.50	\$ 2,228.45
Laprade	David	\$40,256.64	\$ 2,493.50
Lathrop	Alysen	\$23,985.00	\$ 1,485.63
Lavallee	Judith	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
LeBoeuf-Dubois	Sharon	\$57,954.54	\$ 3,589.70
Ledoux	Nicole	\$55,636.00	\$ 3,446.09
Lefrancois	Deanna	\$60,762.00	\$ 3,763.60
Lehner	Raymond	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Lehtinen	Brian	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
LeMarbre	Philip	\$35,627.69	\$ 2,206.78
LeMay	Georgette	\$37,403.28	\$ 2,316.76
Lewis	David	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Linfield	Tara	\$11,843.30	\$ 733.57
Lizotte	Charles	\$32,259.60	\$ 1,998.16
Locwin	Brian	\$65,562.00	\$ 4,060.91
Lord	Keith	\$48,438.00	\$ 3,000.25
Lubas	Paula	\$45,608.68	\$ 2,825.00
MacKenzie	Jessica	\$67,970.00	\$ 4,210.06
MacLure	Ashley	\$58,844.00	\$ 3,644.80
MacWilliams	Marcia	\$91,253.64	\$ 5,652.25
Malo	Kathryn	\$51,641.00	\$ 3,198.64
Mangano	Lorna	\$91,406.03	\$ 5,661.69
Manoogian	Kathleen	\$37,389.95	\$ 2,315.93
Mantoni	Joseph	\$51,641.00	\$ 3,198.64
Martell	Caroline	\$23,318.75	\$ 1,444.36
Martell	Kristin	\$82,041.00	\$ 5,081.62
Masso	Kaitlin	\$23,985.00	\$ 1,485.63
Maynard	Catherine	\$46,819.92	\$ 2,900.03
Mayo	Thomas	\$45,510.00	\$ 2,818.89
McCabe	Monique	\$56,443.00	\$ 3,496.08
McDermott	Suzanne	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
McSweeney	Erin	\$11,034.48	\$ 683.48
Merchant	Susan	\$56,260.36	\$ 3,484.77
Miles	Danielle	\$62,849.00	\$ 3,892.87
Milewski	Susan	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Millette	James	\$87,230.00	\$ 5,403.03
Mitchell	John	\$73,263.00	\$ 4,537.91
Morin	Daniel	\$63,652.00	\$ 3,942.60

Last Name	First Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06194
Morrison	Andrew	\$2,131.44	\$ 132.02
Moynihan	Kerry	\$63,159.00	\$ 3,912.07
Muise	Brian	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Murray	Charles	\$51,803.28	\$ 3,208.70
Naper	Justine	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Nigro	Ann	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Norton	Michael	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
O'Leary	Justin	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
O'Neil	Leonard	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
O'Neil	Rosario	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Odell	Eileen	\$38,929.50	\$ 2,411.29
Olson	Jessica	\$82,041.00	\$ 5,081.62
Paldino	Jessica	\$51,641.00	\$ 3,198.64
Pehl	Luanne	\$80,423.76	\$ 4,981.45
Pellegrino	Martha	\$62,054.53	\$ 3,843.66
Perreault	Paul	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Petty	Francis	\$36,641.70	\$ 2,269.59
Pilibosian	Christine	\$30,169.24	\$ 1,868.68
Polselli	Jerry	\$79,666.00	\$ 4,934.51
Polselli	Kyle	\$56,443.00	\$ 3,496.08
Potenti	Megan	\$79,666.00	\$ 4,934.51
Ramsey	Walter	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Reynolds	Douglas	\$45,748.08	\$ 2,833.64
Rivera	Daniel	\$89,674.00	\$ 5,554.41
Rivers	Donald	\$49,715.28	\$ 3,079.36
Robinson	Emily	\$23,385.38	\$ 1,448.49
Rose	Donna	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Rose	Sandra	\$17,220.20	\$ 1,066.62
Ruzanski	Kathryn	\$75,177.00	\$ 4,656.46
Sarah	Paul	\$37,625.76	\$ 2,330.54
Savard	Paul	\$51,641.00	\$ 3,198.64
Shea	David	\$65,562.00	\$ 4,060.91
Shea	Kathleen	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Sherman	Elizabeth	\$61,248.00	\$ 3,793.70
Sieber	Hannah	\$55,957.00	\$ 3,465.98
Small	Kristen	\$82,263.00	\$ 5,095.37
Smith	Anne	\$42,178.24	\$ 2,612.52
Smith	Eithne	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Spino	Rosetta	\$57,279.69	\$ 3,547.90
Sroka	Donna	\$107,111.75	\$ 6,634.50
St. Hilaire	Nicole	\$65,248.00	\$ 4,041.46
Stanley	Richard	\$45,305.00	\$ 2,806.19
Steele	Anthony	\$143,152.62	\$ 8,866.87
Stienstra	Derek	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02

Last Name	First Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06194
Swanick	Michael	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Swasey	Rebecca	\$99,765.65	\$ 6,179.48
Testa	Lenore	\$43,972.76	\$ 2,723.67
Theroux	David	\$57,232.08	\$ 3,544.96
Theroux	Jon	\$34,800.80	\$ 2,155.56
Thibeault	Brian	\$56,443.00	\$ 3,496.08
Toulouse	Christopher	\$84,825.00	\$ 5,254.06
Urquhart	Matthew	\$102,035.17	\$ 6,320.06
Ursoleo	Joseph	\$56,443.00	\$ 3,496.08
VanKeuren	Michael	\$38,398.32	\$ 2,378.39
Vasquez	Samantha	\$53,620.85	\$ 3,321.28
Walsh	Lisamarie	\$16,405.89	\$ 1,016.18
Ward	Constance	\$63,159.00	\$ 3,912.07
Wersted	Shaun	\$87,133.00	\$ 5,397.02
Whetstone	Ryan	\$69,938.00	\$ 4,331.96
Whitesell	Yvette	\$112,014.56	\$ 6,938.18
Williams	Matthew	\$92,632.00	\$ 5,737.63
Winske	Danielle	\$55,636.00	\$ 3,446.09
Woodward	James	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
Yancik	Derek	\$82,682.00	\$ 5,121.32
		<u>\$12,338,209.80</u>	<u>\$ 764,228.72</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2017

The values for Fiscal 2018 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 31, 2017.

Fiscal 2018 is an “Interim” year and so the Board of Assessors together with the Department of Revenue went through a series of studies reviewing the methodology and execution of all property valuation processes in the Town of Blackstone. This process began January 1, 2017. The property values were approved on 11/29/2017 and the Town of Blackstone valuation “Growth” was approved on 11/29/2017. The process culminated on 12/15/2017 with the Tax Rate of 19.49 being certified by the DOR Bureau of Local Services. The next full “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 was a member of the Board of Assessors since her election in 2007. Her term expired in April 2017. We would like to thank Carole for her years of dedicated service to the Town of Blackstone Board of Assessors and wish her much happiness in her retirement.

No town resident pulled papers to run for the expired position on the Board of Assessors left vacant in April 2017. Therefore, the Board of Selectmen appointed Jeremiah Carey to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors. He will hold this position until the next annual Town Election in 2018. We are pleased to welcome Jeremiah Carey as a new member to the Board of Assessors.

Assisting the Board of Assessors as Assistant Assessor is Patricia J. Salamone. Pat was a professional appraiser with a Certified Appraisal License for over 20 years prior to joining our staff. Pat is a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor with a MAA designation. Pat has held the position of Assistant Assessor for 11 years.

Rachel Campopiano, the Administrative Assistant to the Assessors’ Office, retired in June 2016. Rachel had 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. 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.

This year Rachel returned to the Assessors' Office on a part-time basis as a Consultant to train her new replacement. Rachel is now enjoying a well- earned full time retirement.

In March 2017 Kasey Bik was hired as the new Administrative Assistant to the Assessors' Office. Ms. Bik is a longtime resident of Blackstone. She hopes to follow in the footsteps of Rachel Campopiano in her excellence in service to the Town of Blackstone and its residents.

The entire Board of Assessors and the Assistant Assessors 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 Assessors 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.

January 2015 the Assessors' Office was notified by the Registry of Motor Vehicles that certain veterans with service-connected disabilities may establish their eligibility for a motor vehicle excise exemption. All resident veterans with eligible service-connected disabilities and/or MAB determination letter of permanent service-connected disability or a DV plate may be eligible for motor vehicle excise exemptions. Please contact our office for additional information.

Fiscal year 2018 began on July 1, 2017 and runs to June 30, 2018. 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, 2017. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2016 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, 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 and “interim” 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, 2015 through June 30 2017 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, 2017 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2018 is 916,445,216. This reflects a positive 3% change from the previous year.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/12/2017 at 7:30 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 2018 tax rate is \$19.49 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 eleven years and this is the tenth 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

Jeremiah Carey, Member

Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor

Kasey Bik, Administrative Assistant to the Assessors' Office

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2017 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2017 there were 411 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	25
Additions/Garages	14
Roofs	58
Sheds	15
Porches/Decks	14
Replacement Windows/Doors	38
Vinyl Siding	16
Pools/ Spas	11
Demolition	07
Foundation/Footings	37
Repairs/Renovations	15
Remodel	37
Pellet and Wood Stoves	07
Insulation	08
Fences	12
Awnings	01
Solar Panels	68
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	26
Cell Tower	02

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	\$9,580,236.00
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department	\$ 122,352.00
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees	\$ 22,411.00
Plumbing/Gas Department	\$ 16,613.00
Electrical Department	\$ 44,918.00
Recycling Center	\$233,282.00
Less: Product Percentage Payments	(4,997.00)
Board of Health	<u>\$ 36,172.00</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	\$ 475,251.00
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Liens on Property Outstanding	\$ 46,457.89
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I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Casavant, Electrical Inspector, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Assistant Plumbing Inspector and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Avery special thank you to Larry Ray for his 57 years of service to the Town of Blackstone as the electrical inspector.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Speroni
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2017 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2017 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 251 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

New Single Family Homes	25
Additions/Garages	14
Service Entrance/Panel	22
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	16
Fire/Security Alarm	11
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	11
Vinyl Siding	16
Generators/AC	09
Meters	04
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	30
Fixtures/Outlets	15
Solar Panels	68
Panel Change	02
Pump Station	01
Demolition	07

All electrical work in commercial and other than single family homes shall be wired by a licensed electrician.

I 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, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector and James Paige, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector.

A very special thank you to Larry Ray for his 57 years of dedicated service to the Town of Blackstone as the electrical inspector.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department	\$44,918.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Craig Casavant
Electrical Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

FY2017

Real Estate billed = \$14,630,737.55 – Collected \$14,522,783.31

Collection Rate = 99.02%

Tax Lien = 141,172,56 – 11,727.93

Collection Rate = 8.00%

Personal Property billed = \$2,403,765.17 – Collected \$2,402,692.13

Collection Rate = 99.95%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,187,089.40 – Collected \$1,173,340.55

Collection Rate = 96.26%

Water Sewer Bills = \$2,085,778.60 – Collected \$2,034,431.20

Collection Rate = 95.33%

Total billed \$20,488,543.28 – Total Collected \$20,144,975.12

Total Collection Rate = 97.96%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

OUTSTANDING – THANKS TO YOU WE HAVE A GREAT COLLECTION RATE AND BOND RATING

Property ownership comes with the responsibility of paying property taxes.

The Collector/Treasurers office is responsible to collect these taxes and protect the towns interests. Thank you to our Assistant Collector, Jillian Taylor, for her exceptional dedication to her job and to the town residents. I would also like to thank our Previous Collector/Treasurer for a job well done! He was a huge asset to our town and we wish him well on his future endeavors.

Very Respectfully,

Catherine A. Muller

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30, 2017

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$975.00
INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$7,330,468.35
TERM INVESTMENTS	\$7,268,596.53
TRUST FUNDS	\$1,948,523.15
TOTAL: Cash and Investments	\$16,548,563.03

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SELECTMEN

Dubois, Robert	Selectmen Chairman	\$	1,575.00
Bik, Margaret	Selectmen Vice Chairman	\$	1,500.00
Catalano, Michael	Selectmen	\$	1,500.00
Haughey, Paul	Selectmen	\$	375.00
Keefe, Daniel	Selectmen	\$	1,725.00
Rivet, Gerald	Selectmen		1,125.00

ADMINISTRATION

Keyes, Daniel	Town Administrator	\$	132,947.81
Nadeau-Lemoine, Sandra	Administrative Assistant	\$	42,770.18
Boucher, Barbara	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	2,040.00
Lemoine, Kyle	Selectmen/Admin Clerk	\$	3,664.19

DPW

Sullivan, James	DPW Director	\$	92,353.80
Paterson, Kelly	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	40,486.27
Sutherland, Amy	DPW Sec, Water/Sewer	\$	41,650.83
Varieur, Robert	Leadman	\$	87,561.42
Marchand, Thomas	Light Equipment Oper	\$	70,601.41
Faneuf, Randall	Skilled Laborer	\$	49,335.92
Chase, Jonathan	Seasonal Laborer	\$	3,195.50
Martello, Dominic	Laborer	\$	38,518.78
Mathews, Mitchell	Seasonal Laborer	\$	6,237.00
Mowry, Beau	Laborer	\$	48,460.05
Robidoux, Adam	Laborer	\$	52,466.11
Staples, Joshua	Laborer	\$	47,365.82
Sullivan Jr, James	Laborer	\$	49,783.62
Thibeault, Ryan	Seasonal Laborer	\$	2,134.00
Paterson, Donald	Mechanic	\$	66,527.78
Valastro, Paul	Truck Driver	\$	45,835.93
Wildes, Arthur	Truck Driver	\$	46,792.01

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bissonnette, Debra	Parks Secretary	\$	722.77
St Amant, Zachary	Parks Helper	\$	4,233.00

FINANCE

Perrault, Steven	Collector/Treasurer	\$	55,648.12
Muller, Catherine	Asst Treasurer	\$	40,411.25

Jordan, Kevin	Asst Collector	\$	10,540.19
Hebert, Julie	Town Accountant	\$	6,081.51
MacKenzie, Shannon	Asst Town Accountant	\$	35,615.86
Zahorsky, Lauren	Asst-Acting Town Accountant	\$	51,942.55
Salamone, Patricia	Assistant Assessor	\$	63,949.82
Banaczuk, Kimberly	Admin Asst - Assessor	\$	925.32
Taylor, Jillian	Asst Collector	\$	17,883.56
Bik, Kasey	Admin Asst - Assessor	\$	25,469.78
Dubois, Patricia	Bookkeeper	\$	4,681.30

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Atstupenas, Ross	Police Chief	\$	119,697.41
Gilmore, Gregory	Lieutenant	\$	87,251.07
Loether, Travis	Detective	\$	85,791.93
Brodeur, Shawn	Police Sergeant	\$	95,150.25
Luis, Kevin	Police Sergeant	\$	107,659.98
Mantoni, Matthew	Police Sergeant	\$	114,461.54
Blanchette, David	Police Officer	\$	84,419.43
Daigle, Patrick	Police Officer	\$	77,516.92
Giardino, Daniel	Police Officer	\$	92,321.46
Haynes, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	80,412.57
Hurwitz, Maxwell	Police Officer	\$	113,524.87
Johnson, Christopher	Police Officer	\$	69,039.71
Laudon, David	Police Officer	\$	77,922.04
Lungarini, Anthony	Police Officer	\$	80,409.74
Metz, Craig	Police Officer	\$	74,615.45
Niemczyk, Joseph	Police Officer	\$	72,740.94
Pavone, Michael	Police Officer	\$	68,665.63
Tappen, Gregory	Police Officer	\$	56,710.46
Dugas, Albert	Police Dispatcher	\$	64,066.51
Cabral, Sandra	Police Dispatcher	\$	58,794.87
Gibbons, Kyle	Police Dispatcher	\$	615.00
Mastrianna, Jake	Police Dispatcher	\$	52,727.38
Weber, Bettina	Police Dispatcher	\$	58,757.19
Corriveau, Gerard	Police Detail	\$	759.50
Coupe, William	Police Detail	\$	7,955.50
Cusack II, William	Police Detail	\$	1,821.50
Dean, Jeffrey	Police Detail	\$	392.00
Dickinson, Robert	Police Detail	\$	996.50
Dion, Scott	Police Detail	\$	564.00
Dunlavey, Philip	Police Detail	\$	768.00
Falvey, David	Police Detail	\$	384.00
Fleming, Lawrence	Police Detail	\$	465.50
Hole, Steven	Police Detail	\$	384.00
Landry, Cody	Police Detail	\$	1,364.00
Landry, Craig	Police Detail	\$	384.00

Lima, Benjamin	Police Detail	\$	3,859.25
Minichiello, Frank	Police Detail	\$	196.00
Mouyos, William	Police Detail	\$	776.00
Preston, Peter	Police Detail	\$	768.00
Reynolds, Thomas	Police Detail	\$	3,450.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sweeney, Michael	Fire Chief	\$	93,207.68
Marcoux, Michael	Deputy Chief	\$	82,062.20
Cotnoir, Kenneth	Lieutenant	\$	81,450.45
Iannetti, Anthony	Lieutenant	\$	94,199.85
Sevigny, Joey	Lieutenant	\$	107,232.21
Blake, Samuel	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	85,665.68
Calbo, Gregory	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	11,909.04
Cotnoir II, Kenneth	Firefighter	\$	15,980.69
Daigle, Christine	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	66,701.03
Frade, Paul	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	91,575.94
Johnson, Ramsey	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	43,534.11
Roy, Kevin	Firefighter Paramedic	\$	85,885.45
Beaulieu, Gregory	Call Firefighter	\$	602.00
Beaulieu, Kaitlin	Call Firefighter	\$	126.00
Billings, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,481.00
Campbell, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	210.00
Cunningham, James	Call Firefighter	\$	896.00
Dunayeski, Thomas	Call Firefighter	\$	363.50
Jolicoeur, Stephen	Call Firefighter	\$	112.00
Lanctot, Christopher	Call Firefighter	\$	479.00
Rainville, Daniel	Call Firefighter	\$	726.00
Rainville, Edward	Call Firefighter	\$	577.00
Rainville, Lucien	Call Firefighter	\$	1,040.00
Sweeney, Michael	Call Firefighter	\$	1,150.00
Troil-Kelliher, Nicholas	Call Firefighter	\$	1,076.00
Walsh, Amy	Call Firefighter	\$	126.00

LIBRARY

Cheever, Lisa	Library Director	\$	62,714.69
Collier, Tressy	Children's Librarian / Assistant Library Director	\$	39,361.69
Ansell, Donna	Senior Library Technician / Head of Circulation	\$	37,118.72
Binette, Denise	Library Aide	\$	3,247.24
Buehler, Dianne	Library Aide	\$	7,135.39
DelVecchio	Young Adult Librarian	\$	2,161.60
Dias, Robin	Library Aide	\$	6,522.88
Duryea, Teresa	Substitutue Library Aide	\$	480.70
Foster, Donna	Library Aide	\$	7,831.58
Goudreau, Ellen	Library Aide	\$	11,191.96

Herbert, Olivia	Library Aide	\$	9,604.74
Landry, Amanda	Library Aide	\$	6,247.71
Marino-Page, Cheryl	Library Aide	\$	2,621.73
Mendes, Ana	Library Aide	\$	991.63
Mezzadri, Amy	Library Aide	\$	9,698.38
Miller, Karen	Library Aide	\$	737.94
Nunes-Rais, Renee	Library Aide	\$	645.81
Piechocki, Jean	Library Aide	\$	1,530.65
Marvelle, Roger	Substitute Custodian	\$	17,596.50
Marvelle Jr, Roger	Custodian	\$	43.45
Marvelle, Russell	Substitute Custodian	\$	25,920.45

TOWN CLERK

Dolinski, Claudette	Town Clerk	\$	57,037.66
Bik, Donna	Asst town Clerk	\$	40,598.45
Picard, Julie	Administrative Clerk	\$	28,114.69
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	\$	49,242.52
Medeiros, Erin	Outreach Coordinator	\$	33,142.60
Leclair, Gail	Nutrition Manager	\$	34,783.05
Pimenta, Dennis	Transportation Manager	\$	25,484.17
Greenhalgh, Robert	Veteran's Rep	\$	4,597.50
Moore, Marcus	Veteran's Rep		919.50
Altemus, Blair	Van Driver	\$	3,343.21
Cardinal, Therese	Van Driver	\$	9,906.56
Carrigan, Paulette	Van Driver	\$	6,233.61
Flynn, Timothy	Van Driver	\$	3,068.05
Gagnon, Roger	Van Driver	\$	8,287.52
Kanz, Walter	Van Driver	\$	3,523.40
Perrault, Robert	Van Driver	\$	10,213.71

General Government

Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena	Assessors	\$	1,000.00
Sullivan, Kevin	Animal Control Officer	\$	20,020.66
Strapponi, Colleen	Bldg/Health Secretary	\$	43,997.97
Broderick, Joseph	Blk Valley Voc Board	\$	1,500.00
Gilbert, Robert	Board of Assessor	\$	900.00
Ryan, Peter	Board of Health	\$	1,320.00
Casavant, Craig	Board Secretary	\$	8,036.00
Knust Graichen, Arthur	Board Secretary	\$	840.00
Larue, Lisa	Board Secretary	\$	3,933.57
Marvelle, Nicole	Board Secretary	\$	3,684.36
Roche, Joseph	Board Secretary	\$	3,300.27

Speroni, Robert	Building Commissioner	\$	6,400.00
Vater, Earl	Building Inspector	\$	28,135.60
Villamaire, Michelle	Parade Comm Secretary	\$	1,202.58
Paige, James	Plumb/Gas Inspec	\$	1,109.50
Walsh, William	Plumb/Gas Inspec, Recycle	\$	71,080.52
Bedlion, Delbert	Recycling	\$	11,718.91
Devlin, Thomas	Recycling	\$	6,163.90
Guillemette, Gerard	Recycling	\$	15,634.35
Guillemette, Jeanne	Recycling	\$	9,519.30
Keefe Jr, Daniel	Recycling	\$	6,831.91
Ryan, Kevin	Recycling	\$	49,302.23
Savoie, Jonathan	Recycling	\$	17,258.70
Schofield, Mary	Recycling Attendent	\$	10,956.60
Weber, Lawrence	Tree Warden	\$	2,652.00
Poirier, Mark	Town Meeting Moderator	\$	150.00
TOTAL		\$	4,882,763.46

Blackstone 2017 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 five 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. In 2017 the Director received Massachusetts Behavioral Health Certification through Boston University's Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research. The Director administers the Senior-Veteran Tax work off program and serves as a liaison between the Board of Health, 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-Medeiros), Nutrition/Activity Site Manager, (Gail LeClair), and part-time Transportation Coordinator, (Dennis Pimenta) and six per diem van drivers funded by the Town of Blackstone and through state and federal programs.

SUPPORT SERVICES / OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The over 60 population in Blackstone has reached more than 2000. This fact alone mean that the Outreach Program is more important than ever. Therefore, an effective Outreach Program must be flexible enough to connect seniors with the services they need and to acquaint them with the variety of attractive programming offered at the Senior Center. Outreach is helping the community's older citizens remain safely in their homes by advocating for the kinds of services that will enhance their dignity, supporting their independence and promoting their general health and well-being. It is also a goal of the Outreach Program to acquaint all the seniors in the community with the kind of information that can broaden their knowledge of elder issues and assist them in making informed decisions about the critical areas of their personal lives. Some of these services include Mass Health, health connector, limited income subsidy, prescription

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advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance, safe link wireless phones, 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. This year, The Blackstone Council on Aging was chosen as one of 14 COA's in Massachusetts to serve as a SNAP Outreach Partner. This allows us to have a Virtual Gateway to the Department of Transitional Assistance to assist residents in completing the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). We are able to complete the applications at the Senior Center and follow up with the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) during the process. This will streamline the process for the seniors. The Director and Outreach Coordinator have been trained by the DTA. We also link the seniors with other agencies who provide assistance. The outreach coordinator works closely with Tri-Valley, Inc. to coordinate services for home maker/personal care, caregiver programs, Meals on wheels, financial management and elder at risk referrals. Home visits are made and needs assessments are formulated as staff work to help the elder remain in their own homes. The outreach program also extends to the disabled and low income population of Blackstone, bringing our outreach needs to more than 1/3 of our community. Outreach also participates in ongoing continued education through classes, certifications and conferences.

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.

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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 3 years, the five volunteer drivers have donated over 800 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation services. This has been a savings to the town of over \$10,000.

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. On September 8, 2017 the Director was notified by MASSDOT that the Blackstone Council on Aging has been competitively selected to receive a State Fiscal year 2018 Community Transit Grant Program Award for a new Wheelchair accessible Minivan, to be delivered in June of 2018.

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 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”

300 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.

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, Blackstone River Greenway Golf cart ride, Boston boat cruise, super bowl party, Newport

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Playhouse, LaSalette Shrine, meet the staff with a free ice cream Sundaes at Fox Brook and Early Village, tribute to seniors picnic sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, COA Christmas party, Yankee swap and more.

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. The Senior/Veteran Tax work off Program allows for tax deduction in exchange for working hours at the JFK Elementary school, the library and the recycling center. 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 40 volunteers contributed over 3600 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.

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

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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2017 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2017 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 five families and a total of eleven 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.

I would also like to encourage all of our residents to visit the Blackstone web page and visit the fire department site. There you will find a new link called Smart 911 which replaces our old Code Red emergency notification system. By registering with this system you can provide valuable information to our dispatchers in the event of a police,

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fire or ems emergency. You will also receive emergency notifications and general broadcast issued by the town.

The department took in \$6,025.00 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 2017. 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	\$6,547.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,780.00

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2017 were approximately \$325,000.00. 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 2017

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....	1085	Landmark Medical Center.....	354
Transports.....	831	Milford Regional.....	422
No Service.....	31	Fatima.....	6
Refusals.....	93	Rhode Island Trauma.....	27
Fire Assist Calls.....	10	Hasbro Children's.....	9
Cancelled	27	Providence Veterans.....	4
Treat/No Transport.....	4	Roger Williams.....	0
Assistance.....	89	Woman & Infants.....	1
False Calls.....	0	Miriam.....	8

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2017

Rescue.....	1085
Building Fire.....	16
Appliance Fire.....	3
Brush Fire.....	5
Outside Fire.....	19
Vehicle Fire.....	4
Fire Alarms.....	124
Investigations.....	55
Accidents.....	63
Gas Leaks.....	13
Co Calls.....	26
Rescue Assists.....	166
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	2
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	57
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	103

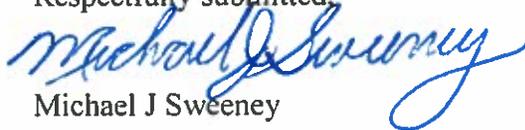
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....151
Service Calls.....43
Drills.....11
Meetings.....36
Burning Permits.....236
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....223

In 2018 the fire department will be asking the residents for one additional hire to bring our full time staffing to eleven members. This is the third year of a four year process to bring our staffing level to three members on a shift and it will create a much safer and more efficient work environment.

I will also be asking the residents to approve two articles at the annual town meeting. One is for a new 2018 Ford F-450 chassis to replace our 1987 F-350 and the other is for an upgrade master box system in our dispatch center. The current system is seventeen years old and is no longer supported by the company.

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

2017 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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

We continue to provide 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 of Blackstone and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

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

2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Each year's end provides opportunities to review what was accomplished as well as what might have been. What follows is a compendium of events offered free to the public during 2017.

As a result of the tireless effort and passion for their work volunteer staff members of the Blackstone Historical Commission Museum have seen to date continuing success to be quite evident as marked by a brisk number of visitors to the facility annually. It is here that seekers in need of resource information have found an eminently reliable source for innumerable inquiries related to preservation, promotion, and sharing of annals of the past.

In February an initial celebration for the year was a Valentines Day observance which included the traditional display of venerable Valentine greeting cards of yesteryear discovered in the antiquated farmhouse of O. Fermor Fuller and later donated to the Museum by latter day occupants. Recognition was replete with the serving of tempting refreshments.

A March annual celebration marked the remembrance of William Blackstone, namesake of our community. Refreshments were served, capped by an appropriately decorated birthday cake.

April saw a hearty welcome to Spring with an appearance of Museum favorite Patricia Perry well known owner/producer of Sneekpeek Productions. Her presentation for this occasion was dubbed Great American Songbook and featured an enlightening history of volumes of recorded tunes accompanied by their originators all of which made for a delightful musicfest before a well attended audience.

Also during this month Council members responded favorably to a somewhat special request from officers of the Mendon Historical Society, that being a guided group tour through our facility for several of their members. Their sole purpose was a quest for information on the feasibility of a transformation of a residence under consideration into an historical museum in their community. Having expressed complete satisfaction with the tour they received, the Mendon folks (all from the "mother town"), also extended genuine appreciation to each of their Blackstone neighbors who assisted them.

In August, as a means of creating additional and badly needed display space, staff members took it upon themselves to establish a commodious "Community Corner" to better showcase memorabilia on hand from town Fire, Police, Church, and Sports entities. Procurement of open shelving and a new display case was necessary for completion of the reconfiguration.

A September celebration was organized post haste to welcome the public to the new "Community Corner" area. To instill further interest members commissioned Blackstonian antique auto aficionado Gerard Joyal, owner and licensee of a 1928 Model A Ford sedan, to park his eighty-nine year old relic adjacent to the Museum's side entrance, in full view of Main Street. It did arouse interest.

Our October regularly scheduled meeting began with an unanticipated somber announcement by Chairwoman Theresa Marchand making known that she had found it necessary to relinquish her post. As her message resonated among those present members paid tribute for her years of devoted service in that office and wished her well. Theresa will be missed.

Following the learning of this occurrence an immediate search was launched to fill the void with the least possible delay. This then resulted with the election of member Eunice Lydon as replacement Chairwoman of the Council.

In a further move to properly stabilize the Council's table of organization and bringing it to full complement, Susan Tenerowicz was duly accepted and welcomed as our newest member.

In November a salute was extended to all veterans who have served their country. This day of tribute was held in honor of their deeds performed throughout the globe. And to set the tone an authentic WW II Willys Jeep, owned by Bill Warren, was stationed adjacent to the Museum's side entrance. Inside the building was displayed a four foot long model submarine meticulously crafted by navy veteran Fred Trottier and is a replica of the USS Drum, a u-boat on which he served. To round out the the day's patriotic program in proper form Alfred Abbondanza (Lt. Col., USA, Ret.) spoke incisively to the several interested visitors, recalling his military experiences, including those of his assignment during the Desert Storm conflict.

For a rousing December finale, once more veteran thespian Pat Perry was called upon yet one more time for something appropriate for the oncoming yuletide season. She responded immediately by offering her Christmas at the White House presentation, a combination of her verbalizing, slide show story telling, with on--screen images, all set to a background of Christmas music. Her trek through history ranged from George Washington's approach to Christmas celebration to those of several other Presidents' occupancy of the present day White House. A fitting program in a room filled to capacity.

Welcome to the Blackstone Historical Commission Museum which is open on Thursdays from noon to 4pm; also on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from noon to 4 pm. Admission is FREE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eunice Lydon, Chair

Thomas Marchand, Alt

Helen Murray, Vice Chair

Mark Ryan, Hon

Julie Wingate, Sec.

Jesse Deacon

Richard Ryan

Lawrence Weber

Susan Tenerowicz

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, 2018 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

Patricia A. Daly
Executive Director
306 Snake Meadow Rd.
Killingly CT 06239

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, Wednesday or Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the office at 15 Fox Brook Manor.

Patricia A. Daly 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.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia A. Daly, PHM
Executive Director

2017 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2017, the Blackstone Library entered its thirteenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2017 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 remains 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.

The Blackstone Library has a collection of 68,908 items. 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. (C/W MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of material from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Cheever, Library Director

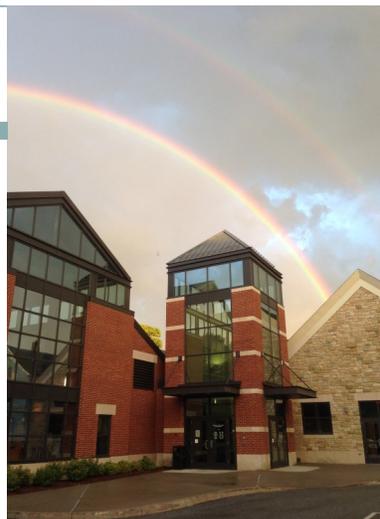


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Blackstone Public Library Board of Trustees

Jean Alexandrowicz
Mary Lou Branchaud
Kelly Gillis
Patricia Guzinski
Linda Hemphill
Debra Ristaino

Library Hours

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

Closed on Sunday
and Wednesday



Staff Members:

Director
Lisa Cheever

**Assistant Director
& Children's
Librarian**
Tressy Collier

**Head of Circulation &
Technical Services**
Donna Ansell

**Young Adult
Librarian**
Karen DelVecchio

Shift Supervisors
Dianne Buehler
Donna Foster
Ellen Goudreau
Olivia Herbert
Amy Mezzadri

Library Aides
Denise Binette
Robin Dias
Amanda Landry
Cheryl Marino-Page
Jean Piechocki

**Substitute Library
Aides:**
Karen Miller
Ana Mendes
Teresa Duryea

Custodian
Russell Marvelle

Congratulations to
custodian Roger
Marvelle for his
retirement in March
2017. He will be missed.



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

Ongoing activities for adults:
Book Group & Knitting 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
visit the library's webpage at
<http://blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

Please visit us on
Facebook and Twitter.

CIRCULATION

General

The library is open 1,820 hours per year.
(35 hours per week)
There are 6,212 registered borrowers to date.

**Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period
Calendar Year 2017**

ILLs received = 7,531
ILLs sent = 11,696

**Circulations in a twelve month period
Calendar Year 2017**

57,063
This includes all circulations and renewals
from the library regardless of material
ownership.

Overdrive Statistics 2017

eBooks borrowed 1,941
eAudio borrowed 1,356

Meeting Room Usage in 2017

Large Meeting Room	71
Quiet Study #1	175
Quiet Study #2	124
Historical Room	48
Total	418



SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING

A summer reading program was held with performers and activities. Eighty-three children completed the 2017 summer reading program. Popular children's programs included *Touch the Trucks*, *Mike the Bubble Man*, *a Visit From Blades*, *the Boston Bruins Mascot*, *Bryson Lang, Juggler*, & *the Hawaiian Luau*.

The library held its third annual Young Adult Summer Reading program. Sixteen young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events. Some popular events included *Kindness Rocks with Dandi Bouvier*, *Chocolate Party*, and *Wild Cats*.

The library offered its second annual Adult Summer reading program. In 2017 thirty-six adults completed this program. Some adult programs included *Decoupage Tiles*, *Chocolate Party*, *Craft Expo*, and *photography class*.



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

Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
District Attorney Joseph D. Early-Young Adult Drawing	\$ 200.00
LCC-Etiquette Expert of 1890	\$ 250.00
LCC-Simple Techniques to Release Your Inner Artist	\$ 300.00
LCC-Intro to American Indian Music	\$ 300.00
LCC-Young Adult Water Color Class	\$ 175.00
LCC-Bryson Lang, Juggler	\$ 300.00
LCC-Mad Science	\$ 300.00
LCC-Activated Story Theatre	\$ 300.00
LCC-Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppet Show	\$ 250.00
LCC-Maichack Arts-Gift Account	\$ 140.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,200.00
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 fantastic resources below 24 hours a day without ever leaving home by just clicking on the library's webpage. All you need is a library card.

- ◆ **Ancestry (access from the library)**
- ◆ **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 repair**
- ◆ **ComicsPlus**
- ◆ **Consumer Health Complete**
- ◆ **Cypress Resume**
- ◆ **eBooks , eAudio, & 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**
- ◆ **Qello Concerts**
- ◆ **Testing & Education Reference Center**
- ◆ **Tix Keeper Museum Passes**
- ◆ **Universal Class - free online classes**
- ◆ **Zinio magazines**

PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2017, the children's librarian held 224 children's programs with 2,065 in attendance.

The library offered 8 Young Adult programs with 54 in attendance, as well as 53 programs for adults with 834 in attendance.



These programs were possible due to grants/donations from:

- ◆ UniBank
- ◆ Dean Bank
- ◆ District Attorney Joseph. C. Early
- ◆ The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library
- ◆ Blackstone Library's Gift Account
- ◆ Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle
- ◆ Blackstone Cultural Council
- ◆ Institute of Museum and Library Services
- ◆ Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
- ◆ Museum of Science
- ◆ Ten-Nine Photography

**BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2017**

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to report on its activities and improvements for the calendar year of 2017. Once again this year, we would like to take the 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.

In Fall 2017, lights were installed on the new regulation size basketball court at the elementary school complex on Lincoln Street. The court has been in constant use since its installation. Bob Morse once again headed the lighting project for the Parks Department his expertise as well as much of his own time and resources.

The Parks and Recreation Commission began working with Chief Mike Sweeny of the Blackstone Fire Department to plan for renovations of the Playground and Basketball court at the Elm Street Fire Station. Chief Sweeney has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground and Jimmy Sullivan of the DPW will also help with this renovation.

Improvements and upkeep on the fields throughout the dry months of summer is always difficult. The irrigation systems that have been installed utilize well water and have been invaluable in keeping the fields green and playable.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has been adding community events yearly to promote a closeness in our community. Last year's celebration of the end of summer event, "Water Wars" saw enormous success and continues to grow. The Fall Festival was again celebrated at Roosevelt Park with games, contests, delicious food, and many local vendors selling their wares. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is in its 16th year and a big favorite with hundreds of Blackstone's littlest residents. The Commission is working on lots of new exciting events for the community in 2018! If you would like to be involved in the planning of new events, please send a note to BlackstonePandR@ahoo.com.

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 6:00 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
Bob Gilbert
Deb Bissonette, scribe

2017 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members:

In 2014, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke who served as Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Owen Bebeau and Tony Catalano.

Joe Roche served as the Board's Planning Coordinator.

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

Meetings:

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

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

Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2017 are as follows:

- Endorsed several Approval Not Required Plans
- Reviewed and approved its first Scenic Road applications on Milk Street.
- Reviewed and approved 2 Stormwater Management Plans.
- Continued to monitor progress at both The Meadows at Harris Pond and the Sycamore Estates subdivisions, with special attention to the drainage issues at Sycamore Estates.
- Monitored the progress of the affordable housing units required of The Meadows at Harris Pond and Sycamore Estates.
- Began review of the Town's first solar photovoltaic facility

Respectfully submitted,

Blackstone Planning Board



BLACKSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ross A. Atstupenas, Chief of Police

Blackstone Police Department 2017 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2017.

During 2017, 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	\$515.00
4.	Narcan Reimbursement Program	\$710.00
5.	Bullet Proof Vest Grant	\$9,000.00

As I mentioned in last year's report, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts state 911 system chose us as one of five other Police Departments in the Commonwealth to test and install their new enhanced Nexgen 911 system. The new system now integrates new technology by using google mapping, which highlights the house were the call was placed along with identifying the house number. Always be aware that using a cell phone will not provide that information so make sure you provided it to the dispatcher when you call.

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. The State 911 Training Grant provides funding for training of full-time dispatchers.

The Alcohol Enforcement Grant provides funding to the Department for enforcing alcohol laws, including underage purchases, selling to minors, and other illegal activities relative to alcohol procurement in all 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 opiate overdoses.

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 your area or make us aware of issues happening in your 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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	18386	17176	-6.58%
Arrests:	175	149	-14.86%
Protective Custody	14	11	-21.43%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	165	145	-12.12%
Note: These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	46	53	+15.22%
Domestic Violence Calls:	50	67	+34.00%
Incident Reports Investigated:	496	528	+6.45%
<u>Breakdown:</u>	125	120	open
	147	126	closed
	07	10	arrested
	213	267	no crime
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	11	4	-63.64%
	7	2	stolen
	4	2	recovered
Field Interviews:	9	73	+711.11%
Missing/Runaways:	1	0	-100%
Accidents Investigated:	153	157	+2.61%
(See attached at end of Report)			
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	1507	1377	-8.63%
- Civil	241	185	-23.24%
- Complaint App	115	92	-20.00%
- Warnings	212	163	-23.11%

- Arrests	56	38	-32.14%
- Verbal Warnings	883	898	+1.70%
Parking Tickets Issued:	135	108	-20.00%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	183	190	+3.83%
- License to Carry	176	186	+5.68%
- FID Card	7	4	-42.86%
Civil Possession of Marijuana	6	0	-100.00%

Last year, I spoke with the Selectmen and also the Finance Committee about budgeting for and creating a 4th full-time dispatcher. This was done to remedy some of the difficulties associated with the training and retention of part-time dispatchers. We have been working now for a year with the four full-time dispatchers and it has worked out very well, along with bringing the overtime cost down. With the ever-changing climate and updates to the state 911 system and police software interface, it is easier to keep the four-full-time personal trained and updated with these changes. I want to thank them all for working with me to make this transition smoothly.

Last year we implemented the SRO (School Resource Officer) into all the schools in Blackstone. It was a new change in the school, but it has turned out to be a great success. Officer Niemczyk who was assigned to the school has stepped down from that position and Officer David Laudon has taken over for him where he left off.

I want to thank Officer Niemczyk for the time he put into the program in order to get it going and to provide services to the school and make it a better and safe environment for the students who attend our schools. If anyone needs to get in touch with Off. Laudon relating to issues at the schools, he can be contacted by email at dlaudon@blackstonepolice.org or call the station. If it is an emergency, please let the dispatcher know so it can be addressed right away.

Officer Niemczyk is still in charge of child safety car seat installation, and provide those who are in need of child car seats with them, subject to their availability. You may contact Off. Niemczyk by calling the station or emailing him at jniemczyk@blackstonepolice.org. This service is provided during the day when he is working.

This year we were excited to announce the updating of our police shoulder patches with a new design. The new patches feature a clean and modern design, incorporating some of the town's historical elements, including the town seal. This is the first time that the uniform patches have been updated in more than 50 years.

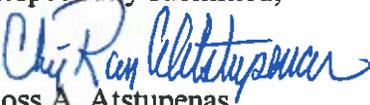
We also introduced a pink specialty patch. With the pink patch design the Blackstone Police Department joined the Pink Patch Project in their effort to support breast cancer research by selling these patches during the month of October to raise money for the Dana-Farber Breast Cancer Institute. This being our first year participating in the Pink Project, we are proudly to say that we were happy to donate \$600.00 to Dana-Farber Institute to help fight breast cancer.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ross A. Atstupenas
Chief of Police

2017 Annual Report **Department of Public Works**

Highway Division:

In the spring/summer of 2017, 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, Old Mendon Street and Park Street. Also, portions of Elm Street, Mendon Street and Ascension Street were paved. The sidewalks on a section of Mendon 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. We thank the residents for their patience while we clear and clean the streets during snow storms.

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. Well 8 and Well 5 were cleaned. The water department has continued the annual water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons. The Department continues to work on the water meter replacement program. Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month we collect bacteria samples from nineteen locations throughout the water distribution system. During the year, we also sampled for contaminants such as: Carbon based products called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Disinfectant Byproducts such as Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acids and others such as Nitrate, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese and asbestos. The Town worked with Toomey Water Services to inspect the backflow devices throughout town. 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 five of the stations were cleaned. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated. Sewer pumps were rebuilt and many electronic components replaced at three stations.

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 2017

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

The 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals members are Chairman Paul Marvelle, Vice Chairman Gary Jolicoer, and Members John Therrien, Jim Pitler, and Marc Gregoire. Joe Belrose is an Alternate.

During 2017, the Zoning Board of Appeals had several public hearings on special permits, as well as on variances regarding various dimensional requirements such as setbacks, frontage and area. The applications were reviewed and decisions rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws.

The current application fee remains at \$300, which became effective in September 2001. All meetings are open to the public, and we cordially invite residents of the Town to attend. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Marvelle
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING 2017

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2017 calendar year. It has been a very rewarding and exciting year for the Town Clerk's Office.

As a result of the 2017 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,793. 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. We were fortunate to have Kasey Bik assist us in inputting the census data into the state Voter Registration Information System.

From the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845, our vital records total the following: Births, 18,741; Marriages, 10,209; and Deaths, 11,411. 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 yet instituted a similar program for marriages.

The Annual Town Election was held on April 3, 2017. There were 10 positions on the ballot, and 996 voters cast their ballots. A Special Town Meeting was held on May 2, 2017, with 142 voters attending. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 30, 2017. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening with 307 resident voters acting on twenty-four articles. My thanks go out to the poll workers at elections and counters and checkers at town meetings for their excellent work. I would also like to thank Peter Ryan, Sr. and Adam Robidoux for their organization in setting up the polling locations. As of December 2017 Blackstone had 6,328 registered voters. Party breakdowns are as follows: Democrats 1472, Republicans 784, Libertarians 23, and Unenrolled 3,946. All other parties and Political Designations total 103.

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

We continue the ongoing task of microfilming the town's records: meeting minutes of various boards, Planning Board and ZBA plans, vital records, election materials, etc. We have microfilmed records through 2013 and are currently working on 2014 and 2015. I would like to thank Mackenzie Varieur, an honors graduate of BVT, for her volunteer work as a National Honor Society member in this respect.

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 2017 we had entered information on a total of 1,520 dogs into our data system.

Lastly, I would like to thank my staff. Donna M. Bik, Assistant Town Clerk, with eighteen years of experience in the Town Clerk's Office and Julie E. Picard, Office Assistant, who joined us 4 ½ ago, are devoted professionals who keep the Town Clerk's Office running smoothly.

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, 2016

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, was completed by Roselli, Clark & Associates.

A copy of the financial report issued by Roselli, Clark & Associates, is on file and available for inspection during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office. It may also be found on the town's website on the Town Accountant's page.

Town of Blackstone
Warrant for the Annual Town Election
April 3, 2017

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 3rd day of April, 2017.

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

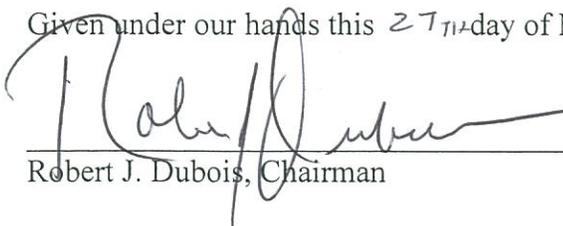
The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

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-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for an Unexpired 4-year Term to expire ATE 2019; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year Term; One position Moderator for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Planning Board for a 5-Year Term; Two members of the Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year Term.

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 27TH day of March, 2017.



Robert J. Dubois, Chairman



Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman

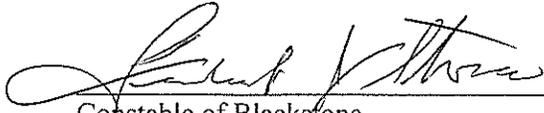
Paul S. Haughey, Clerk

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

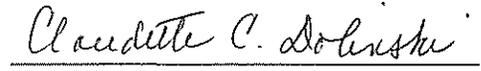


Daniel P. Keefe

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 27TH day of March, 2017 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE				
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION				
April 3, 2017				
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:				
*Denotes winner for Blackstone				
	Prec #1	329		
	Prec #2	323		
	Prec #3	344		
	Total	996		
	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS)				
*Rachel Campopiano	3	4	3	10
Stephen Perrault	1	2		3
Michael Andrade	2	2		4
Robert Dubois		1		1
Donald A. Trotter		1		1
Andrew Boehling		1		1
John Therrien		1		1
Cathy Muller		1		1
Richard Marchand		1		1
Michael Buckley	1			1
Randy Smith	1			1
Dominic Martello	1			1
Emily Porzio	1			1
Paul Michael Vincent Valastro	1			1
Simone Ryan	1			1
Fred Stone			1	1
Kevin Hart			2	2
Tom Bik			1	1
Carol Perrault			1	1
Charlie Sawyer			1	1
David Dunton			1	1
Blanks	317	309	334	960

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Jack R. Keefe	237	235	245	717
Tammy Lemieux	7	14	9	30
Sarah Williams		1		1
Mathew Catalano		1		1
Jonathan Savoze		1		1
Katie Lahey		1		1
Charlie Sawyer		1		1
Mike Buckley	2	1		3
Diane Robin	2		3	5
Paul Kimball	1			1
Jeffrey Highcove	1			1
Kevin Hart			2	2
Bethany Dunton			1	1
Bruce Poirier			1	1
Dan Doyle			1	1
Blanks	79	68	82	229
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (Unexpired 4-Yr Term to Expire ATE 2019)				
*Tammy Lemieux	32	26	42	100
Kevin Lapierre		2		2
Benjamin Burgess		1		1
Cortney Tennyson		1		1
Michael Buckley	2	1		3
Connie Perrault		1		1
John Therrien		1		1
Mary Bulso		1		1
Richard Marchand		1		1
Diane Robin	7		2	9
Kyle Lemay	1			1
Fred Stone	1			1
Emily Porzio	1			1
James Pitler	1			1
John Staples	1			1
Kevin Hart			2	2
Willie Bacon			1	1
Brian Wye			1	1
Jeanne Nerbonne			1	1
Joan Watson			1	1
Erhauuo Petocchi			1	1
C. Perreault			1	1
William Briggs			1	1
Bruce Poirier			1	1
Bethany Dunton			1	1
Susan Lemieux			1	1
Blanks	283	288	288	859

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Millville Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Caryn Downey Vernon	180	215	202	597
Others	4	0	2	6
Blanks	145	108	140	393
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)				
*William T. Walsh	204	182	200	586
Carol J. Perrault	110	130	131	371
Others	3	0	2	5
Blanks	12	11	11	34
MODERATOR (3 YRS)				
Daniel T. Doyle	153	147	154	454
*Mark N. Poirier	154	159	163	476
Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	22	17	26	65
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YRS)				
*Kim Peloquin	7	7	6	20
Albert Langlois		1		1
Katie Lahey		1		1
Nicholas Burnham		1		1
Steve Jolicoeur		1		1
Ray Thibeault		1		1
Mark Poirier		1		1
Norm Bernier	2			2
Jim Laren	1			1
John Ansell	1			1
Paul Kimball	1			1
Jeff Highcove	1			1
Bob Dubois	1			1
Michael Clifford	1			1
Dan Maher	1			1
William Maher III	1			1
Emily Porzio	1			1
Kevin Hart			1	1
Bruce Poirier			1	1
Don Cox			1	1
Lucien Lizotte			1	1
Ruben Costa			1	1
Scott Davidge			1	1
Carolyn Sullivan			1	1
Kim Pelosi			1	1
Blanks	311	310	330	951
PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)				
*Joseph O. Belrose, Jr.	212	233	232	677
Others	0	0	4	4
Blanks	117	90	108	315

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS) -- Two Positions				
*Margaret Bik	153	148	138	439
Stephen P. Goudreau	104	98	139	341
Catherine M. Norcross-Melson	45	58	42	145
John P. J. Parmentier	52	77	61	190
*Gerald P. Rivet	169	137	156	462
John Matthew Wozniak	84	80	92	256
Others	1	0	3	4
Blanks	50	48	57	155
The polls were closed at 8 p.m.				
ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6240				
Total voters--996				
16% of the eligible voters cast ballots.				
<i>Claudette C. Dolinski</i>				
Claudette C. Dolinski				
Town Clerk of Blackstone				

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 2, 2017

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 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise or transfer from available funds the sum of \$550,000, as the aggregate purchase price determined by an independent appraisal commissioned by the Town, for acquisition of the property identified as 148 Lincoln Street, as more specifically described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 52748, Page 43, containing 59.34 acres, more or less, (the "Subject Parcel"), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the non-G.L. c. 61A encumbered 2.34 acre portion of the Subject Parcel and by exercise of the Town's purchase option pursuant to G.L. c. 61A, §14 the 57 acre portion of the Subject Parcel, to execute any agreements or instruments necessary to complete this transaction, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

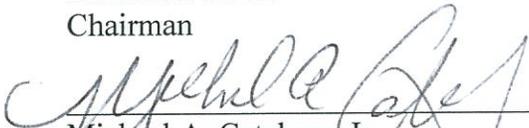
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

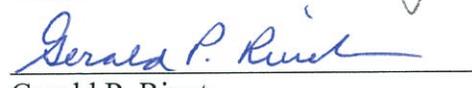
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the 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 4th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.

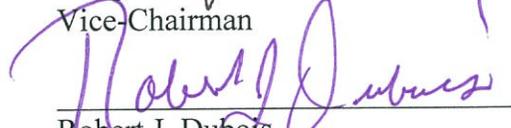
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel M. Keefe
Chairman


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk


Gerald P. Rivet
Member


Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman


Robert J. Dubois
Member

A true copy attest:

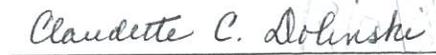

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 5th day of April, 2017 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



“Revised”

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 2, 2017

Worcester, SS:

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

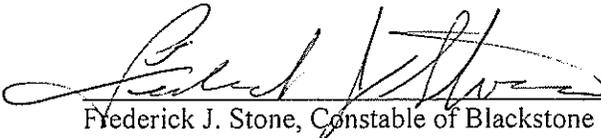
Greetings:

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 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

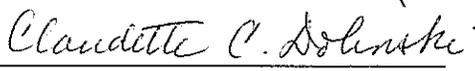
ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise or transfer from available funds the sum of \$550,000, as the aggregate purchase price determined by an independent appraisal commissioned by the Town, for acquisition of the property identified as 148 Lincoln Street, as more specifically described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 52748, Page 43, containing 59.34 acres, more or less, (the “Subject Parcel”), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the non-G.L. c. 61A encumbered 2.34 acre portion of the Subject Parcel and by exercise of the Town’s purchase option pursuant to G.L. c. 61A, §14 the 57 acre portion of the Subject Parcel, to execute any agreements or instruments necessary to complete this transaction, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Pursuant to the foregoing revised warrant, I have this 13th day of April, 2017, 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.


Frederick J. Stone, Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


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

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 142 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; Shannon MacKenzie, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Kyle Gibbons, Police IT; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Moderator Poirier recognized Mr. Frederick J. Stone for his many years of service as Moderator.

Finance Committee Vice Chairman Stephen Goudreau read the committee's recommendation.

ARTICLE 1: The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to appropriate and raise or transfer from available funds the sum of \$550,000, as the aggregate purchase price determined by an independent appraisal commissioned by the Town, for acquisition of the property identified as 148 Lincoln Street, as more specifically described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 52748, Page 43, containing 59.34 acres, more or less, (the "Subject Parcel"), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the non-G.L.c 61A encumbered 2.34 acre portion of the Subject Parcel and by exercise of the Town's purchase option pursuant to G.L. c. 61A, §14 the 57 acre portion of the Subject Parcel, to execute any agreements or instruments necessary to complete this transaction, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Constance Perreault of 99 Harris Pond Road asked why the town was proposing to buy the parcel of land with the house, what the town proposed to do with the house, and who will insure the house.

Town Counsel Patrick Costello explained that the situation here is that the owner is selling the entire tract of land. The Board of Selectmen want to obtain both the non-G.L. c. 61A encumbered 2.34 acre portion rather than acquire only the agricultural portion. He said the appraisal price is a combination of non-agricultural and agricultural. He said this vote requires a two-thirds vote and added that town meeting will ultimately decide what property is acquired and for what purpose.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel Keefe made a motion, which was seconded, to amend the Finance Committee's main motion, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. I move that the Motion offered by the Finance Committee be amended to read as follows: Move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$550,000 as the aggregate purchase price determined by an independent appraisal commissioned by the Town for acquisition of the property identified as 148 Lincoln Street, as more specifically described in the Deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 52748, Page 43, containing 59.34 acres, more or less, (the “Subject Parcel”); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase for general municipal purposes the non-G.L. c. 61A encumbered 2.34 acre portion of the Subject Parcel and, by exercise of the Town’s purchase option pursuant to G. L. c. 61A, §14, to acquire by purchase for such natural resources purposes, including, but not limited to, conservation, open space, park and/or recreational uses, as the Selectmen may determine, the 57 acre portion of the Subject Parcel; and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any agreements or instruments necessary to complete this transaction.

Selectman Robert Dubois spoke against the amendment preferring to go with the original article. He said the amendment would handcuff the town on its ability of what to do with the property—the town would have to come back to town meeting and then go to the legislature, and both would require a two-thirds vote. Attorney Costello indicated that once land is acquired for natural resources, it is subject to Article 97 of the State Constitution. Article 97 requires a two-thirds vote of the town and two-thirds vote of the General Court to authorize it to be removed.

Mr. Keefe said that in speaking with the public, he thinks that they want this land to remain as open space. He said that according to our attorney, it is not that difficult to remove it from Article 97 if you have a plan that will be approved by the state.

Mrs. Perreault next wanted to know what the impact would be on the water located on the property. Town Administrator Keyes indicated that the selectmen do not want a developer to take over the house and barn. The 57 acres are presently open space – conservation land. The \$550,000 price is for the land as it is today, not for development. If it is for development, the owner will buy back his taxes, 4 years plus one, and he will develop the land. There are a certain number of homes or other things that will be built there, and that would displace other natural resources. Mr. Keyes said that the town could sustain taking care of the house over the next twelve, eighteen, or twenty-four months. Discussions would be had regarding possible use by school department, public safety center, and senior center. If the town does not acquire the land, the townspeople would have no vote on the future of that land.

Capital Outlay Chair James Watson indicated that his committee had voted to approve the purchase.

Mr. Charles Sawyer spoke against the amendment because the original article would give the town control of the land. Mr. Watson asked whether the Finance Committee’s initial motion would trigger rollback taxes. Attorney Costello said that in his opinion it would trigger rollback taxes.

After the lengthy discussion, Moderator Poirier called for a vote on the amendment.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

Discussion was held on the amended main motion. Attorney Costello clarified the motion for the voters present. He said that by approving the motion, the town would be spending \$550,000 to acquire 59.34 acres of land—2.34 acres of which would be held for general municipal purposes and 57 acres for conservation purposes.

John Eldridge of 149 Federal Street voiced his objection to the town’s purchasing the property.

Carolyn Powers of 156 Mendon Street spoke in favor of buying the property because of added expenses to the police, fire, and school departments if houses were going to be built there.

Collector-Treasurer Steven Perrault of 340R Main Street said he does not know how to vote. He said we would be taking half a million dollars out of the town’s savings account. The town’s bond rating is based on its savings account. He said that by taking it out, it could lower the town’s bond rating.

Tammy Lemieux, of 120 Lakeshore Drive asked how much money is actually in stabilization and whether taking money out would affect the bond rating. Town Administrator Keyes explained that we have \$3.5 million in stabilization, our rating is AA+, and you cannot be any higher. The town has the same kind of reserves as Wellesley and Lexington, MA. He said that after town meeting we are looking at over \$3 million in stabilization. He explained that when making a purchase of property, instead of using taxation or other revenue sources, stabilization is used. It is also called a “rainy day fund.” If receipts are not as high as we would like, we can ask to spend money out of stabilization.

Mr. James Watson spoke again explaining that the purchase price of \$550,000 is a very good buy for the town. With it coming out of stabilization fund does not mean it is free, but it does not affect the tax rate or tax revenue for the immediate 2018 year.

At this point there was a motion and second to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

Moderator Poirier reminded the voters that a two-thirds vote is required to approve the purchase.

SECRET BALLOT
YES 91 NO 61
MOTION FAILS

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 30, 2017

Worcester, SS:

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

Greetings:

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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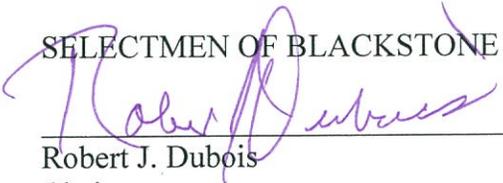
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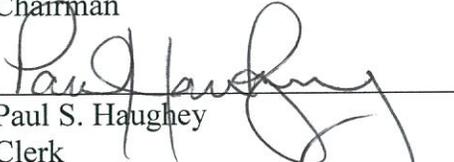
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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul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

Given under our hands this 29th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.

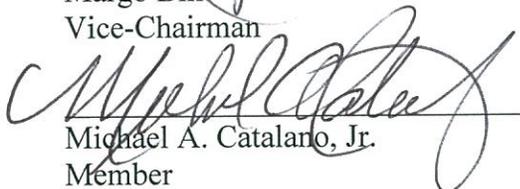
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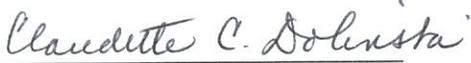

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Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 266 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; Shannon MacKenzie, Town Accountant; Julie Hebert, Consultant, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Kyle Gibbons, Police IT; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools; David Thomson; and the Millville representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:14 p.m..

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 30, 2017

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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

to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new section as set forth below (Department Revolving Funds) to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 § 53E ½, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV, §5-34. DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUNDS

- A. Purpose: This Bylaw establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some

of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E ½.

- B. Expenditure Limitations: A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
- a. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
 - b. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - c. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or an increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during the fiscal year by the Selectmen and Finance Committee.
- C. Interest: Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this Bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.
- D. Procedures and Reports: Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E ½ and this Bylaw, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this Bylaw. The Town Accountant/Finance Director shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant/Finance Director provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.
- E. Authorized Revolving Funds:
- The Table establishes:
- A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a Town department, board, committee, agency, or officer,
 - B. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund,
 - C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant/Finance Director,
 - D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used,
 - E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund,
 - F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and
 - G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this Bylaw.

A Revolving Fund	B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	E Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	F Other Requirements/ Reports	G Fiscal Years
Library Revolving Fund	Library Board of Trustees	Receipts from use of the Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines	Expenses related to maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto	Salaries or wages of full time employees shall be paid through annual budget appropriation	N/A	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9 . To see if the Town will vote to establish a \$3,000 limit in the amount of funds that may be spent from the Library Revolving Fund during Fiscal Year 2018, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for purposes of the maintenance and repair of the Blackstone Public Library's HVAC system, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

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 Coilector-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 raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$55,285 to purchase a stryker power lift stretcher system for the ambulance, 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 or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a one ton utility truck with a 9' plow and emergency lights for the Department of Public Works, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$130,000 to purchase a new back hoe for the Department of Public Works, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$47,509.75 to purchase a cruiser for the Police Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 to address the report provided by US Army Corps of Engineers, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$44,600 to develop a collection system GIS mapping/data layer and initial flow monitoring, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 from the Water & Sewer Commission for a water filtration plant study, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 to install a master meter for the Town of North Smithfield, RI, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new Subsection E to Section 123-23 Village Overlay District:

E. Conforming and grandfathered lots. By-right development on lots that comply with the dimensional requirements of the underlying district and those lots grandfathered for single and two-family dwellings under MGL 40A, Section 6, shall be subject to the site design standards of Subsection B as determined by site plan review by the Planning Board.

And, further, to amend Subsection C. Site Plan Review of Section 123-2 by adding the following words shown in **underlined and bold** to (1) (a) so that it reads as follows:

- (a) Unless proposed for single-family or two-family use **outside the Village Overlay District**, all development proposals are subject to site plan review by the Planning Board if proposing any of the following:

Or take any other action relative thereto.

§ 123-23.2. Village Overlay District.

[Added by 4-25-1994 ATM, Art. 22]

- A.** Purposes. The purposes of the Village Overlay District are to facilitate new investment within the district, to build pedestrian-scale convenience and amenity, to meet housing needs, to serve entrepreneurial interests of Blackstone residents and to protect and enhance the village heritage.
- B.** Village-compatible development. Applicants for development within the Village Overlay District may choose to develop subject to the alternative use and dimensional regulations of Subsections **C** and **D**, rather than those normally applicable, provided that the Planning Board grants the development proposal a special permit for village-compatible development upon its determination that the proposal is consistent with one or the other of the following:

[Amended by 5-31-2005 ATM, Art. 37]

- (1)** The development proposed is an alteration or addition to an existing structure, increasing the total floor area by up to 50% above that existing on the premises as of January 1, 1994; or
- (2)** The Planning Board finds that the building as proposed would be compatible with development within a comparison area consisting of all lots abutting the premises in question plus all lots in whole or part within 300 feet of the boundary of the premises. That determination is to be based upon compliance with the following, unless the Planning Board finds that, owing to peculiarities of the location or of the proposed building but not found generally in the District, the proposal would on balance advance the purposes of the Village Overlay District despite noncompliance with one or more of the following standards, or conversely finds that despite compliance with these standards the proposal would not on balance advance the purposes of the Village Overlay District:
 - (a)** Any proposed buildings are in scale with those existing within the comparison area, which means:
 - [1]** The total floor area proposed to be on the premises is to be no more than 1/4 greater than the total floor area existing on at least one lot within the comparison area; and
 - [2]** The ratio of total floor area (as proposed) to total lot area is to be no more than 1/4 greater than the ratio existing on at least one lot within the comparison area; and

[3] The maximum building height is to be no more than 10% greater than the tallest building existing within the comparison area and no less than 2/3 that of the lowest building existing within that area.

(b) The site design is consistent with that of the comparison area and abutting premises, which means:

[1] The building is proposed not to be separated from the street line except by a landscaped yard and usual walks and drives; and

[2] If abutting properties to the left and right both have some physical definition of the street line (such as walls, fences, hedges, or building location at the street line) development on the premises in question is proposed to also provide some physical street line definition; and

[3] The location of parking facilities relative to the principal building is consistent with that found on the majority of developed lots within the comparison area.

C. Use regulations. Within the Village Overlay District, the use requirements of § 123-11, Use schedule, for the underlying districts shall continue to apply, except that multifamily dwellings may be allowed on special permit from the Planning Board, provided that the development is determined to be village-compatible as specified in Subsection B above.

D. Dimensional regulations. For village-compatible development as specified in Subsection B above, the following dimensional regulations shall apply rather than those of § 123-13.

[Amended by 5-30-2006 ATM, Art. 22]

Minimum lot area	7,500 square feet ^a
Minimum lot frontage	70 feet
Minimum front yard	20 feet ^b
Minimum side or rear yard:	
At Village Overlay Boundary	15 feet
Elsewhere	8 feet
Maximum lot coverage	40%

NOTES:

^a Except not less than 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit for two-family or multifamily dwellings.

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yards provided on lots adjoining it on the same street, with a vacant lot considered to have a front yard of 20 feet.

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. 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 22. To see if 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 23. 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)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain taking any land necessary for the purpose of such as so laid out, and, as necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the way, provided; however, that the construction of said road is subject to compliance with the following conditions: all stormwater management to be handled entirely by Homeowner's Association, demarcation of the Open Space areas; trail heads being marked Lot 6 and 7 and Lot 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal, plowing, street sanding, trash recycling, general town services, police, fire and Town vehicle access, future unforeseen town services, and no taking or cleaning of the street sweeping/catch/retention basins, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Citizens' Petition)

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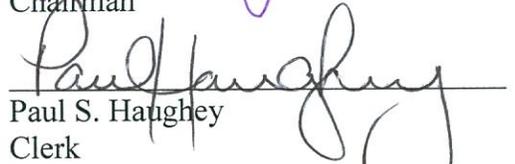
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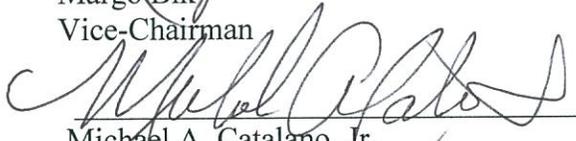
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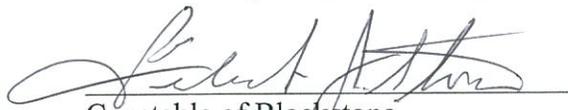

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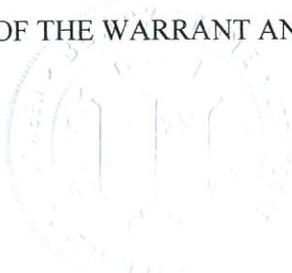

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Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 30, 2017

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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That	\$ 17,557,505	raised from FY'18 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,683,926	raised from FY'18 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,430,000	raised from FY'18 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,669,467	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 \$ 1,845,253 raised from FY' 18 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
 That \$ - transferred from Stabilization
 That \$ 280,000- use of Free Cash
 That \$ - use of Overlay

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$25,891	
EXPENSES	\$50,850	
TOTAL	\$76,741	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Jacob Edel, 5 Goddard Street questioned why there was a 17% increase in Longevity in the Administration budget. Town Administrator Keyes indicated it was contractual.

01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$168,755	
EXPENSES	\$14,500	
TOTAL	\$183,255	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	\$115,144	
EXPENSES	\$15,260	
TOTAL	\$130,404	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$101,893	
EXPENSES	\$55,645	
TOTAL	\$157,538	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$125,867	
EXPENSES	\$29,250	
TOTAL	\$155,117	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$125,000	
TOTAL	\$125,000	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	\$219,660	
TOTAL	\$219,660	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$129,443	
EXPENSES	\$20,400	
TOTAL	\$149,843	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$9,100	
EXPENSES	\$4,310	
TOTAL	\$13,410	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	\$2,461	
TOTAL	\$2,461	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$154,500	
TOTAL	\$154,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$324,525	
TOTAL	\$324,525	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,491,995	
EXPENSES	\$188,980	
TOTAL	\$1,680,975	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$237,549	
EXPENSES	\$2,700	
TOTAL	\$240,249	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$918,475	
EXPENSES	\$40,300	
TOTAL	\$958,775	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$5,754	
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$55,754	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$74,368	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$77,868	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$15,553	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$16,686	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$9,281	
EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$9,931	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$16,750	
TOTAL	\$17,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$17,744	
EXPENSES	\$7,850	
TOTAL	\$25,594	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$6,902	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$25,102	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Tammy Lemieux of 120 Lakeshore Drive, a member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, read a statement in support of increasing the additional contribution being recommended by the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. She then made a motion, which was seconded, to amend the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Budget Item #1300-53202 Additional Contribution in the amount of \$280,000 to now read \$774,647 for a new department total of \$8,803,252. The amended amount of \$280,000 to be transferred from free cash. This in accordance with MGL C 70 S 6 and 603 CMR 41.00.

Allen Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools, had a Power Point presentation portraying facts for the voters' consideration.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Voicing their opinions were Selectmen Chairman Daniel Keefe, 269 Main Street; Constance Perrault, of 99 Harris Pond Road, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes; James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane; Tammy Lemieux; and Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way.

Moderator Poirier called for a vote on the amendment.

194 YES 59 NO
MAJORITY STANDING VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$8,803,252	
TOTAL	\$8,803,252	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED)

01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$720,423	
TOTAL	\$721,923	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	\$29,727	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$29,727	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$282,060	
TOTAL	\$282,060	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$44,189	
TOTAL	\$44,189	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,171	
TOTAL	\$110,671	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	\$608,000	
TOTAL	\$608,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$570,284	
TOTAL	\$570,284	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01434 RECYCLING		
SALARIES	\$154,220	
EXPENSES	\$57,800	
TOTAL	\$212,020	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$22,421	
EXPENSES	\$71,638	
TOTAL	\$94,059	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$194,110	
EXPENSES	\$12,520	
TOTAL	\$206,630	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,517	
EXPENSES	\$136,170	
TOTAL	\$141,687	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$250,966	
EXPENSES	\$216,480	
TOTAL	\$467,446	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$72,853	
EXPENSES	\$52,875	
TOTAL	\$125,728	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	\$894,148	
TOTAL	\$894,148	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$296,404	
TOTAL	\$296,404	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$44,069	
TOTAL	\$44,069	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	-	
TOTAL	-	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$666,186	
TOTAL	\$666,186	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$654,755	
TOTAL	\$654,755	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$70,000	
TOTAL	\$70,000	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	\$1,964,749	
TOTAL	\$1,964,749	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,923,674	
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	\$159,650	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$159,650	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$201,153	
TOTAL	\$201,153	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$428,150	
TOTAL	\$428,150	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL SEWER	\$838,953	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$165,759	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$165,759	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$74,557	
TOTAL	\$74,557	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$530,134	
TOTAL	\$530,134	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$160,000	
TOTAL	\$160,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$23,850	
TOTAL	\$23,850	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$1,006,300	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,845,253	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS	\$24,768,927	

Tammy Lemieux made a motion, which was seconded, to reconsider Article 3.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amounts of said compensation as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2018 departmental annual budgets; said compensation to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds to overlay town streets and roads, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new section, ARTICLE IV, §5-34. DEPARTMENT

REVOLVING FUNDS, as set forth in Article 8 of the Warrant, to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 § 53E ½.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to establish a \$3,000 limit in the amount of funds that may be spent from the Library Revolving Fund during Fiscal Year 2018.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for the maintenance and repair of the Blackstone Public Library's HVAC system.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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.

Robert Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, a member of the Board of Selectmen, spoke in favor of Article 11.

Constance Perrault, 99 Harris Pond Road, urged voters to keep the position of Collector-Treasurer as an elected position. She said the townspeople voted on this just short of a year ago and asked Town Counsel to explain why the issue is on the warrant again this year. Mr. Costello said that under MGL Chapter 43B, Section 10, there are two ways to amend a Home Rule Charter: Section 10A allows town meeting by two-thirds vote to propose an amendment to the charter. Section 10B says that in addition to an amendment proposed by town meeting, town meeting can consider and vote upon proposed amendments made to the charter offered by other boards, individuals, etc. That section is subject to the one-year provision. He said Article 11 is a Section 10A amendment, and Section 10B is not applicable.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, asked whether the matter would be concluded if it were approved by two-thirds vote and on the ballot. Mr. Costello said that the town meeting vote would first have to be sent to the Attorney General's Office. If the Attorney General concurs, then it would go on the ballot. If it were then voted down, it could come back again next year.

Mr. Dubois again voiced supporting arguments in favor of the article as did Paul Haughey, 130 Elm Street, a former member of the Board of Selectmen, and John Wozniak, 194 Farm Street, also a former member of the Board of Selectmen.

Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, voiced his reasons for being against the article, and Mrs. Perrault again spoke against it.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DEFEAT ARTICLE 11

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation the sum of \$55,285 to purchase a stryker power lift stretcher system for the ambulance.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a one ton utility truck with a 9' plow and emergency lights for the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000 to purchase a new backhoe for the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$47,509.75 to purchase a cruiser for the Police Department.

Paul Muller, 3 State Street, asked whether this amount was already included in the budget. Town Administrator Keyes replied that it was not.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000 to address the report provided by US Army Corps of Engineers.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$44,600 to develop a collection system GIS mapping/data layer and initial flow monitoring.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 for a water filtration plant study for the Water & Sewer Commission.

Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, asked what the benefits would be for this study. Charles Sawyer, 30 Orchard Street, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Commission replied that this is a requirement from DEM to do a study on removing the iron and manganese from our water supply. This money is coming out of retained earnings and will not increase rates this year.

Jeffrey McClure of Weston & Sampson Engineers said this will begin the process of giving the town a look to see what the town has to do to create the right kind of water treatment for its specific wells in order to give the best quality water.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 to install a master meter for the Town of North Smithfield, RI.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Finance Committee Vice Chairman Goudreau stated that there was a typo in Article 20 referencing Section 123-23 (Village Overlay District). It should be Section 123-23.2.

ARTICLE 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Subsection E to Section 123-23.2 (Village Overlay District), and to amend Subsection C of Section 123-2 (Site Plan Review, as set forth in Article 20 of the Warrant.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21. 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and 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.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of (\$53,025.87) to the Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24.
Original Article

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain taking

any land necessary for the purpose of such was as so laid out, and, as necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the way, provided; however, that the construction of said road is subject to compliance with the following conditions: all stormwater management to be handled entirely by Homeowner's Association, demarcation of the Open Space areas; trail heads being marked Lot 6 and 7 and Lot 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal, plowing, street sanding, trash recycling, general town services, police, fire and Town vehicle access, future unforeseen town services, and no taking or cleaning of the street sweeping/catch/retention basins, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Attorney John Wozniak made the following motion, which was seconded:

I move to request that the town direct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen and Blackstone Planning Board to work with the Rolling Brook Lane homeowners' association for the purpose of having the private way known as Rolling Brook Lane accepted and/or approved as a public way in the town of Blackstone.

Mr. Wozniak said that the purpose of this article is basically a nonbinding directive to give direction to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to allow the homeowners' association to pursue, through the proper channels and boards of the municipality, the approval of the roadway and quite possibly be back before town meeting to have it accepted as a public way next year.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Participants were Celeste Langlois, James Watson, William Davidge of 3 Windsor Road, Amy Rousseau of 21 Chestnut Street, Constance Perreault, and Stephen Goudreau.

Attorney Costello said that the article appearing in the warrant is a wholesale layout acceptance acquisition of easements article, the whole "kit and caboodle" to accept this particular road as a public way. The petitioner has decided not to pursue that action but instead obtain a directive to direct the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to work with the property owners toward the layout. He said the motion is proper and is not an amendment to the article. It is suitable for consideration before town meeting. He said there will be no expenses incurred by the town regarding this article. He said that in order to lay out a town way under the town's ownership, there are two steps to be taken: The Board of Selectmen has to approve, and town meeting has to approve.

Selectmen Chairman Keefe said the homeowners' association is looking for guidance. He said the developer who made the deals with the Planning Board is long gone. Eric Goding of 8 Rolling Brook Lane indicated that the homeowners did not buy the property on Rolling Brook knowing it was a private street. They simply are looking for the proper channels to go through to get it approved as a public way.

ARTICLE 24. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to direct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen and Blackstone Planning Board to work with the Rolling Brook Lane homeowners' association for the purpose of having the private way known as Rolling Brook Lane accepted and/or approved as a public way in the town of Blackstone.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Moderator

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Frederick J. Stone	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mary E. Bulso	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Catherine Norcross-Melson	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Johnathan Joseph Savoie	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Amy Walsh	Unex. 3 yrs Expiring ATM 2018
John M. Wozniak	Unex. 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 9:51 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

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Town Clerk of Blackstone

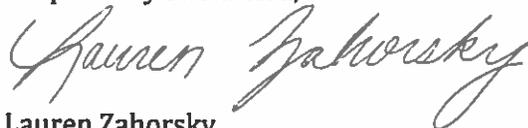
REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's Office provides accounting support to all departments, boards, and committees of the Town. The office maintains a complete set of financial records for all Town accounts, appropriations, debts, and contracts. Payments to all Town vendors and employees are processed through this department. The office is also responsible for budgetary oversight and accurate maintenance and review of all expenditures and financial records pertaining to all Town appropriations.

To all of the Town of Blackstone Department Heads, Employees, Committees and Boards- I would like to 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, Patricia Dubois, 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, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Zahorsky
Acting Town Accountant

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	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	4,419,382	1,457,017	713,898	1,363,534	8,655,162	-	16,608,993
Petty Cash	975	-	-	-	-	-	975
Receivables:							
Property taxes	301,717	-	-	-	-	-	301,717
Motor vehicle excise	301,459	-	-	-	-	-	301,459
Tax Liens	938,197	-	-	-	-	-	938,197
Water	-	-	-	67,417	-	-	67,417
Sewer	-	-	-	91,049	-	-	91,049
Other	-	243,939	-	-	-	-	243,939
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from State	-	4,509	-	-	-	-	4,509
Due from Other	-	4,509	-	-	-	-	4,509
Accrued Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	8,654,516	8,654,516
Loans Authorized	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	5,961,730	1,709,974	713,898	1,522,000	8,655,162	8,654,516	27,217,280
Liabilities & reserves							
Warrants & accounts payable	537,737	20,774	9,713	84,832	-	-	653,056
Payrolls payable & withholdings	4,156	-	-	-	-	-	4,156
Other liabilities	700	-	-	-	-	-	700
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	8,654,516	8,654,516
Loans Authorized and Unissued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue & provision	775,561	252,957	-	158,466	-	-	1,186,984
Overlay Balance	765,816	-	-	-	-	-	765,816
Total liabilities & reserves	2,083,970	273,731	509,713	243,298	-	8,654,516	11,765,228
Fund balances							
Reserved							
Encumbrances	199,285	-	-	307,638	-	-	506,923
Free Cash for Expenditures	970,536	-	-	-	-	-	970,536
Continued appropriations	726,777	-	-	19,713	-	-	746,490
Overlay for Expenditures	-	-	-	294,600	-	-	294,600
Special Purposes	-	-	204,185	-	8,655,162	-	8,859,347
Undesignated	1,981,162	1,436,243	-	656,751	-	-	4,074,156
Total fund balances	3,877,760	1,436,243	204,185	1,278,702	8,655,162	-	15,452,052
Total liabilities and fund balances	5,961,730	1,709,974	713,898	1,522,000	8,655,162	8,654,516	27,217,280

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis
Fiscal Year 2017

Fund 01

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2016:	\$ 1,849,833
Date of Entry	
Close FY2017 Revenue/Expenditures	584,454
Close FY2017 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend	728,257
Close FY2017 F/B Res for Cont Approp.	505,175
Close FY2017 F/B Reserved for Encumb.	202,218
Establish FY2018 F/B Res for Cont Approp.	(726,777)
Establish FY2018 F/B Reserved for Encumb.	(199,285)
Establish FY2018 Free Cash Reserv for Expend.	(970,536)
Prior Year Purchase Order Liquidate	7,823
Ending Balance, June 30, 2017 Undes.	<u>1,981,162</u>

Balance Sheet

Summary Total Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	199,285
Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations	726,777
Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expend	970,536
Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash	
Undes. Fund Balance	1,981,162

Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 3,877,760</u>
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From Balance Sheet	<u>\$ 3,877,760</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			550	540		10
SELECTMEN	71,360	2,500	355,628	429,488	173,293	2,059	254,136
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	175,415			175,415	173,593	122	1,700
FINANCE COMMITTEE	9,300			9,300	1,578		7,722
RESERVE FUND	75,000	(35,100)		39,900			39,900
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	3,100			3,100	504		2,596
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	127,623			127,623	121,399		6,224
ASSESSORS	177,301			177,301	162,755	13,963	583
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	150,094			150,094	141,764	318	8,012
TOWN COUNSEL	100,000	45,000		145,000	138,626		6,374
DATA PROCESSING	140,000		108	140,108	95,430	5,379	39,299
COPIER	20,987			20,987	19,385	555	1,047
BONDS & INSURANCE	202,890	(32,000)		170,890	105,188		65,702
TOWN CLERK	144,058			144,058	128,658	6,121	9,279
ELECTIONS	33,810		1,500	35,310	26,352		8,958
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,500			6,500	3,930	975	1,595
CONSERVATION COMM	4,225			4,225	4,024		201
OPEN SPACE			100,000	100,000			100,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,331		5,112	31,443	9,684	683	21,076
ZONING BOARD	8,389		261	8,650	6,972	500	1,178
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	5,000			5,000	1,227		3,773
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,401			2,401	2,400		1
GENERAL	152,860	(25,000)		127,860	91,142	7,132	29,586
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	320,025	-	5,100	325,125	290,846	22,382	11,897
TOWN REPORT	3,000			3,000	2,191		809
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,960,219	(44,600)	467,709	2,383,328	1,701,481	60,189	621,658
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,580,827	65,000	89,224	1,735,051	1,551,605	3,915	179,531
POLICE DISPATCHERS	232,950	14,000		246,950	237,844		9,106
FIRE DEPARTMENT	873,488	12,000	7,528	893,016	869,372	96	23,548
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2	-			-			0
FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3	-			-			0
AMBULANCE	55,665		6,570	62,235	52,452	1,802	7,981
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	67,626	3,100		70,726	67,972	1,900	854
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	16,233			16,233	15,764	469	0
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000			2,000	1,750	-	250
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	9,660			9,660	9,016	547	97
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	23,250			23,250	18,178		5,072
ANIMAL CONTROL	25,196		105	25,301	23,306		1,995

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

<u>DEPARTMENT/Purpose</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Approp. Transfers</u>	<u>Encumbrances/Articles</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Closed to Fund Balance</u>
FORESTRY	24,102			24,102	20,702		3,400
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,910,997	94,100	103,427	3,108,524	2,867,961	8,729	231,834
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	8,473,130	-		8,473,130	8,416,131	-	56,999
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	801,030			801,030	801,030	-	0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	524,192			524,192	460,055	-	64,137
EDUCATION	9,798,352	-	-	9,798,352	9,677,216	-	121,136
CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION	-			-	-		0
ENGINEERING	15,000			15,000	-		15,000
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	28,877			28,877	28,877		0
HIGHWAY LABOR	246,866			246,866	246,600		266
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	37,148		250,000	287,148	70,838	1,792	214,518
SNOW & ICE	110,670	97,672		208,342	208,342		0
STREET LIGHTING	109,375			109,375	94,459	2,472	12,444
MECHANICAL REPAIR	71,500			71,500	55,590	2,489	13,421
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	308,000			308,000	285,146	22,854	0
STREET CLEANING	3,000			3,000	2,728		272
WASTE COLLECTION	553,964			553,964	477,710	74,803	1,451
PUBLIC WORKS	1,484,400	97,672	250,000	1,832,072	1,470,290	104,410	257,372
RECYCLING	326,042	(33,130)		292,912	228,285	1,188	63,439
BOARD OF HEALTH	91,185	900		92,085	83,938	7,626	521
COUNCIL ON AGING	190,127	2,730		192,857	192,857		0
VETERANS	141,687	(15,000)		126,687	118,705		7,982
HUMAN SERVICES	749,041	(44,500)	-	704,541	623,785	8,814	71,942
LIBRARY	430,540		97,157	527,697	445,270	5,506	76,921
PARKS	124,350			124,350	111,245	11,308	1,797
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000			2,000	1,992		8
MEMORIAL DAY	10,100			10,100	8,098	330	1,672
CULTURAL COUNCIL	-			-	-		0
CULTURE & RECREATION	566,990	-	97,157	664,147	566,605	17,144	80,398
PRINCIPAL	984,948			984,948	984,948		0

**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
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	330,398			330,398	330,392		6
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	5,000			5,000	-		5,000
DEBT SERVICE	1,320,346	-	-	1,320,346	1,315,340	-	5,006
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	-			-			0
COUNTY RETIREMENT	584,744			584,744			0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000	(25,000)		25,000	12,879		12,121
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	572,236	20,000		592,236	590,783		1,453
LIFE INSURANCE	3,000			3,000	2,311		689
MATCHING MEDICARE	65,000			65,000	60,949		4,051
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	9,925		75
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500			7,500	2,380		5,120
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	44,238			44,238			0
COURT JUDGMENT	-			-			0
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,336,718	(5,000)	-	1,331,718	1,308,209	-	23,509
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	20,127,063	97,672	918,293	21,143,028	19,530,887	199,286	1,412,855
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	102,619			102,619	102,619		0
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	-			-			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	1,947,893		-17,951
	2,282,561			2,282,561	2,300,512		-17,951
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	22,409,624	97,672	918,293	23,425,589	21,831,399	199,286	1,394,904

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2017

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
Receipts:				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	122,447	126,674	4,227	3.45%
A2 School Transportation	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>122,447</u>	<u>126,674</u>	<u>4,227</u>	<u>3.45%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,316,049	1,316,049	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive	-	-	-	
B7 Veterans Benefits	77,590	113,048	35,458	45.70%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	39,924	15,584	(24,340)	-60.97%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly	-	-	-	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	26,622	26,533	(89)	-0.33%
Additional State Aid	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>1,460,185</u>	<u>1,471,214</u>	<u>11,029</u>	<u>0.76%</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,582,632</u>	<u>1,597,888</u>	<u>15,256</u>	<u>0.96%</u>
Offset Items				
TOTAL, All Receipts	<u>1,582,632</u>	<u>1,597,888</u>		
Charges:				
A County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3 Mosquito Control	30,290	30,290	-	0.00%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	2,428	2,428	-	0.00%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	11,520	11,520	-	0.00%
	<u>44,238</u>	<u>44,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2017

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
Local Receipts:				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	950,000	1,180,909	230,909	24.31%
2a MEALS TAX	-	49,890	49,890	100.00%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	100,000	118,735	18,735	18.74%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	12,000	15,870	3,870	32.25%
10 FEES:	25,000	32,860	7,860	31.44%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	125,000	225,428	100,428	80.34%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	40,593	5,593	15.98%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	8,000	6,711	(1,289)	-16.11%
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	175,000	218,083	43,083	24.62%
22 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:	-	-	-	0.00%
23 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	-	26,222	26,222	0.00%
	<u>1,430,000</u>	<u>1,915,301</u>	<u>485,301</u>	<u>33.94%</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
June 30, 2017

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ -	176,686	\$ 1,280,331	\$ 1,457,017
Accounts receivable	-		243,939	243,939
Due from Commonwealth	-	4,509	-	4,509
Due from Federal Government	-	4,509	-	4,509
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
Accrued Revenue	-	-	-	-
	-	185,704	1,524,270	1,709,974

Liabilities & Fund Bal.				
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	14,688	6,086	20,774
Due to other funds	-		-	-
Deferred revenue	-	9,018	243,939	252,957
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	-	161,998	1,274,245	1,436,243
	\$ -	\$ 185,704	\$ 1,524,270	\$ 1,709,974

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2017**

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Federal & State Grants	235,498	160,391	677,560	\$ 1,073,449
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-		\$ -
	235,498	160,391	677,560	\$ 1,073,449

Expenditures				
General Government	-	4,094	142,367	\$ 146,461
Public Safety	-	34,113	1,456	\$ 35,569
Education	-		23,479	\$ 23,479
Public works	235,498	-	929	\$ 236,427
Human services	-	30,523	3,748	\$ 34,271
Culture & recreation	-	3,770	18,820	\$ 22,590
Insurance & other	-	180	-	\$ 180
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	-		-	\$ -
Debt Service	-	-	-	\$ -
	235,498	72,680	190,799	\$ 498,977

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	87,711	486,761	\$ 574,472
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Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers in	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers (out)	-	(2,780)	(302,777)	\$ (305,557)
	-	(2,780)	(302,777)	(305,557)

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	84,931	183,984	268,915
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Fund Balance, 6/30/16	-	77,068	1,090,261	\$ 1,167,329
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Fund Balance, 6/30/17	-	161,999	1,274,245	1,436,244
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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2017

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2016	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2017
Fund 13 Highway Fund						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	0.00	235,498.25	235,498.25	0.00	0.00
Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund						
Federal Grants:						
020-100-123-35000	96 CDBG	0	0	0	0	0
021-400-431-35000	FEMA	2,812.73	0	2,812.73	0	0.00
Total Federal Grants:		2,813	0	2,812.73	0	0
State Grants:						
020-000-000-35000	Undesignated Fund Balance	0.00				0.00
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	0.00	4,094.00	4,094.00		0.00
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	3,080.61	0.00	0.00		3,080.61
020-100-193-35000	Green Communities Grant	0.00	75,537.50	0.00		75,537.50
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	10,615.26	4,055.00	1,721.00		12,949.26
020-200-212-35000	Community Policing Grant	0.08	0.00	0.00		0.08
020-200-213-35000	Underage Drinking Grant	1,186.64	0.00	0.00		1,186.64
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	0.00	0.00	9,018.39		-9,018.39
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	23,675.00	23,675.00	14,225.54		33,124.46
020-200-218-35000	VV Public Safety Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	47.32	0.00	0.00		47.32
020-200-221-35000	Fire Safe Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-223-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	6,076.97	6,547.00	3,627.08		8,996.89
020-200-225-35000	Fire Safety Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-227-35000	Homeland Security Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	23.11	0.00	0.00		23.11
020-200-229-35000	ARRA Fire Staffing Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	2,780.00	2,708.33	2,708.33	-2,780	0.00
020-200-290-35000	Fire VFA Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-400-422-35000	Winter Rapid Recovery Road Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-400-429-35000	Lake Hiawatha Dam Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-400-437-35000	Water Emergency Reimb Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-400-438-35000	Sewer Rate Relief Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-500-439-35000	Recycling Grant	290.00	0.00	0.00		290.00
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	236.76	0.00	180.00		56.76
020-500-514-35000	BOH - PHER Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant	130.83	15,063.30	15,122.15		71.98
020-500-542-35000	COA - MARTAP Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-500-548-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	329.41	0.00	43.16		286.25
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	25,807.20	13,298.65	12,009.74		27,096.11
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	124.74	0.00	0.00		124.74
020-600-613-35000	Library Match Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	3,238.84	2,212.00	2,062.01		3,388.83
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	1,285.98	0.00	1,285.98		0.00
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	0.50	0.00	0.00		0.50
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	590.20	0.00	0.00		590.20
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	-8,132.95	8,500.00	0.00		367.05
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	2,868.59	4,700.00	3,770.00		3,798.59
Total State Grants:		74,255.09	160,390.78	69,867.38	-2,780	161,998.49
Total Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund		77,068	160,391	72,680	-2,780	161,998
Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue						
Receipts Reserved:						
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,548.52				2,548.52
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	17,638.12				17,638.12
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	0.00	76,789.93	69,724.08		7,065.85
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	77,346.97	23,435.00			100,781.97
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148.05				13,148.05
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500.00				25,500.00
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	63,263.76				63,263.76
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise Gift	327,257.00	127,206.69	71,505.07		382,958.62
000-029-135-35600	Compensated Balances	0.00				0.00
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	6,818.35		1,137.50		5,680.85
029-100-175-35603	Meadow Harris	265.00				265.00

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2017

		Balance July 1, 2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2017
029-100-175-35602	Canal St	425.00				425.00
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	918.00				918.00
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	351.98				351.98
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,020.97				1,020.97
029-200-208-35600	Police Cainine Donation	0.75				0.75
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	7,624.80	3,900.00	1,456.00		10,068.80
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	427,979.34	382,041.32	0.00	-300,000.00	510,020.66
029-200-241-35600	On-Site Project Rep	0.00				0.00
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188.08				188.08
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58.23				58.23
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	0.00	31,801.66	23,479.41		8,322.25
029-200-440-35600	Sewer Onyx Peer Review	173.75				173.75
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	334.55				334.55
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center	0.00	4,428.68	928.68		3,500.00
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	2,776.74	4,765.25		-2,776.00	4,765.99
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	1,982.08	100.00	1,921.39		160.69
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	33,446.42	2,699.00	634.11		35,511.31
029-500-542-35600	COA Van Friends Donations	0.00				0.00
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	33,781.49	1,550.00	1,192.97		34,138.52
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	26,298.59	7,731.09	9,461.90		24,567.78
029-600-613-35600	Public Libraries Fund	0.00				0.00
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	4,355.38	50.00			4,405.38
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	897.92				897.92
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	6,027.98	450.00	395.00		6,082.98
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	6,765.22	10,611.39	8,850.00		8,526.61
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	1,067.51		112.99		954.52
Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:		1,090,260.55	677,560.01	190,799.10	-302,776.00	1,274,245.46
TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS		1,167,329	1,073,449	498,977	-305,556	1,436,244

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS
June 30, 2017

Department Roadway Imp	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Recycle Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33	TownHall Roof Fund 30	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
Assets											
Cash and investments	1,693	-	14,140	111,397	48,100	17,993	-	-	90	391,209	713,898
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	1,693	129,276	14,140	111,397	48,100	17,993	-	-	90	391,209	713,898
Liabilities & Fund Bal.											
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,713	9,713
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
Fund balance - reserved	1,693	129,276	14,140	111,397	(451,900)	17,993	-	-	-	381,496	204,185
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	129,276	14,140	111,397	48,100	17,993	-	-	90	391,209	713,898

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**
Year ended June 30, 2017

Department Roadway Imp	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Recycle Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33	TownHall Imp ATM Fund 30	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
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures											
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	451,900	-	-	-	-	-	491,683
Supplies	-	27,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,783	27,907
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	27,907	-	-	451,900	-	-	-	-	39,783	519,590
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	(27,907)	-	-	(451,900)	-	-	-	-	(39,783)	(519,590)
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310,000	310,000
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310,000
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	(27,907)	-	-	(451,900)	-	-	-	-	270,217	(209,590)
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	1,693	157,183	14,140	111,397	-	17,993	-	-	90	111,279	413,775
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	1,693	129,276	14,140	111,397	(451,900)	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	204,185

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2017**

	Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60	Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61	Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65	TOTAL WATER/SEWER Enterprise Fund
Assets				
Cash and investments	653,488	710,046	-	1,363,534
Accounts receivable user fees	82,420	57,701		140,121
Accounts receivable lien	8,629	9,716		18,345
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-		-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	744,537	777,463	-	1,522,000

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

Warrants/Accounts payable	59,715	25,117	-	84,832
Accrued Payroll				-
Deferred revenue	91,049	67,417		158,466
Notes payable		-		-
Fund balance - reserved for cont approp	17,913	1,800	-	19,713
Fund balance - reserved for expenditures		294,600	-	294,600
Fund balance - reserved for encumbrances	231,558	76,080	-	307,638
Unreserved fund balance	344,302	312,449	-	656,751
	744,537	777,463	-	1,522,000

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

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

Year ended June 30, 2017

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	745,242	995,500		1,740,742
Other / Premium on Sale of Bond		-	0	-
	745,242	995,500	-	1,740,742
Expenditures				
Personal Services	155,729	224,143	-	379,872
Purchase of Services	362,581	395,355	-	757,936
Supplies	-		-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-		-	-
Capital Outlay	-		-	-
Prior Year Encumbrance	207,190	13,383	-	220,573
Debt Service	-	190,838	-	190,838
	725,500	823,719	-	1,549,219
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	19,742	171,781	-	191,523
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-		-	-
Transfers (out)	-	(310,000)	(30,175)	(310,000)
	-	(310,000)	(30,175)	(310,000)
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	19,742	(138,219)	(30,175)	(118,477)
Fund Balance, 6/30/16	574,030	823,147	30,175	1,397,177
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	593,772	684,928	-	1,278,700

**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	162,218	-	-	162,218	155,729	-	6,489
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	614,876	-	-	614,876	341,285	231,558	42,033
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWER		777,094	-	-	777,094	497,014	231,558	48,522
SEWER ARTICLES								
98201 ATM 12 art 29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade		7,400	-	-	7,400	-	-	7,400
90803 ATM 5/14#27 Repair Pump		30,009	-	-	30,009	21,296	-	8,713
Total Sewer Articles		39,209	-	-	39,209	21,296	-	17,913
TOTAL SEWER		816,303	-	-	816,303	518,310	231,558	66,435
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	150,416	-	-	150,416	153,631	-	(3,215)
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	71,152	-	-	71,152	70,512	-	640
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	524,818	-	-	524,818	393,570	76,080	55,168
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	162,000	-	-	162,000	162,000	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	28,838	-	-	28,838	28,838	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA		2,000	-	-	2,000	1,785	-	215
WATER		939,224	-	-	939,224	810,336	76,080	52,808
WATER ARTICLES								
98001 ATM 05/12#29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
Total Water Articles		-	-	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
TOTAL WATER		939,224	-	-	941,024	810,336	76,080	54,608
RESERVE FUND-RECYCLING	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT PR II	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT INT	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING CENTER		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECYCLING ARTICLES								
90802ATM05/11#12		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90804STM10/11#7		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90809 ATM 5/14 #29 F150 Pickup Truck		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Recycling Articles		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		1,855,527	-	-	1,857,327	1,328,646	307,638	221,043

**TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
Year ended June 30, 2017**

	Fund Balance July 1, 2016	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2017
Expendable Trusts:						
#70 - OPEB Trust Fund	262,597.92		61,038.15	3,034.63	250,000.00	570,601.44
Total Fund #70:	262,597.92	-	61,038.15	3,034.63	250,000.00	570,601.44
#84 - Stabilization Fund	3,375,732.41		49,248.20	-	102,619.27	3,527,599.88
#84 - Law Enforcement	10,760.76		277.00	-	-	11,037.76
Total Fund #84:	3,386,493.17	-	49,525.20	-	102,619.27	3,538,637.64
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	3,546,816.86		51,478.18	1,814,327.00	1,947,892.50	3,731,860.54
Total Fund #85:	3,546,816.86	-	51,478.18	1,814,327.00	1,947,893	3,731,860.54
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	7,195,907.95	-	162,041.53	1,817,361.63	2,300,512.27	7,841,099.62

Agency Funds

	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Encumbered	Deductions	Transfer Out	Balance June 30, 2017
89210 Police Outside Detail	8,050.66	66,917.00		63,984.00		10,983.66
89241 Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535.29					2,535.29
89122 ANP Escrow	687,624.35	1,051.23				688,675.58
89175 Performance Bonds	56,240.93	26.13				56,267.06
89176 Bond Rolling Brook	-					-
89145 Deputy Fees	2,658.00	26,588.00		30,985.00		(1,739.00)
89161 Fish & Game - State	70.50					70.50
89211 Police FID	4,387.50	13,400.00		12,637.50		5,150.00
89442 ANP Sewer Charges	3,136.82	52,049.92		52,049.92	3,136.82	-
89433 Recycling Agency Fund	-	13,276.00		13,276.00		-
89447 Sycamore Estates	5,787.71	8.69				5,796.40
89440 Onyx Road Bond	25,248.55	37.91				25,286.46
89441 Pickering Road Bond	1,503.48	1.50		1,504.98		-
89422 Elm Street Road Bond	2,000.23	2.71				2,002.94
89443 Canal Street Road Bond	1,131.76	1.67				1,133.43
89444 Federal Hill Road Bond	42.66	42.61				85.27
89445 Farm Street Road Bond	5,505.09	8.25				5,513.34
89446 Lincoln Street Road Bond	1,519.87	1.43		1,521.30		-
89448 Austin St Road Bond	-	3,003.77				3,003.77
89449 Mill River Road Bond	-	500.41				500.41
Accounts Payable	-					8,797.00
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	807,443.40	176,917.23		175,958.70		814,062.11
Total Trust & Agency Funds						8,655,162