

2019

# 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: 8806  
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 2019 TAX RATE: \$18.86. 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 3,686 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	
POSITION	NAME
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	ANDREAS, JESSIKA
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	SCHANDELMAYER-DAVIS, FRANSCENA B
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	CAREY, JEREMIAH
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KEEGAN, MARGARET T
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KELLENBERGER, GARY
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	MORIN, LYNN J
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KEEFE, LAURIE
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	BEAUREGARD, THOMAS SCOTT
COLLECTOR TREASURER	BIK, KASEY
CONSTABLE	CUNNINGHAM, JAMES M
CONSTABLE	RIVET, RYE
CONSTABLE	BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E
CONSTABLE	MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL A
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, KEVIN J
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, PETER C, SR
HEALTH/BOARD OF	BROWN, TIMOTHY
MODERATOR	POIRIER, MARK N
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	SCANLAN, BRIAN J
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	GILBERT, ROBERT D
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	COX, DONALD C
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	BRIGGS, KIMBERLY
PLANNING BOARD	BEBEAU, OWEN T
PLANNING BOARD	MARVELLE, PAUL E
PLANNING BOARD	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
PLANNING BOARD	CATALANO, ANTHONY, SR
PLANNING BOARD	VAN DYKE, KIRK
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	GREENE, TAYLOR R
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	KEEFE, DANIEL P
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	RIVET, GERALD P
TOWN CLERK	SULLIVAN, TARA C

<b>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</b>	
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
ADA COORDINATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	GILMORE, GREGORY
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
ASSESSORS/ADMIN ASSISTANT	GEIGER, JAN
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	SULLIVAN, CHARLES F, JR
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	BOUVIER, ERIC R
B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM	MERCIER, PAUL E
BUILDING INSPECTOR	SPERONI, ROBERT J
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASST MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	VATER, EARL
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRODERICK, JOSEPH A
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY M
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	DUBOIS, ROBERT
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	JOHNATHAN J SAVOIE
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY M
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	BEBEAU, OWEN T
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	BIK, KASEY A
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	STRAPPONI, COLLEEN
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	JORDAN, KEVIN
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER	LEMOINE, KELSEY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	DALEY, MICHELE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	COMBS, BONNIE J
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	BAILLIE, ALLAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, JAMES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PITLER, JAMES P
COUNCIL ON AGING	WINGATE, JULIE
COUNCIL ON AGING	DRAKE, AUDREY
COUNCIL ON AGING	KEIZER, DEBRA L
COUNCIL ON AGING	CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE
COUNCIL ON AGING	DILIBERO, JAMES
COUNCIL ON AGING/DIRECTOR	KEEFE, LAURIE S
CULTURAL COUNCIL	GETTLESON, JUDITH

CULTURAL COUNCIL	WIGGLESWORTH, LYNNE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CLARK, SUZANNE C
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CARDOZA, CHRISTINE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	MCGILVRAY, LINDA
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ST JEAN, JOYCE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	WINGATE, JULIE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ROBIDOUX, DIANE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DOBECK, MARYANN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	WEISSMAN, BRAD R
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CIAK, RANDY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ROBINSON, JACQUELYN M
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	NORCROSS-MELSON, CATHERINE
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, KATHRYN M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WALSH, AMY C
FINANCE COMMITTEE	NICOL, ROSS J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BULSO, MARY E
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SAVOIE, JOHNATHAN JOSEPH
FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
HEALTH AGENT	STRAPPONI, COLLEEN
HEALTH INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	LEMAY, MARC
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	GUILBEAULT, RICHARD J
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEMERS, SUSAN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	TENEROWICZ, SUSAN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	POWERS, CAROLYN
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	BOYKO, PAULETTE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	CHEEVER, LISA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	DOBECK, MARYANN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GILLIS, KELLY L
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN

LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
MEAT INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	JACOB, PAUL
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SCANLAN, BRIAN J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MICHAEL H
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ANDERSON, WAYNE
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ANDERSON, ALLYSON
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SULLIVAN, JAMES
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	PATERSON, DONALD
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RYAN, PETER C, SR
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MARK N
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	GILBERT, ROBERT D
MILK INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PARKING CLERK	GILMORE, GREGORY
PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR, ACTING	PAIGE, JAMES R
PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR/ASSISTANT	PATERSON, KURTIS
POLICE MATRON	WEBER, BETTINA A
POLICE/CHIEF OF	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	KEYES, DANIEL M
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	SWEENEY, MICHAEL
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	KEEFE, LAURIE
POLICE/PATROLMEN	PAVONE, MICHAEL F, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	DAIGLE, PATRICK
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LAUDON, DAVID
POLICE/PATROLMEN	TAPPAN, GREGORY W
POLICE/PATROLMEN	JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER

POLICE/SERGEANT	LUIS, KEVIN C
POLICE/SERGEANT	MANTONI, MATHEW S
POLICE/SERGEANT	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/SERGEANT	HURWITZ, MAXWELL
PRELIMINARY SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER	BIK, KASEY A
PROCUREMENT OFFICER	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	GILMORE, GREGORY
PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT OF/SEC	PATERSON, KELLY P
PUBLIC WORKS, SUPT OF	SULLIVAN, JAMES M
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	DOYLE, DANIEL T
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	COHEN, JOEL L
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	SULLIVAN, TARA C
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	GREENWALD, MARC J V
SEL-TN ADM/ADM ASSISTANT	NADEAU-LEMOINE, SANDY M
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	ZAHORSKY, LAUREN
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	BARRETT, LAUREN
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT	VAILLANCOURT, ALISON N
TOWN COUNSEL	COSTELLO, PATRICK J
TREE WARDEN/MOTH SUPT	MARCOTTE, KENNETH
VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF	CLEARY, ANNMARIE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	SAWYER, CHARLES J
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	GREENHALGH, ROY J
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	DEVLIN, THOMAS F
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PATERSON, ROBERT BRUCE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PARMENTIER, JOHN
WATER FILTRATION BUILDING COMMITTEE	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
WATER FILTRATION BUILDING COMMITTEE	KEEFE, DANIEL P
WIRING INSPECTOR	CASAVANT, CRAIG R
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	DIONNE, DAVID J
WOONSOCKET REG WASTEWATER COMM	KEEFE, DANIEL P
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	BELROSE, JOSEPH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	GREGOIRE, MARC
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE

## Resignations 2019

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Resignation Date</b>
Director of Veteran Services	Marcus Chad Moore	2/1/2019
Assistant Town Accountant	Patricia Dubois	2/8/2019
Board of Health	William Walsh	2/13/2019
Finance Committee	Jacob St. Amant	3/5/2019
BMRSD School Committee	Bethan Dunton	3/8/2019
Historical Commission (Alternate)	Carolyn Powers	5/6/2019
Assistant Collector	Jan Geiger	4/17/2019
Cultural Council	Suzanne Clark	7/22/2019
Police Chief	Ross Atstupenas	7/2019
Assistant Town Clerk	Donna Bik	8/1/2019
Town Clerk Office Assistant	Julie Picard	8/1/2019
Library Board of Trustees	Linda Hemphill	9/20/2019
Historical Commission	Susan Demers	10/3/2019
Housing Authority	Robert Drainville	11/5/2019
Housing Authority	Robert Jackson	11/13/2019
Police Patrolman	Daniel Giardino	12/1/2019

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the residents of Blackstone:

The Board of Selectmen presents for your consideration the 174th Annual Town Report.

The Town has once again received an AA+ rating from Standard and Poor's. We have continued to maintain a strong financial position due to the cooperation of Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, along with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Town's Financial Team.

Over the past year the Board of Selectmen has been diligently addressing and solving matters on behalf of the residents of the Town of Blackstone; ie., Lincoln Street Bridge project, ANP Power Plant agreement, Cable Policies and Procedures and Programming, Police Department, Host Community Agreements for cannabis retailers and many others. The Board has taken a head on approach on any matter that arises, which has proven to be very effective.

The Lincoln Street Bridge project completed in September with little interruption. Selectwoman Margaret Bik and I, acting on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, as well as Department of Public Works Superintendent James Sullivan, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes and Senator Ryan Fattman worked together in a coordinated effort to expedite the replacement of the culvert. The final product is visible a year and a half later at a cost of \$675,000, with \$200,000 reimbursement from the state. A cost savings of nearly \$2.4 million from what was originally proposed in 1999.

The ANP Power Plant agreement was set to expire in 2020. The Board negotiated very favorable terms with executives from the plant that will continue to assist in financing the town with approximately a \$600,000 increase yearly over the next 10 years. There were no objections at the Special Town Meeting to the Board's recommendation and the vote was unanimous.

The Board has been working diligently with the Superintendent of Schools to resolve building and roof issues at the JFK/AFM Complex. Together we have been able to accomplish a great deal. The Superintendent has also been instrumental with the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee.

The Board has entered into two Host Community Agreements with local cannabis retailers. The Town proceeded with a great deal of caution with the safety and welfare of our residents at the forefront.

Over the past year the Board has asked that all Board and Commission meetings be televised to keep residents informed. We were able to complete a comprehensive Cable Policy and Procedures for governmental and non-governmental programming.

The Board welcomed new member Taylor Greene. Selectwoman Greene has a no-nonsense approach and has proven to be a great choice by voters. The Board would like to welcome Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police, Kasey Bik, Collector/Treasurer, and Tara Sullivan, Town Clerk to our team. We wish them great success.

The Board would also like to thank Claudette Dolinski, Donna Bik and Julie Picard for their many years of dedicated service.

The Board of Selectmen encourages all residents to get involved and would like to thank the residents on all boards, committees and commissions who dedicate themselves to our community.

The Board of Selectmen

Daniel P. Keefe, Chairman  
Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman  
Robert J. Dubois, Clerk

Gerald P. Rivet, Member  
Taylor Greene, Member

## Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of the Town of Blackstone:

Blackstone is managed by an experienced team of professionals with many years of dedicated service. All department heads and members of our team continue to focus on maintaining the level of service that Blackstone residents expect and to seek efficiencies in the delivery of these services to control cost.

Importantly, the financial leadership of the Town, ie., Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Assessor, Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, continue to take fiscally prudent steps to ensure that we are successfully managing the Town.

The fiscal year operating budget of \$25,826,025 was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting. As has been true for many years, no proposition 2 1/2 override was necessary. The Town's financial condition is "good" as stated in our Fiscal Year Audit for 2019. A Standard & Poor's rating of AA+ credit rating was assigned to the Town's general obligation bond, which is its second highest and signifies that the Town has a very strong capacity to meet its financial obligations. The report also states that the Town's current low level of debt, compiled with improvements made to its operations, has given the town good budgeting flexibility to meet its growing needs.

The General Fund budget is financed with funds generated from property taxes, local motor vehicle excise taxes, state aid, transfers from other level sources, investment earnings on temporarily available cash balances and other local fees.

[www.townofblackstonema.org](http://www.townofblackstonema.org) is a wealth of information, including copies of warrant articles, PILOT agreement, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, Assessor's database, town employee email addresses, and government access on-demand to provide up to date information regarding operations of Town government. Residents can review meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions.

This past year included the signing of a ten (10) year extension of the Town's PILOT program with ANP, with an annual increase of \$600,000 or an additional six (6) million dollars over the life of the contract. This will continue to allow our Town to fund its present debt service and later into new debt service obligations approved by the residents.

To get a more in-depth view of the Town's financial outlook, please visit our website. We welcome you to join one of our Boards, Committees or Commissions to help us continue to make Blackstone a better place to live and work.

To the employees of the Town, Police and Fire Departments, Police Dispatch, Department of Public Works, and to all the dedicated men and women on our Boards, Committees and Commissions I want to thank you for your commitment to a better Blackstone.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Keyes  
Town Administrator

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2019, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court and labor/personnel grievance 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, real estate transactions, zoning/building code enforcement, inter-municipal agreements, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings, local cable television access/ programming policy, public facility construction/ improvement agreements, Regional School District matters and other general legal issues. Of particular significance during the past year were proceedings relative to multiple employee grievances and other personnel matters within the Police Department, a resultant comprehensive investigation of the management and operation of the Police Department, several Board of Health enforcement proceedings, and the negotiation of host community agreements relative to retail marijuana establishments in Town pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94G and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

A summary of the material litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January 2019 to the present is set forth below.

### **Board of Health v. Jennifer Cadero-Gillette Uxbridge District Court Civil Action**

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 Milk Street. The Board concluded that the property is a hoarding situation. After a hearing held on December 1, 2016. The Clerk-Magistrate ordered the defendant to clean up the property and to pay the Town \$4,600.00. The Board later observed additional and continuing violations and issued additional orders and fines. Again, the Court found, in the Board's favor, that the defendant had not made substantial progress in cleaning up the property and ordered her to pay fines totaling \$7,900.00. The Board then engaged the Office of the Attorney General to remediate the property as part of its abandoned property program. The AGO will appoint a receiver to oversee remediation of the property. As of January 2020, the defendant appears to have paid all debts due to the Town per order of the Court.

### **Linda Loring v. Town of Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals Worcester Superior Court Civil Action No. 1885CV00217**

This is an appeal from the zoning board's denial of plaintiff's application for a special permit to operate a dog kennel on her property at 16R Orchard Rd. which is located in an R-1/R-2 zoning district. Under the bylaws, kennels are not allowed in R-1 or R-2 zoning districts but may be allowed in all other districts with a special permit. We filed an answer to Plaintiff's Complaint which alleged that owning dogs for the purposes of breeding and training is a matter of right under the agricultural exemption pursuant to G.L. c. 40A §3. Discovery was completed by the parties and it was stipulated that the matter could be resolved upon the filing of cross-motions for summary judgment. However, upon hearing on the Town's and Plaintiff's cross motions for summary judgment on February 14, 2019, the Court denied both motions citing alleged factual disputes.

A trial was held on December 2, 2019, at which time Plaintiff testified that she does not run a business and that she breeds and shows dogs as a hobby. The court issued its decision on December 13, 2019, remanding the case back to the ZBA for further consideration of the evidence Plaintiff presented at trial concerning the agricultural exemption. The court concluded that because Plaintiff did not present any evidence to support her qualifications for the zoning exemption as part of her special permit application to the Board that the court could neither affirm nor reverse the board's decision. Plaintiff, accordingly, must re-apply for the special permit and submit evidence that she qualifies for the zoning exemption. If the Board finds that she does not qualify for the exemption, she will have to obtain a special permit, however, special permits for kennels are not allowed in her zoning district. If the Board finds that she does qualify for the zoning exemption, then it cannot require her to obtain a special permit or, otherwise, subject her to unreasonable zoning regulation.

### **James DeWolfe – Chapter 13 Bankruptcy and Board of Health Violations at 26 Carole Lane**

The Town received notice of the property owner's Chapter 13 Bankruptcy filing after the Town received a notice from the homeowner's insurer about a water damage claim and after Board of Health inspectors conducted visual inspections of the exterior of the property and noted several violations. We filed a motion with the Court for leave to initiate the necessary cleanup of the property, which was granted. Shortly thereafter, we were notified that property owner had made significant progress on his own to clean up the property. During an inspection of the property with counsel, however, the owner allowed Town inspectors into the home and it was discovered that the boiler had been replaced without a proper permit. The home was unkempt, but otherwise appeared livable, except for some flooring and painting that needed to be completed. The property owner was also advised that he needed a permit to repair the garage walls. Further monitoring of the situation by Town Health inspectors will be maintained, as required.

### **Board of Health v. Bartels, et al. Worcester Superior Court**

This is an enforcement action by the Plaintiff, Town of Blackstone Board of Health ("Board") for violations of the State Sanitary Code at 105 CMR 400.550, 400.600, 400.602, 400.831 – 920, and 400.950, *et seq.*, and G.L. c. 111, §§127A and 127B by the Defendants, Randall K. Bartels, occupant and potential owner/heir; Chris Bartels and Delores Bartels, potential owners/heirs; and Richard Daniels, Maureen Hans, and Kolby Bartels occupants of 3 Mill Street Blackstone. In this case the Board sought and obtained a Court Order requiring the Defendants to comply with the Board's previous Orders to secure and vacate the property that it found to be Unfit for Human Habitation under the Code and ordered condemned under the Code. The Court ordered the defendants to vacate the property and then directed the Board to file a motion to convert the preliminary injunction into a permanent injunction. Once we receive the Court's Order on that motion this case will be closed.

We are honored to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone, and we remain committed to providing the Town with high quality, cost-effective, and timely legal advice and representation. We look forward to working with the Town Administrator, the Selectmen, and other officers, boards and agencies of the Town to secure and advance the interests of the Town in 2020.

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

**2019 Report of the Superintendent**

Dear Blackstone Community,

What an exciting nearly two years it has been! In last year’s report I was able to share a bit about my entry into the School District, lay out our District Improvement Strategy focusing on “The What”, “The How”, “The Whole Child” and “The Community”, and forecast a bit where we are going putting our strategy into action by creating our *Blueprint for District Improvement*.

Below, you will find the Blueprint laid out for your review. We are off to such a great start with this work making sure that ALL students are ready for college and career! After reviewing the Blueprint please do not hesitate to reachout me with any questions.



## Blackstone-Millville Regional School District

### Blueprint for District Improvement (2019-2022)

***“A District of One - 2,000 Strong!”***

***Our Vision:***  
 The Blackstone-Millville School District embodies an appreciation of life-long learning; excellence in individual and educational programs; and shared accountability among students, staff, parents, and citizens of the community. Everyone works together in an environment founded upon trust, integrity, fairness, open communication, and the belief that all students can learn.

***Our Purpose:***  
*To develop happy, healthy, and proficient students who are prepared for college, career, and community.*

***Our Work in Action:***  
**WHEN** we focus on the what, the how, the whole child, and the community, **THEN** we will develop happy, healthy, and proficient students who are prepared for college, career, and make a positive impact on their lives and the lives of others.

***Our District Core Values:***  
 Community, Achievement, Respect and Civility

Objectives	Priorities
<p><b><u>“The What” – Curriculum</u></b></p> <p>We will develop and align curriculum, assessments, and educator professional development to the demands of the MA Curriculum Frameworks.</p>	<p>-Develop a formal core curriculum and resource selection in the following areas: Science(2019), Literacy/ELA (2020), Secondary Social Studies grades 6-12 (2020), Mathematics (2021)</p> <p>-Review and evaluate current specialized programs and resources - Special Education, Response to Intervention, Reading Intervention, and English Language Learners</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Investigate and pilot different structures, materials and assessments within each of the specialized areas</li> <li>-Identify and implement a strengthened and aligned intervention program across and within each specialized area</li> <li>-Establish a standardized approach for creating, documenting and archiving ALL curriculum</li> <li>-Create a data-informed cycle to drive curriculum decisions including the use of authentic and common assessments, STAR data, and MCAS 2.0</li> <li>-Develop central, building, and classroom level leadership in curriculum development, evaluation, and implementation</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>“The How” – Instruction</u></b></p> <p>We will engage students by making learning purposeful and relevant, enhancing their academic self-concept, allow for students to show their learning in innovative and new ways, all while improving student personal growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Improve teaching and learning through the development and implementation of high-quality school improvement and staff development plans, school-based instructional leadership teams, and effective professional learning communities</li> <li>-Strengthen core instruction by implementing a common set of evidence-based instructional practices</li> <li>-Implement instructional supports to assist educators in strengthening their craft</li> <li>-Develop an aligned instructional focus across all schools</li> <li>-Develop central, building, and classroom level leadership in effective planning, teaching, and learning practices</li> <li>-Research, create, and implement innovative opportunities for all students to demonstrate their learning</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>“The Whole Child”</u></b></p> <p>We will engage the faculty and community in reducing/eliminating the non-academic barriers that prevent students from learning at their optimal level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Establish and maintain positive relationships throughout the entire school community</li> <li>-Identify and address academic and non-academic factors that hinder student learning and emotional development</li> <li>-Embed a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Framework in the Pre-K-12 curriculum</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Develop a tiered framework to address the SEL and behavioral needs of all students</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>“The Community”</u></b></p> <p>We will work side-by-side with the Blackstone and Millville communities to assist both towns in gaining a deeper understanding of today’s learners and how to support their growth for future positive impact on our towns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Establish productive two-way communication between schools, district, and home around our strengths, opportunities, and plans for improvement</li> <li>-Educate families and the community about each schools’ instructional focus and engage them in our efforts</li> <li>-Build partnerships within our community and across our region to strengthen college and workforce readiness opportunities for our students</li> <li>-Celebrate our students, staff, and communities</li> </ul>

Very respectfully,  
Jason DeFalco, EdD.  
Superintendent

## **Blackstone-Millville Regional High School 2019 Report of the Principal**

As an instructional leader, I firmly believe that reflective practice encourages insight and complex learning. This practice also fosters curiosity and allows us to make meaning of the world around us. The end of the calendar 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 growing achievements at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School. During this past year, we have developed a clear instructional focus for the high school. Our goal is to improve critical thinking skills in all students in order to develop proficient problem solvers. As a school, we believe that if we focus on this goal, our students will be better prepared for college, career and community. I am confident that our staff will help us meet this goal.

The 2019 school year was highlighted by the forty-ninth Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening, the seventh of June. Class advisors, Mrs. Susan Desilets and Mrs. Tracey Ducharme led the one hundred and seven graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Jason DeFalco, Ed.D presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Miss Mikayla Martinelli, Salutatorian Miss Rebecca St. Amant, and class president Mr. Cameron Cerundolo, delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The graduated class also invited fellow alum, Dr. Deanna Carty, as featured speaker. 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 colleges and universities graduates are currently attending include University of Massachusetts, Worcester State College, Franklin Pierce University, Salve Regina University, Suffolk University, and the University of New Hampshire.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2020 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: University of Oregon, Assumption College, Stonehill College, Suffolk University, and the University of Massachusetts. Additional academic accolades include an increased number of students earning Advanced Placement Honors and Honors with distinction, as well as receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for academic distinction on the Massachusetts MCAS assessments.

In addition, Dr. Jason DeFalco, our superintendent of schools, continues to lead our district with a focused approach to meeting the needs of our students. The formation of our strategic plan and high school improvement plan will guide our school community around the four pillars of curriculum, instruction, whole child, and community. We have also hosted several community outings, including the Community Fun Run as well as our Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner. Under his leadership, this district continues to support our students and staff.

As we reflect upon matching student interests and needs with the learning opportunities offered in our high school, I am proud to announce that engaging course offerings have increased this past year. Our program of studies has added an Introduction to Marketing class as well as an Introduction to Business and Entrepreneurship. As a member of the PBS Student Report Learning Labs, students continue to produce high quality videos and have been featured on national broadcasts. In addition, the high school has partnered with the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation to offer manufacturing courses at their learning hub.

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, sending out digital Valentine's Day Cards to patients at Boston Children's Hospital, and collecting hats and mittens for those in need and the Empty Bowl dinner.

The high school's recognized "GOLD" 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 annual state conference in Hyannis, the MASC Spring training conference, as well as multiple regional conferences. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising and community efforts including an "autism awareness" drive, as well as participated in the Central Mass Winter Day of Service. Students also participated as "fans in the stands" at the Special Olympics/Unified Sports event, and attended the Opening Ceremonies for Special Olympics in Boston. The high school Student Council has also worked closely with our middle school, hosting leadership workshops to it's student members.

Many other department initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering and exploring their talents and interests. Our BMR robotics and technology program continues to grow and expand, utilizing 3-D printers to design and model prototypes. Under the direction of staff and student leaders, our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances. 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.

Our middle and high school musicians had a memorable 2019 that continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, both curricular and co-curricular groups achieved accolades and honors. In March, the Jazz Ensemble received a GOLD medal at the Central District Jazz Festival at Nipmuc High School. The High School Winter Guard won 1st Place in their Division at NESBA Winter Guard Championships. In April, the Concert Band received a silver medal at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association festival and the Wind Ensemble received a GOLD medal and performed at Symphony Hall in Boston. Additionally, three students scored in the top 25% on their instrument at the Central Massachusetts Music Festival. Most significantly, our Marching Band won Division 4 National Championships at Metlife Stadium, claiming the three major caption awards: Best Music, Best Visual, Best Overall Effect. En route to their championship, the marching band completed an undefeated season that also included winning New England State Championships.

"Charger Pride" continues to grow on the athletic fields and courts. Student-athletes have opportunities to learn and lead others through their involvement in MIAA conferences and workshops. BMR's student-athlete numbers continue to grow in several sports and we look forward to seeing them in our colors - purple and gold.

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. Our common goal to continue the great efforts of our district, while setting high goals for all will remain our focus. During the school year, we have met our goals and continue to close achievement gaps. Let us continue to build a strong community together!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael E. Dudek  
Principal

## **Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School 2019 Report of the Principal**

### **Instructional Focus - Chargers Come Fully Charged**

This year, we have implemented a variety of strategies to support our students in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers both academically and emotionally. Through professional development from Focused Schools, the implementation of our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) with faculty and student input, we were able to collaborate and roll out our student-friendly focus of *Chargers Come Fully Charged*. We also looked at our students' internal and external assessment data to develop an evidence-based teacher practice utilized by all departments. The staff collaborated and chose to work on our students' writing skills by using the ASE (answer the question, support with specific evidence, and explain your support in your own words) writing model. 100% of the staff has tied their student learning SMART goal to the evidence-based teacher practice of using the ASE approach to persevere through difficult questions asked within the classroom. The staff has also aligned this practice to better fit the structure of how material is taught within their class as well as how the teacher assesses this skill. All departments have implemented and are tracking students' progress with this model.

In keeping with the district initiative of developing the whole child, our building-based Social Emotional Learning (SEL) team has rolled out the implementation of the *Choose Love* curriculum. To date, we have focused on creating safe, supportive classrooms as well as the character traits of courage and gratitude.

In addition, as administration visits classrooms throughout each week the look-fors have been focused on the rigor of the lesson being taught, student engagement, and the use of the ASE writing protocol. We will continue to work on the following as we finish the year:

- Continue ILT work by meeting bi-weekly
- Utilize the Newsela website/program as an additional tool to implement ASE
- Utilize the IXL website/program for targeted interventions in core content classes
- Continue to implement Choose Love curriculum (forgiveness, compassion in action)
- Continuing to work on ways to create safe, supportive classrooms and school
- Continued integration of 1:1 devices through the use of Google Classroom

### **Enrollment**

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School greeted 417 students for the school year on August 28, 2019.

As of January 3, 2020, the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6 137 students

Grade 7 151 students

Grade 8 124 students

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well-rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in Humanities, math, science, reading, art, physical education, wellness, spanish, science technology engineering math (STEM), and STEM/Technology. Students can enroll in band and/or chorus as an elective class.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra (grade 7), Algebra/Algebra 1 (grade 8), science, world history (grade 7), civics (grade 8), art, physical education, wellness, spanish, science technology engineering math (STEM), and STEM/Technology. Students can enroll in band and/or chorus as an elective class. Grade 8 students also have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish 1 or Virtual Middle School.

Our Growth in ELA and Math (GEM) intervention classes are assigned to students using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA). This year, teachers have implemented two new intervention programs (ELA - LanguageLive) and math (Vmath) both of which have an online component as well as teacher-directed instruction.

### **Extra-curricular Opportunities**

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead our students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs sponsored by our HMS PTO continue to vary. Some of the most recent ones include: Hoops for Life Club, Flag Football Club, Photography Club, Lego Club, Trading Card Club, Book Club, Coding Club, Cursive and Calligraphy Club, and Ski Club.

Musical opportunities (beyond band and chorus 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 Start with Hello Week campaign, a canned food drive, holiday food baskets, and a winter clothing drive.

### **Parent-Teacher Organization**

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising for our students by hosting several school-wide events. New this year was a very successful Color Run that was held in the fall. The next large fundraising event will be our Second Annual Dodgeball Competition just before our winter recess. These funds have helped to provide support towards field trips, assemblies, dances/socials, honor roll breakfast, summer reading books, and other special events.

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 / A.F. Maloney Elementary Complex 2019 Report of the Principal**

### **Introduction:**

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of John F. Kennedy/A.F. Maloney Elementary School. Our district goal really captures the heart of education, “A DISTRICT OF ONE - 2,000 STRONG”. The staff, leadership, students and families take great pride in our school and work together to make JFK/AFM a great place to accomplish this goal. Students were welcomed back to school on August 28, 2019. 270 students at JFK and 294 students at AFM, a total of 564 students in grades K through 5 and 80 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning.

### **Infrastructure:**

I would begin with the infrastructure development in our school and face lift given to the complex. The JFK building received a complete replacement of the windows. Secured front doors were also installed at both JFK and AFM, thus ensuring the safety and security of students and staff. Most of the construction was completed prior to the first day of school. The remaining construction was completed on the weekends. While the construction was going on in the JFK building, the hallways of AFM were filled with furniture while our custodial crew cleaned the rooms for the upcoming school year. AFM was transformed from furniture piled high, bare walls in the classrooms and hallways to a welcoming learning environment. Teachers continued to work throughout the summer to prepare for a new year of teaching and learning. I would like to thank Mr. Dennis LaRose, our Head Custodian. Under his guidance, our custodial staff worked tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. All of the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: JFK/AFM students.

### **Parent and Community**

The Blackstone Elementary Parents Organization (BEPO) worked tirelessly this summer to plan events to support and enrich our students' learning. During the summer, a Maker Space room was created in order to provide the opportunity to prepare students with critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). It provides hands on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence. Some of the skills that are learned in a makerspace pertain to electronics, 3D modeling, coding, robotics and even woodworking. On October 9th, BEPO kicked off our 3rd annual MOVE-A-THON fundraiser event with a visit from our school mascot. Through this event, this school community was able to raise \$34, 683! In addition, BEPO, community members and the JFK/AFM staff joined together in November for our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Party, which was attended by over 300 students. A huge thank you to BEPO for supporting our after-school clubs, field trip buses, in-school assemblies, and more.

### **Academic Excellence**

Achieving academic excellence is at the heart of our endeavors for our school. We are working to improve and better our academic performance. This year, we are continuing the Empowering Writers professional development for grades K through 5. Empowering Writers emphasizes a

unique approach to writing instruction, emphasizing the connection between good writing skills and literacy achievement as a whole. In addition, we also focused on digging deeper into the Envisions Math Program. Teachers received professional development at our September PD Day. Kindergarten teachers also received training and coaching on the new version of Envisions, in order to better align with grades 1-5. Students are also challenged with the Problem of the Month, which is posted monthly to challenge students' thinking and strengthen their problem solving skills. During the month of November, the Instructional Leadership Team lead our teachers to re-evaluate our Instructional Focus Statement. Our revised Instructional Focus Statement, "Students will use evidence based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas" helps define our instructional work for the school year. The focus is broad and it covers all classrooms. As a school, if we are successful with our focus, students will grow and prosper as learners. We want all stakeholders (students, parents, community members, teachers, staff, and administration) to understand our focus and understand ways to support the school community in achieving its goals. Each stakeholder group will have time to unpack the instructional focus so that everyone will be on the same page with making ALL JFK/AFM students successful.

### **Social-Emotional and Positive Behavior Initiative**

In addition to academic excellence, our focus this year continues to be on the social and emotional needs of our students. We have implemented the Choose Love program district-wide. At the Complex, our adjustment counselors teach the components of Choose Love (COURAGE, GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS, and COMPASSION IN ACTION) during guidance instructional time. These four character values are easy to learn and, when practiced with fidelity by individuals, can strengthen their resilience, ability to manage emotions – and even their physical health.

This year, we will redefine our efforts to plan for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) to become imbedded in our school day as well as finding ways to support expected behaviors and recognizing positive choices. The Complex has monthly school spirit days. We continue to work to find ways to recognize those who meet our three R's of schoolwide expectations - **R**espectful, **R**esponsible and **R**eady to Learn. Citizens of the Month are nominated for their consistent modeling of the Charger values by being: **C**ooperative, **H**onest, **A**ttentive, **R**espectful, **G**ood-Hearted, demonstrating **E**ffort, and **R**esponsible. Activities are planned for these students, allowing them the opportunity to pay it forward to the community. In addition, a Student Ambassadors Program was developed this year. The Student Ambassadors Program is a group of 3rd – 5th grade students who serve the JFK/AFM Elementary Complex student body, their families and staff by promoting school spirit, planning and implementing character building opportunities and providing assistance to staff as needed. On November 27th, some AFM students rang in Thanksgiving break with our first Turkey Bowl. Grade 3-5 students took on teachers in a game of flag football and won by 15-10. The rest of the student body cheered the student team on. It was such a wonderful time for both teachers and students and we look forward to making this an annual tradition. Thank you to Officer Laudon, our school resource officer, for being part of our team!

### **Data Analysis**

During the Spring of 2020, students in grades 3-5 will participate in MCAS testing. Since late September, our teachers, along with the administration team, have been working on analyzing data from the 2019 MCAS. Our team identified areas of concern for each grade level. This data analysis process allows the teachers to rethink their instruction and make any adjustments to close the gaps.

To our School Committee, I thank you for recognizing the challenges we face to meet the needs of all our learners and for doing your due diligence to certify a budget that strives to meet the needs of BMR. I would like to thank all of our families who support student learning at home and also here at school. You are the first educator for your child and continue to be a critical part of your child's learning.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our teachers and staff at the Complex. Teachers, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Lee, all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none and I am extremely proud to be working alongside them. Teachers can now eat lunch and collaborate with each other in comfort, thanks to a donation by Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses. The business delivered two new dining room sets for one of the teacher rooms. The furnishings replace a mismatched mix of tables and chairs that used to fill the room. It was a nice way to show our staff and faculty our appreciation for them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenny Chan-Remka, Ed.D  
Principal, John F. Kennedy/A. F. Maloney Elementary Complex

## **Millville Elementary School 2019 Report of the Principal**

Throughout the summer, the hallways of MES were filled with furniture while our custodial crew, lead by head custodian, Richard Lanctot, shampooed the carpets, scrubbed and waxed the classroom floors and hallways. I would like to thank Mr. Lanctot and Mr. Lipsett, along with other custodial personnel for their hard work this summer helping to clean our school and get it ready for our staff and students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Students were welcomed back to school on August 28, 2019. 256 students in Preschool through grade 5 and 59 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning. This year we continued our drop-off/pick-up procedure. We have made a few tweaks to aid with the traffic flow. Our procedure is in full swing and running smoothly.

The Millville Elementary School Parents' Association (MESPA) worked tirelessly again this summer to plan events to support and enrich our students' learning. On September 5th, MESPA kicked off our Mustangs on the Move fundraiser event with a visit from our school mascot. Students learned some cheers, danced and received wristbands as a reminder. In addition, MESPA and the MES staff joined together on September 6th for our annual Ice Cream Social. Staff served ice cream and all of the toppings to our MES students and their families. There were 360 in attendance at the event. The weather was beautiful, but due to EEE families congregated in the cafeteria. On October 3rd, MES held the Mustangs on the Move fundraising event to support programs for our school. Parents created obstacles that the students were to complete involving physical movement, problem solving and different content areas. The event was held in the gymnasium and on the hard top. This event was enjoyed by staff and students while raising funds for MESPA to support events and programs at our school. A huge thank you to MESPA for supporting our after-school clubs, field trip buses, pizza for both Student of the Month and Literacy lunches. Our staff also supported our community with the annual Halls-o-ween event at the end of October, the Santa Social and the annual Toys for Tots drive in December. We appreciate the effort that MESPA went through applying for and receiving a Millville Cultural Council grant for Mobile Ed Productions Sky Dome Planetarium presentation in November.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff have identified a School-wide Instructional Focus and a Student Friendly version as well. We had a contest for students to illustrate the focus for posters for our school. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them to grow through using the best instructional practices and continuing to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data examination. Over the next several years, we have a focus and a plan to examine our curriculum across the district. Our teachers have piloted Science Curriculum and we have decided to move forward with a program. The Literacy Committee has been formed has reviewing literacy curriculum for students in Kindergarten through grade 12.

This year, we created our School Improvement Plan (SIP) in a different format than we have in the past. Our Instructional Leadership Team members assisted with drafting this document. We used data from MCAS, Fountas & Pinnell assessments and the STAR reading and math assessment to make a plan. We are shifting toward providing professional development in areas identified by our School Improvement Plan. Our goal is to provide staff with what they need for their professional growth.

In the Spring of 2020, all students in grades 3 through 5 will participate in computer-based MCAS testing. Our technology support, under the guidance of our Network and Integration Administrator, as well as our technology staff, are working to ensure infrastructure and hardware readiness as well as student familiarity with the testing format.

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Support Team has selected a K through 12 social emotional program called Choose Love. Our school adjustment counselor, Mrs. Moreau, goes into all K through 5 classrooms to teach these lessons and students are encouraged to complete weekly activities to put these into action. All student work is displayed in our school. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action. To encourage appropriate behavior, we hold a "Student of the Month" Lunch with the Principal to recognize students' ability to model our school's expected behavior each month.

Thank you to all of our families who are a critical part of their student's learning with supporting learning at home and at school.

I would like to thank all of our staff here at Millville Elementary School. All teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. O'Neil are such an important piece in our students' day. I am extremely proud to be leading a school where the staff are extremely dedicated to the personal and educational well-being of all students.

In closing, I would like to thank the School Committee and the townspeople for helping our schools have the tools necessary to support all learners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina M. Shafer  
Principal, Millville Elementary School

**2019 Salary Listing**

Abisla, Stephanie P	\$82,820.00	Laberge, Kaitlyne M	\$681.00
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$90,103.25	Labossiere, Angelique M	\$6,797.23
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$19,855.16	Labrie, Lauri A	\$25,385.17
Akers, Brianne E	\$16,528.14	Lacroix, Tina M	\$59,638.50
Alberto, Devon M	\$731.25	Lafferty, Cerissa L	\$22,224.78
Alexandrowicz, Jean L	\$8,055.00	LaFortune, Lisa W	\$47,475.65
Allard, Denise L	\$31,331.78	Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$4,947.92
Allard, Pamela J	\$69,478.81	Lanctot, Richard J	\$50,360.42
Allen, Courtney B	\$52,614.04	Landry, Mary J	\$75.00
Allen, Stacy L	\$17,814.78	Landry, Richard N	\$49,145.77
Amylon, Philip M	\$47,564.31	Landry, Steven J	\$3,215.00
Andrade, Denise M	\$24,496.93	Landry, Susan A	\$30,425.62
Anniballi, Aaron W	\$21,525.18	Langone, Kerri	\$81,397.50
Archambault, Joseph E	\$1,065.00	Lanoue, Stephanie S	\$13,749.85
Arroyas, Ann R	\$55,454.28	Laporte, Janis H	\$102,904.00
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$12,341.18	Laren, Norma C	\$79,717.50
Bacon, Paul M	\$52,510.99	LaRose, Dennis J	\$55,479.54
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$54,990.66	Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$20,738.74
Badeau, Brooke D	\$53,940.56	Latraverse, Debra	\$12,264.16
Bak, Tracy J	\$14,003.72	Le-Gagne, Thien- Phuong T	\$10,927.63
Baldini, Ann M	\$15,675.62	Leavitt, Jessica E	\$19,013.57
Balliro, Gertrude I	\$60.00	LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$64,983.29
Bania, Mary T	\$60,594.24	Leclair, Daisy S	\$1,481.25
Barbato, Jessica A	\$23,789.91	Lee, Linda P	\$43,683.55
Barber, Wendy S	\$23,147.73	Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$82,392.00
Barton, Melissa J	\$50,871.28	Levitre, Suzanne E	\$45,336.00
Bartusek, Karen E	\$22,698.63	Lewis, Joshua R	\$5,782.50
Basal, Linda	\$19,442.50	Lipsett, Edward F	\$28,750.42
Beaudry, Leonard	\$15,914.10	Lockwood, Amy E	\$6,570.00
Beaven, Donna M	\$7,756.17	Loomis, Anita L	\$1,672.33
Bellefontaine, Tara A	\$3,520.00	Lovejoy, Dana V	\$8,039.02
Bent, Carol A	\$1,668.75	Lovely, Mary E	\$58,615.58
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$76,140.00	MacRae, Ryan J	\$1,050.00
Blanchard, Michele M	\$81,592.00	Mages, Karen K	\$120.00
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$79,781.50	Maloney, Ann P	\$25,362.40
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$86,290.00	Maloney, Deborah A	\$31,509.18
Bourassa, Susan D	\$16,774.47	Marcotte, Madison G	\$825.00
Bourgeois, Jessica A	\$1,785.00	Marcotte, Nicholas N	\$65,266.67
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$83,689.25	Markle, Van V	\$7,732.50
Bouzan, Sean M	\$54,984.67	Marlborough, Carrie A	\$26,163.00
Boyan, William J	\$12,128.26	Marsh, Lori E	\$6,394.42
Boyko, Michael	\$1,808.40	Marston, Brooke A	\$4,320.00
Boyle, Lauren M	\$27,360.78	Marszalkowski, Daniel A	\$21,902.04
Brandin, Frances	\$2,362.50	Martineau, Erin R	\$48,237.15
Breault, Karen J	\$43,668.02	Martinelli, Christine J	\$25,437.89
Breen, Molly K	\$53,783.84	Martino-Harms, Andrea J	\$68,532.14
Briar, Kristin A	\$15,426.13	Martins, Kevin M	\$42,142.25
Brienze, Denise E	\$50,787.11	Martufi, Caitlin P	\$69,628.79

Brown, Carol A	\$70,511.78	Maurice, Jamie A	\$80,213.75
Brown, Lynn M	\$4,567.50	Maxwell-Rounds, Lisa A	\$68,899.43
Buteau, Karen E	\$26,501.06	McCall, Candace M	\$20,980.17
Capezio, Kristin E	\$9,869.07	McCormick, W John	\$82,718.25
Carlson, Katherine W	\$69,699.43	McCourt, Kevin M	\$82,876.98
Carpentier, Jamie L	\$17,011.93	McCrum, Kelly A	\$53,368.72
Carson, Lauren M	\$77,181.71	McNamara, Keith M	\$73,538.29
Carty, Monica M	\$63,291.71	Medeiros, Jessica S	\$69,699.43
Chan-Remka, Jenny	\$55,150.01	Menard, Jacqueline A	\$23,717.86
Chaplin, Victoria A	\$21,902.43	Menard, Megan L	\$62,180.13
Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$75,973.42	Mignanelli, Barbara	\$78,496.25
Chase, Louise W	\$82,098.50	Mohamed, Bamby L	\$6,417.50
Chesters, Christine N	\$2,541.00	Monroe, Bradford A	\$11,387.50
Clark, Lisa D	\$57,158.72	Moreau, Linda A	\$79,051.50
Cole, Jill M	\$68,579.63	Morel, Henry P	\$13,172.64
Colgan, Susan M	\$72,202.29	Morin, Diane M	\$60,615.70
Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$65,654.47	Morrisson, Kelly L	\$1,912.45
Connors, Mary A	\$75.00	Morse, Joseph R	\$1,594.69
Conti, Carol M	\$79,096.71	Moschera, Nicole L	\$1,225.00
Cordova, Donna M	\$17,569.86	Munns, William J	\$29,113.70
Costa, Maria	\$83,731.50	Murphy, Dawn M	\$3,836.00
Costello, Diane L	\$19,716.43	Murphy, Eileen S	\$20,770.95
Cote, Brooke K	\$46,386.20	Murray, Meghan M	\$16,528.14
Cote, Esther H	\$81,899.00	Nagelschmidt, Mary J	\$48,865.15
Couture, Steven E	\$62,360.63	Najarian, Robin A	\$79,699.00
Covino, Diane J	\$14,646.56	Nerbonne, Jean M	\$23,202.84
Cox, Katelyn M	\$29,137.40	Newman, Colette L	\$84,019.00
Crandall, Jennifer R	\$9,080.74	Nikosey, Cathleen H	\$57,816.78
Crear, Jacob M	\$5,145.50	Nneji, Lynne M	\$79,699.00
Crocker, Elizabeth H	\$12,482.97	Northup, Jacob K	\$53,322.71
Cunningham, Marcia D	\$81,199.00	Nunes, Gemeniano A	\$36,465.40
Curran, Jeffrey M	\$80,282.75	O'Connor, Ally E	\$2,700.00
Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	\$105,299.96	O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$45,586.00
Cusack, Sharon K	\$24,931.20	Olbrys, Maria S	\$77,135.00
D'Andrea, Tara J	\$59,585.72	Oliveira, Rachel R	\$29,477.42
D'Eletto, Nicholas M	\$66,375.58	Pacheco, Taralee R	\$2,700.00
Dansereau, Linda A	\$78,514.96	Paine, Ashley D	\$900.00
Davia, Janine M	\$64,236.14	Palinkas, Shannon K	\$120.00
Davidge, Debra A	\$23,512.12	Parenteau, Jennifer M	\$54,343.82
Davies, Mary F	\$4,387.34	Pasceri, Rebecca A	\$6,111.48
Davis, Karyn A	\$20,990.36	Pedorella, Maria	\$2,756.25
Dean, Shannon M	\$8,812.50	Pelland, Michaela R	\$51,329.72
DeFalco, Jason V	\$163,750.00	Pilibosian, Carol A	\$9,168.75
Degrange, Bernadette G	\$600.00	Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$111,234.88
Demers, Lisa M	\$80,432.50	Pilling, Christopher S	\$72,165.72
Denomme, Elise A	\$73,601.72	Plante-Goldstein, Sharon	\$2,062.50
DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$150.00	Poirier, Angela M	\$73,930.22
Dery, Diane M	\$22,892.99	Poirier, Jessica R	\$12,948.72
Deschamps, Lisa A	\$24,241.15	Poirier, Rae Ann M	\$57,166.22

Descoteaux, Stefanie A	\$81,505.69	Poirier, Tina M	\$34,680.72
Desilets, Susan J	\$25,103.39	Potter, Joann R	\$30,022.00
Desjardins, Kim C	\$65,666.29	Power, Melissa A	\$9,787.50
Devine, Kari M	\$62,539.79	Poznanski, Melissa A	\$375.00
Dewolf, Mark A	\$77,977.50	Preece, Krystle K	\$40,787.57
Dextraze, Michelle D	\$62,167.13	Racine, Jenica	\$16,071.42
DiCecco, Dawn M	\$72,753.00	Rayos, Lora J	\$30,075.01
DiCecco, Kristie J	\$79,389.79	Reilly, Sheri L	\$73,474.50
DiCecco, Maura L	\$21,224.48	Remillard, Joan M	\$2,043.75
DiFabio, Amy D	\$8,595.25	Renz, Christine E	\$61,424.13
Diogo, Jacquelyn M	\$15,405.54	Riedel, Jean L	\$50,948.71
do Curral, Daniel J Jr.	\$23,482.40	Rielly, Susan S	\$82,739.25
Dolan, Amanda F	\$8,736.38	Roberge, Hillary J	\$57,718.06
Dorfman, Sarah P	\$62,453.57	Roberts, Matthew T	\$2,727.83
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$77,732.43	Robertson, Christine R	\$79,781.50
Drackett, Dina	\$13,479.31	Robinson, Lynn A	\$26,730.68
Dubofsky, Grace A	\$36,173.62	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$2,033.57
Dubois, Katharine E	\$76,490.00	Roe, Ethan	\$82,815.50
Ducharme, Keith A	\$102,546.00	Rojas, Jessica NMN	\$2,900.76
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$80,603.00	Roman, Nicolas	\$29,911.94
Dudek, Michael E	\$118,363.00	Romano, Ann M	\$35,628.44
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$38,254.35	Rondeau, Jill A	\$23,110.50
Dumas, Claire A	\$2,887.50	Rose, Maureen	\$79,806.50
Durand, Gerard R	\$2,420.99	Rosenbaum, Katherine M	\$68,950.29
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$2,592.00	Rousselle, Renee	\$83,463.00
Edwards, James D	\$225.00	Rowe, Chelsea L	\$10,069.24
Ehrenworth, Matthew J	\$119,364.32	Roy, Kimberly A	\$3,373.50
Euglow, Joshua M	\$58,478.58	Ruzanski, Kathryn L	\$26,420.64
Euglow, Kaitlyn M	\$10,448.58	Ryan, Matthew H	\$1,350.00
Eyssallem, Denise	\$11,478.75	Ryan, Oliver J	\$1,117.50
Fanning, Kevin T	\$47,724.49	Ryan, Paula M	\$70,951.28
Farrell, Kylie	\$8,757.00	Sacco, Nicole L	\$58,621.58
Faulkner, Edie A	\$84,557.50	Salome, Linda A	\$54,946.00
Faulkner, Ian M	\$4,721.25	Sandstrom, Samantha A	\$14,166.63
Ferschke, Katelyn A	\$4,490.00	Santoro, Dorothy P	\$65,555.44
Finn - Campopiano, Barbara	\$37,378.32	Sawyer, Diane E	\$7,200.00
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$79,439.15	Scoggins, Christine S	\$7,358.39
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$24,488.91	Scott, Lynne S	\$78,649.00
Folster, Colleen J	\$29,934.14	Scott, Sean P	\$12,020.49
Fontaine, Jeffrey R	\$49,347.22	Sczerbinski, Kara L	\$2,795.00
Franzosa, Tara K	\$72,753.00	Shafer, Christina M	\$95,300.00
Gale, Jeffrey k	\$75.00	Shafer, Todd L	\$97,982.78
Gallagher, Amy L	\$61,424.13	Shaughnessy, Nicole E	\$62,048.08
Gallagher, Jason E	\$46,928.05	Shea, Debra L	\$21,296.50
Gallo, Lise M	\$19,761.33	Sheerin, Angela R	\$58,124.28
Gaudet, Damien W	\$54,234.58	Simard, Monique F	\$59,483.49
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$22,049.75	Simonetti, Pamela J	\$21,414.20
Gilchrest, Felicia L	\$2,362.50	Slate, Steven H	\$2,400.00
Gilligan, Kerri A	\$2,456.25	Smith, Andrew W	\$9,963.15

Girard, Michael J	\$48.00	Smith, Marie G	\$10,743.33
Gleason, Lynnea	\$10,705.79	Soderstrom, Judith h	\$75.00
Gonsalves, Maureen	\$29,586.82	Solari, Jennifer A	\$79,424.71
Gosselin-Beech, Lona M	\$18,733.03	Soule, Patricia E	\$58,283.86
Goulet, Peter R	\$71,422.64	Spont, Anne M	\$70,634.15
Grace, Caroline Ann	\$69,295.78	Stalnaker, Carrie M	\$920.00
Grant, Lauren	\$16,157.07	Staples, Janet D	\$3,408.50
Grube, Lynnell	\$57,552.26	Staples, John C	\$1,931.25
Guidi, Vanina V	\$38,512.58	Stearman, Kathy L	\$20,588.34
Guilbeault, Holly B	\$25,163.92	Stefanick, Katelyn R	\$16,678.35
Hagan, Maribeth	\$16,271.19	Stefanik, Karen M	\$21,685.64
Hagan, Sara K	\$75.00	Sulham, Meagan L	\$17,168.13
Hagerman, David T	\$53,953.57	Sullivan, Allison K	\$70,951.28
Haggas, Lory J	\$28,939.65	Sullivan, Timothy J	\$57,122.07
Hancock-Major, Melinda	\$120.00	Summers, Mary-Jane	\$17,814.78
Hannon, Heather M	\$72,521.28	Swanson, Francine P	\$23,038.52
Harpin, Rebecca E	\$81,752.50	Sztabor, Mary Beth E	\$780.00
Hauer, Melanie L	\$21,408.57	Takessian, Brenda L	\$19,490.20
Healy, Brendan M	\$59,922.06	Tasick, Lori A	\$76,140.00
Hebert, Debra A	\$22,097.70	Tasker, Sara E	\$25,760.36
Hebert, Ethan J	\$48,730.08	Teixeira, Taylor M	\$58,974.36
Hebert, Scott A	\$54,296.67	Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$28,739.24
Hernandez, Jennifer R	\$53,788.50	Thompson, Karen P	\$77,988.00
Hersom, Natasha L	\$23,805.18	Torvi, Janice A	\$84,119.93
Hickey, Patrick K	\$15,492.79	Tringali, Steven J	\$98,285.84
Highcove, Dawn	\$81,761.00	Trottier, Lisa A	\$83,070.00
Hoard, Donald L	\$150.00	Trudeau, Kimberley NT	\$61,583.14
Holihen, Amy M	\$81,397.50	Turgeon, Emily E	\$74,528.29
Hook, David C	\$21,290.29	Uppstrom, Kelsey L	\$33,650.22
Hunt, Ursula	\$52,915.47	Vaughan, Maryalice	\$55,640.58
Isenberg, David	\$84,970.00	Walcott, Amelia R	\$15,461.35
Jackson, Lynnea D	\$15,657.69	Walker, Jennifer L	\$32,648.50
Jewer, Sheila	\$2,662.88	Walker, Matthew B	\$48,259.15
Johnson, Joshua	\$847.50	Walsh, Brigitte B	\$61,201.89
Johnson, Richard W	\$44,254.12	Warren, Maureen L	\$83,584.00
Johnson, Samantha M	\$240.00	White, Stacey T	\$20,752.65
Jones, Kathleen M	\$79,780.00	Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$72,753.00
Juba, Mark P	\$86,858.90	Williams, Michelle L	\$47,224.08
Keane, Danielle F	\$22,936.26	Winn, Jacqueline	\$18,940.50
Kearnan, Julie A	\$21,659.56	Wojcik, Victoria A	\$375.00
Kerwin, Stephanie A	\$19,327.04	Wolfgang, Lea D	\$19,553.46
Kiely, Kevin P	\$81,440.50	Wolford, Julianne C	\$37,388.78
		Youman, Lauren B	\$120.00
		Young, Karen M	\$64,980.21
		Yurick, Juliet D	\$64,918.79
		Zilonis, Tessa G	\$23,793.92

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District  
Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report  
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

**A Message from the Superintendent Director:**

This year's Annual Report provides an ideal opportunity, which has become our custom, to go beyond the facts and figures of our operation and share vignettes of our student success stories and District achievements that capture the essence of our mission.

We truly value and appreciate your ongoing investment and personal support of your multiple municipality school system; it is invaluable. Thanks to you and the consistent work of our District School Committee and instructional team, our students continue to experience a vocational-technical education like no other.

Serving as a vibrant example of how BVT prepares its students to embrace lifelong learning, and finding and pursuing one's passion, I am pleased to introduce you to, Harry P. Cooper, Jr., one of our many alumni (and traveling tradesman) who reconnected with us. What makes Harry's story unique to us is that while he graduated in 1972 and recently retired from the Central Intelligence Agency, he is getting ready to launch his encore and prepare for his second act. Harry has put to use his training in so many ways since graduating, that he never lost sight of the value of his vocational-technical education. Harry credits BVT for giving him the skills and confidence that have served him well for the last 50 years, propelling him to travel the world and achieve a career beyond his wildest expectations.

It is our sincere hope that his story will encourage those choosing to pursue a vocational education to know that the trade learned is not the limit, but just the beginning. An education is one's passport to the world! The vast array of skills our students learn while at BVT ensures that they are prepared for whatever comes next.

We are proud to be on the front line, pioneering new learning models that are transforming education in new and exciting ways.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

## **Alumni Profile: Harry P. Cooper, Jr., Class of 1972**

### Passport to the World

Harry Cooper did not set out to be a world traveler. From a humble beginning, his mission was simple: to learn a trade, and secure a job. So that's just what he intended to do and that is where this success journey begins.

The idea of pursuing a vocational education came about when Harry's 8th-grade teacher recommended that he apply to BVT in 1968. Harry went home to speak with his father about this opportunity.

"My father - who had a 6th-grade education and worked as a laborer in a foundry to provide for our family of four - firmly believed that his peers who had learned a trade, always did better than he did as a common laborer," said Harry. "I recall him saying, Harry, you know they will always need carpenters. Go, earn a trade, and then if you decide to do something else, you'll always have that trade to fall back on."

With that advice, Harry traveled to BVT from Millville to visit the school. At that time, Millville had particularly low enrollment numbers for BVT. Harry chose to apply to our Carpentry program on his father's recommendation, and learned a few months later, to his surprise and delight, that he was accepted.

"Having the opportunity to attend BVT was an honor," said Harry. "Probably the biggest difference then, BVT was an all-boys school. Girls were not permitted to apply. We had some intramural sports but did not compete athletically with other schools. The focus was on the vocational programs while meeting the requirements for a high school diploma."

As a freshman, Harry participated in a six-week exploratory program where he was assigned to Drafting, Machine Shop, and Welding. For each trade, he spent one week in related and the other week in shop. "I often rely on my BVT training, but recently I've re-learned many of those skills I had originally learned during exploratory in the Welding program. I now live on a small farm, where I put those welding skills to good use," said Harry.

Having no prior trade experience, Harry found that pursuing his trade was challenging and keeping up with his classmates was difficult at first, but rewarding. He discovered that some of his classmates had previous trade experience working in the family business during the summer. "While I had to work hard to compete at BVT, my classmates and teachers helped me every step of the way. I remember that my instructors were amazing people who had very accomplished careers, loved teaching, and passing their knowledge on to us students. They led by example and left a lasting impression on me," said Harry.

As a senior in Carpentry, Harry took part in co-op and worked as an assistant at a local cabinet shop in Blackstone. Upon graduation he transitioned smoothly from primarily part-time apprenticeship to full-time work, earning a little more than the minimum wage of \$1.65/hour. "My parents expected me to get a job after high school, so I continued working in the cabinet shop as a helper while envisioning the day I would be a full-fledged cabinet maker. However, the shop owner didn't want me to learn everything about cabinet making, because he had two such apprentices leave and open a competing business. It was

that lack of opportunity that made me ponder my future and ultimately spurred my decision to join the Navy,” said Harry.

“My father had enlisted in the Navy during WW-II and was a member of a Seabee unit assigned to the 5th Marine Division and participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was impressed with the tradespeople the Seabees recruited who did construction on Iwo Jima once the invasion was over. So when I spoke with him about maybe joining the military rather than being drafted, he naturally suggested the Seabees,” said Harry. Harry found that BVT gave him the confidence and courage to adapt, change, and pursue new opportunities. In 1972, against the backdrop of the Vietnam War, Harry enlisted in the Navy. “Looking back, said Harry, I don’t think my parents really understood, until after my basic and advanced training, that I could go to Vietnam. By then, the war was quite real, and many of my colleagues did go to Vietnam. By literally the luck of the draw, I was assigned to the unit responsible for South Pole construction, and I did not go to Vietnam. For those of us veterans who were trained for war, but never went, there is a bit of disappointment in having drawn a non-war assignment.”

“During my enlistment, I rose from laborer to crew leader. I completed residential construction on US Navy housing projects, including framing, drywall, roof construction, interior finish, concrete, and masonry, with an opportunity to see the world and work in some truly unique locations. “Having the chance to live and work in Antarctica, the southernmost place on earth, was the most fantastic experience in my professional life,” said Harry.

“The South Pole sits on almost 9,000 feet of snow/ice. I spent six months there working in the harshest climate on the planet. I was assigned to lead interior finish crews to construct three modular buildings inside a geodesic dome at temperatures that range from a low - 75F for a high of +13F. These modular units would later serve as a research community for the next three decades. We lived in tents while building the station and worked 12-hour shifts six days a week with most Sundays off,” said Harry.

“At the pole, said Harry, the sky is the bluest blue you have ever seen. Imagine a deep blue sky meeting the white snow that extends to the horizon in every direction. It’s breathtaking! There is no indigenous life at the South Pole, and when you get beyond the sound of the generators, you can hear your heart beating. During the summer, the sun circles once a day, but does not set.”

After spending six months working in the harshest climate on the planet, Harry was then assigned to work where it never snows. Trading in his snowsuit for a diving suit, Bermuda was his next destination, where he would spend nine months supervising a team to build underwater forms and pour concrete for a seawall project.

“My aspiration when I first joined the Navy was to do well, and one-day pursue college through my GI Bill,” said Harry. After four years with the Seabees, Harry transitioned to civilian life with plans of becoming a vocational teacher. He furthered his education at Central Michigan University with a Bachelor’s degree in education and also completed a Master’s degree in Industrial Management.

Unfortunately, teaching jobs were sparse in 1980, and the salaries meager. Harry decided to return to the Seabees and was assigned to projects in a supervisory capacity. During six additional years with the Navy, Harry found himself detailed to the US State Department, where he oversaw and completed construction projects at US Embassies worldwide.

Following active duty service in the US Navy, Harry became a Civil Service employee of the Federal Government in 1989, where his expertise developed in secure construction. During these nearly four decades of government service, Harry traveled extensively and had the opportunity to work on all seven continents and in an active war zone. “In a variety of roles with the CIA, I was tasked with approving secure construction projects worldwide. This work included flying a modular building overseas to ensure top security during the construction,” said Harry.

“I never dreamed of becoming a world traveler; it just happened,” said Harry. “Because of my travel with the Navy, employers saw me as experienced in foreign travel. Assignments came my way, and I thought little of it until realizing one day I had visited all seven continents. After traveling to Antarctica, the other six continents were more comfortable to visit. My life and career have exceeded my wildest expectations.”

BVT has always encouraged lifelong learning and finding and pursuing one’s passion. When it comes to Harry’s career, he has an impressive resume, reflective of that sentiment. “Too many people downplay the value of vocational education compared to focused college prep. My vocational education propelled me to achieve beyond my expectations,” said Harry.

Since retiring from the CIA, as a senior executive with a rank equivalent to a two-star general, Harry now works part-time as a modular construction consultant. “While most of my CIA career was not devoted to construction (actually policy and law), the only thing I want to do after retirement is to regain my roots within the construction industry,” said Harry.

As Harry prepares to launch his encore and prepare for his second act, he credits BVT for giving him the skills and confidence that have served him well over the last 50 years. Harry said, “I hope that my story encourages those pursuing a vocational education to know that the trade learned is not the limit, but just the beginning.”

## **Purple Ribbons Just Aren't Enough**

The spirit of giving back is part of the culture here at BVT, and our students and staff recognized for raising funds for pancreatic cancer research are the driving force.

According to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PCAN), the five-year survival rate for those with pancreatic cancer is among the lowest of all primary cancers at just 9 percent. The PCAN is working to create better outcomes for pancreatic cancer patients and their families with the help of fundraising efforts across the nation. In September of 2018, the PCAN recognized BVT's Team Yancik Strong for their incredible work raising more than \$15,000 to support pancreatic cancer research.

Our community began raising money for the PCAN as a way to support and honor our HVAC&R instructor and football coach, Derek Yancik. The HVAC&R students and football players registered for the PurpleStride Boston Walk to End Pancreatic Cancer enlisted the help of the school, and the local community began raising money. Through apparel fundraisers, bake sales, restaurant nights, school events, and donations, the team continues to fight for the cause.

Sadly, Mr. Yancik lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in May of 2018, but our students and staff have made it their mission to build awareness for this important cause through their fundraising efforts and to help future patients and their families.

"I promised Mr. Yancik last year that I would raise money again this year and attend the walk even if he wasn't here," said HVAC&R Class of 2018 graduate Allyson Charpentier. "I feel like I'm honoring him by keeping my promise."

The PCAN noticed the team's fundraising prowess and recognized the students and staff with a certificate of appreciation and a letter from the organization's Chief Science Officer, Dr. Lynn Matrisian.

"I know that you became involved with PurpleStride Boston because of your high school football coach, Derek Yancik. Your team name says it best – you all are 'Yancik Strong' and you're showing all of Boston and the nation that the students at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School are making a difference. Your coach would be proud," Dr. Matrisian wrote in her letter.

**You Can Make A Difference!**

Please consider helping us build awareness for this important cause by joining our students and staff on the Annual Walk to End Pancreatic Cancer and/or donating to team Yancik Strong by visiting:

[www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/givingback](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/givingback)

## Get Social with Us!

As part of our continued commitment to bringing school news and timely information to our community, we've had fun connecting, engaging, and sharing through BVT's official Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram sites.

Facebook - Join the Conversation!

[www.facebook.com/BVTHighSchool](http://www.facebook.com/BVTHighSchool)

Twitter - Follow Us!

[www.twitter.com/BVTHighSchool](http://www.twitter.com/BVTHighSchool)

Instagram - Share with Us!

[www.instagram.com/bvt\\_highschool](http://www.instagram.com/bvt_highschool)

In 2019, we engaged in thousands of conversations with our students, parents, and alumni within our online community. Whether we shared a student success story, our Quote of the Day (#QOTD), addressed a concern, or accepted a compliment, we were happy for the opportunity to get social with you. Here's a little sampling of the most favorite posts and comments from our growing community:

### Welcome Barbeque Post

- I LOVE that this event still happens! ♥
- I can't believe it's been 24 years 😊 since I went to the freshman BBQ.
- Best school ever! Thank you for everything!

### Admissions Open House Post

- Thanks for putting this on, I was super impressed with BVT. Totally different from when I went many years ago.

### Vocational Curriculum Night Post

- What a great night! I was so impressed by all the shop teachers and alumni we met. My son can't go wrong with any of his top shop choices.
- I love the process - who knew my son would be so passionate about a shop he hadn't initially considered! It's nice to see that kind of excitement & motivation 😊

### Graduation Post

- It was a spectacular night! 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉
- What a night! A great celebration of those who were blessed to have had the BVT experience. Best of luck to each and every graduate, and thank you to the teachers and admin who work so hard to make it all happen!

### Last Wave Post

- I love the wave goodbye! Enjoy your summer!
- Huge shoutout to the driver who does the Millville route. He kept an eye out for my son so many mornings as he made the mad dash to the bus. THANK YOU!
- LOVE this tradition so much!!👍👍♥

## **Celebrating the Class of 2019**

Our graduates were all smiles as cheers echoed throughout The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in Worcester at BVT's Class of 2019 commencement ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Family, friends, and educators gathered to take part in the commencement ceremony honoring 301 students, which to date, is the largest class to graduate from BVT. The night marked the conclusion of their dual high school education as they received their vocational certificates and diplomas.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick encouraged students to keep learning. "It is a lifelong pursuit. Continue to strive to be the type of people in this world who make things happen by consistently learning, and then, more importantly, putting what you learn into action. You have already taken numerous steps at BVT to become the future pioneers, entrepreneurs, and guardians of our society," Fitzpatrick said. "You have proven your motivation to build a bright future. You are on the cusp of greatness, a life full of opportunities. There is no rubric for life! What comes next is exciting, new, and completely up to you. You decide."

Following the commencement ceremony, proud parents, family members, and friends rushed to greet our graduates with hugs, cheers, and many congratulations.

See the photo gallery of the graduation at: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2019](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2019)

## **FY19 - Another Outstanding Year of Achievements**

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

### **367**

During the 2018–2019 school year, a total of **367 AP course exams** were given to 253 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Macro-Economics, Psychology, Physics 1, French, and Spanish Language & Culture.

### **20 years**

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests have played an important role in the achievement level of students in the Commonwealth for the past **20 years**. Spring 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education instituted the Next-Gen MCAS, an updated, more rigorous, computer-based test to determine a student's readiness for career and college. This new system of tests also incorporates altered scoring tiers. Our students have an impressive history of high levels of academic success and results on the MCAS. On the initial administration of the Next-Gen MCAS, our sophomores continued that trend. In English Language Arts, 99 percent of BVT students achieved Competency Determination (a graduation requirement) on the MCAS, and 98 percent achieved CD in Mathematics.

### **\$5.6 million**

Members of the Class of 2019 earned more than 300 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value in excess of **\$5.6 million**.

## 257

A total of **257 juniors and sophomores** participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and 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 SATs and Advanced Placement program.

## 100%

In Spring 2019, 179 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS, and **100 percent achieved** Competency Determination, while 98 percent scored within the higher range.

### **Students Take the High Road in Pre-Apprenticeship Program**

We know that having a well-trained workforce is an essential part of any construction project. With that in mind, our course offerings have been carefully developed to challenge all students to maximize their academic and vocational experiences. The fusion of academic and career technical learning gives our students a competitive advantage when they enter the workforce.

Under the watchful eye of Tom Lemon, an instructor with the New England Laborers Training Academy in Hopkinton, MA, 17 juniors in our Construction Technology program participated in an intensive week-long pre-apprenticeship training program in March. This program is the largest in the state for the highway construction field and is available to schools across the Commonwealth through the New England Laborers Training Trust Fund with a contract awarded through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

“Given that the average age of most workers in the construction industry is in the mid-50s, we needed to address the aging workforce and the need for skilled laborers. We are trying to create a pipeline of tradesmen and women that are interested in establishing careers on MassDOT highway construction projects through this program,” said Lemon.

“As a female in Construction Technology, I have explored many career paths in the industry ranging from labor work to management and design,” said Annabelle O'Reilly of Hopedale. “I've learned hand tool mastery and safety to ensure I respected the heavy machinery around me before I used them. I love being in construction, because after every project, I can step back and look at how far I have come. With my classmates and instructors supporting me and helping me grow as a craftswoman, I feel capable of so much, and I am grateful to have this hands-on learning experience.”

During this program our students learned industry-specific skills through various training modules such as work zone safety, how to line and grade paved surfaces, CPR/first aid and AED certification, and construction math. Important life skills such as showing up on time and prepared to work when on a job site were also emphasized, which are all desirable skills to prospective employers.

“Having the chance to learn first-hand from some of the leading construction laborers in the Commonwealth is a great opportunity,” said Justin Braza of Milford. “I was able to gain real work experience, which I enjoyed, apprenticeship hours, and CPR renewal & recertification all while still here in high school, which will help me in the long-run.”

O'Reilly felt that the training was wonderful. She said, "I was not given less opportunity or less labor work due to my gender; Mr. Lemon saw I was a carpentry student interested in gaining as much information and skill as possible. This allowed me to get a better sense of my interests in construction. This equality is a core component of BVT, where nontraditional students are not out of the ordinary. I am grateful to see that the treatment on the basis of gender is not present in my school, nor in the industry. With more women being involved in nontraditional vocations, the unequal treatment among the sexes is disappearing."

The program concluded with students constructing a form for a single concrete panel. Nathan Curran of Millbury said, "It was a great time learning concrete work. I had an amazing experience and learned lots of new things." He and several of his classmates said that having the chance to see and experience the work done by the laborers in person gave them valuable insight about the possibility of pursuing this industry as a career path themselves.

### **Our Students Shine at SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students, and their instructors enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service instructional programs. The annual SkillsUSA competition series operates as a showcase for vocational-technical education. Students compete with each other in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts. Our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country in 2019, and kept their impressive winning streak alive, by earning 150 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

### **Massachusetts District V Conference**

33 Gold, 31 Silver, and 31 Bronze

### **Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference**

25 Gold, 16 Silver, and 12 Bronze

### **National Leadership and Skills Conference**

#### **2 GOLD**

John Doiron of Douglas, Dental Assisting

Samuel Houle of Millville, Major Appliance Technology

#### **4th PLACE**

Melissa Vieira of Milford, Nurse Assisting

Mya Ackerman of Douglas, Restaurant Service

#### **5th PLACE**

Connor Andrews of Sutton and Zachary Rivernider of Mendon, Mobile Robotics

Joseph Cardin of Sutton, Welding

#### **6th PLACE**

Emma Kane of Blackstone, Kierra Kurtyka of Uxbridge, Renata Santiago of Milford, and Carissa Penta

of Blackstone, Entrepreneurship  
Vella Ross of Northbridge, Medical Terminology

**7th PLACE**

Demitri Almeida of Milford, Telecommunications Cabling

**OVER 10<sup>th</sup> PLACE**

Christopher Aurelio of Mendon, Photography

Max Brueggemann of Northbridge, Technical Drafting

Olivia Cheschi of Milford, Alyssa Davis of Blackstone, and Sarah Duncan of Bellingham, Promotional Bulletin Board

Jake Garille of Uxbridge, Electrical Construction Wiring

Logan Keefe of Milford and Mason Weagle of Millbury, Digital Cinema Production

Jacob Martin of Upton, Automotive Service Technology

Caitlyn Meisner of Bellingham, Health Occupations Portfolio

Kevin Queally of Sutton, Advertising Design

**NATIONAL OFFICER**

Adam Cavanaugh of Milford. Adam was also awarded one of the very first SkillsUSA Career Essentials Credential Certifications.

**NATIONAL OFFICER ELECT**

Anika Koopman of Northbridge, National Region One Vice President

**NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES**

Jessica Brown of Douglas

Skylar Chase of Northbridge

Katie Houskeeper of Upton

Abby Kelly of Hopedale

Tanyikeh Muanya of Milford

Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale

Samantha Stephens of Mendon

### **A BVT 1<sup>st</sup> at FIRST Robotics**

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a national engineering contest that immerses high school students in the exciting world of engineering. Teaming up with engineers from businesses and universities, students get a hands-on, inside look at the engineering profession. Teams compete in a spirited, no-holds-barred tournament complete with referees, cheerleaders, and time clocks.

**As a junior in Engineering & Robotics, Hannah Rosenkrantz earned the honor of FIRST Robotics Competition Dean's List Semifinalist at Bryant University in March. She is the first student from BVT to win this prestigious award. The student who earns this designation is an excellent example of a team leader who has built awareness for FIRST and its mission all the while achieving personal technical expertise and accomplishment.**

**Hannah is one of 22 students on our 2018 - 2019 Robotics Team, The Intimidators, who made it to the semi-finals and took the Judge's Award at the FIRST Robotics Competition.**

“Learning things on a chalkboard just isn't enough for me. I can be told that  $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ , but it doesn't mean anything until I can actually build it myself and SEE it physically working. That's why I fell in love with robotics. It's a way of taking everything we learn in class and applying it to the real world. Robotics isn't just teaching us about Science, Math, and Technology. We're learning communication skills, teamwork, leadership, and other soft skills.”

- Hannah Rosenkrantz, a junior in Engineering & Robotics, Class of 2020

### **Silence Speaks Volumes**

Our Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club serves the LGBTQ+ community on campus and works to create a safe environment that fosters a sense of community among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The club seeks to promote the understanding of the issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender.

Our GSA Club and other interested students participated in the Day of Silence on Friday, April 12th. Silently and peacefully, they protested anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) bullying, harassment, and name-calling. The vow of silence represents the silence faced by LGBT people and their allies each and every day. Rather than speaking, they handed out “speaking cards” explaining their reasons for remaining silent. By taking part, students have an opportunity to teach one another about diversity, respect, and empower themselves by realizing they CAN make a difference in the world.

To learn more, visit: [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

## **Kudos**

### **Celebrating Excellence**

The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY19.

### **Student Council Earns National Recognition**

Our Student Council was recognized as a 2019 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council (NatStuCo). To meet the requirements for the award, a variety of criteria had to be met, such as crafting a written constitution, conducting regular meetings, and adopting a democratic election process. They also had to demonstrate successful sponsorship and participation in leadership development and activities that serve its school and community.

### **First-ever State Vocational Championship**

Give it up for our Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. Our mighty Beavers scored a 10-5 victory over Bristol Plymouth in May, capturing our first-ever state vocational championship. “It was awesome!” said head coach Andrew Barksdale. “It gave us confidence going into the district tournament, and it was so great to see how excited everyone was after we won.” The excitement was felt among the coaching staff as well. Three of the four coaches are alumni of our lacrosse program.

### **Super Bowl State Champions Honored at State House**

Our Varsity Football Super Bowl Champions achieved school and state history by winning the 2018 MIAA Division 7 Championship game on December 1st at Gillette Stadium. Our Beavers beat St. Mary’s of Lynn 17-0. It was a win for the record books with BVT being the first vocational school in Massachusetts to win a state championship. Wearing smiles and shiny new rings, the team and coaches were honored at the State House on April 23rd. Go BEAVERS!

### **Outstanding Vocational Technical Student of 2019**

This award is presented each year by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) to one student from each vocational technical high school in Massachusetts. The award recognizes students who have made significant contributions to their local school district and to the statewide vocational education system. Recipients must have excellent attendance, a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and vocational-related work experience. The students must demonstrate leadership qualities, technical competence, involvement in the community and extracurricular activities. **Zachary Rivernider, a senior in Electronics & Engineering Technology is the 2019 recipient. He** ranked 5th in his class of 301 students.

### **#61 Best High School in Massachusetts**

BVT ranked #61 on U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 Best High Schools list in Massachusetts and #1,290 nationally. Our overall score was 92.52 out of 100. Last year, we ranked #78 in the state and 1,877 nationally. To learn more, visit: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/besthighschool](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/besthighschool)

### **Innovative Successful Practices Project**

AASA, The School Superintendents Association named Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School

District as one of the country’s “Most Innovative School Districts” for implementing innovative approaches to expand and support student learning and achievement.

The Successful Practices Network and AASA conducted a yearlong study of innovative best practices in public K-12 school systems across the United States. From that study, 25 national Innovative Successful Practices systems were identified based on their ability to demonstrate rapid improvement in student learning and preparedness through innovative organizational and instructional practices.

By invitation only, BVT was asked to host an on-site visit. We supplied detailed best practices data to be analyzed and made students, staff, administrators, and community members available for interviews as part of the process. The Successful Practices Network and AASA developed a case study, titled Achieving the Unthinkable, based on their research, which can be found at: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/innovativesuccessfulpracticesproject](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/innovativesuccessfulpracticesproject)

### **Community Projects**

Our students participate in community projects each year, which give District residents a tangible return on their investment while providing our students with invaluable real-world, hands-on experience. Whether it’s reconstructing a playground, creating a sign for your business, or remodeling a public building or local landmark, we believe giving back is a great opportunity to bring about change and make a positive impact within the communities that support our students. BVT’s work on capital improvement projects throughout our 13-town District is a welcome source of financial relief for local budgets by using internal talent and resources. We’re proud to provide further savings for District residents, by inviting our stakeholders to enjoy discounted services in our student-run restaurant, salon, and design and print center.

In FY19, a total of 418 projects and services resulted in significant savings for our District:

Direct Savings to Towns:	\$197,700
In-school Projects, Installations, and Repairs:	<u>\$192,500</u>
Total savings to taxpayers:	\$390,200

A few of the FY19 community projects include:

#### **New Roof for Hopedale Town Park’s Message Kiosk**

When the Hopedale Town Park needed a new roof for its damaged kiosk, they reached out to BVT and our talented students. Construction Technology Instructor, Michael Swanick led a team of students through the renovation and restoration process. Students removed the damaged roof, rebuilt the new roof and then fit it to the existing structure, matching what was already there, provided a hands-on learning opportunity for our students to complete structural and historic repairs on a roof. With signage displayed outside, this beautiful new message center kiosk roof will help protect printed signs from the elements.

#### **Gathering in Style at Birmingham Court**

Birmingham Court in Milford has a large multipurpose gathering room, built in the early 70s complete with floor to ceiling wood paneling and plaster issues. Wanting a more modern look, there were several options to consider. Opting for a fresh coat of paint, Benjamin Moore Paints, located across the street

from their building, worked with BVT to provide materials needed for this project. Painting & Design Technology Instructor, George Creely and Construction Technology Instructor, Michael Swanick led a team of students to remove the dated paneling, patch and repaint the interior walls, match up the electrical boxes and complete minor modifications for electrical. Thanks to this partnership, Birmingham Court now has a modern new room where the community can gather in style.

### **Bathroom Makeover at Miscoe Hill Middle School**

When the Miscoe Hill Middle School in Mendon established a School Beautification Committee to address projects on their grounds, the outcome included a new partnership with BVT. Students in Construction Technology, Electrical, and Plumbing teamed up for this makeover. The bathroom was in poor condition and desperately in need of a renovation. Due to the heights of the existing fixtures, building code, and compliance issues of today, as well as the abuse it has taken over the years, the entire bathroom had to be re-done. This project included a full demolition and reconstruction, which included moving 30-year-old pipes so new pipes could fit into the existing space. This provided a challenge when working with new materials, and applications, but our students rose to the occasion. From new sheetrock and plaster, to closing up the walls, the bathroom makeover is complete. Knowing the importance of school pride, our students were glad to be involved in this project, helping make another school beautiful.

### **Return on Investment**

#### **BVT Budget Leverages Federal and State Funding to Enhance a Positive Learning Environment**

Our School Committee developed the District's FY19 budget in a manner that adheres to strict state requirements while also responding to the challenges set forth by the State's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and the needs of local business and industry. Administration works in partnership with the Central Workforce Investment Board and other stakeholders to identify and respond to specific industries experiencing worker shortages and skills gaps. Despite a very modest increase in State Aid, the District leveraged grant and other private funding opportunities to hold the operating budget to a 4.74% increase. As the State continues to raise the minimum contributions of our member towns (5.04% for FY19), the School Committee once again authorized the use of \$250,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact.

Administration, faculty, and students continually search out ways to improve processes, curtail energy consumption, and reduce waste in a manner that preserves the delivery of a quality education. We strive for teacher excellence through targeted professional development opportunities and stress the importance of a healthy lifestyle (students and staff alike) to promote a positive learning environment.

The District's FY19 operating budget of \$23,802,023 was funded primarily by \$9,036,498 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$14,359,525 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: Complementing Community Support**

BVT continues to aggressively pursue non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations to support enhanced learning, programs, and services for students. In FY19, local assessments were complemented by more than \$1.0 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

BVT furthered its commitment to bringing advanced equipment and curriculum to students with the receipt of MA Skills Capital Grants of \$234,149 for Advanced Manufacturing and \$125,000 for our Diesel Engine Technician Pathway. The Skills Capital Grant program of the Baker-Polito Administration provides direct investments in the most up-to-date training equipment designed to address skills gaps in critical industries throughout Massachusetts. For example, the Advanced Manufacturing grant was used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment that provides training for the new adult evening school program students as well as our day manufacturing students. Given the shortage of skilled workers in the advanced manufacturing field, access to this equipment will help ensure our learners are developing the necessary skills to compete for employment or post-secondary opportunities in this field.

The Diesel Engine grant allowed us to expand our existing automotive technology curriculum through the introduction of a new Diesel Mechanic Technician course. The new equipment and facility upgrades provide student access to the necessary machinery and tools required to master basic diesel machine maintenance and service, hydraulics, diagnostics, and large wheel/tire maintenance training.

In addition to grants, BVT saved on capital expenses throughout FY19 by accepting donations of equipment and funding from businesses and industry partners. Automotive Technology received one such gift when MassBay Community College generously donated a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible and a 2014 Cadillac SRX4. Donations like these yield significant cost savings for BVT and provide valuable hands-on experience for our students. To assist in maintaining one of our student transportation vans used for community projects and educational field trips, Homefield Credit Union was added to the list of area banks who provide generous annual financial support.

## **Class of 2019: Blackstone Graduates**

**NHS: National Honor Society**      **NTHS: National Technical Honor Society**

Julia Madison Atkins, Electronics & Engineering Technology; Jack Andrew Clem, Information Technology; Joshua Paul Desjardins, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication; Sarah Joan House, Culinary Arts; Andre Marc Jarret, Culinary Arts; Jacques-Thomas Miller LeClaire, Multimedia Communications; Joseph Ernest Martinelli, Engineering & Robotics; Dominic Nicholas Mezzadri, Drafting & Design Technology; Juliana Corrine Moniz, Culinary Arts; Colin Graham Norcross-Joyce, Information Technology; Alexandra Elizabeth Patterson, Culinary Arts; Cameron Matthew Riordan, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication; Benjamin Patrick Ruth, Dental Assisting; and Thomas Henry Watson, Engineering & Robotics (NHS/NTHS).

## **School Committee**

Our 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, Bellingham

**Vice Chairman:** Gerald M. Finn, Millville

**Assistant Treasurer:** Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury

**Secretary:** Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick, Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III, Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Hopedale

Dennis P. Braun, Mendon

Paul J. Braza, Milford

Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge

Julie H. Mitchell, Sutton

David R. Bartlett, Upton

James H. Ebbeling, 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 FY2019**

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 .06936
Al-Haza	Khalid	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Allain Paul	Courtney	\$ 72,573.00	\$ 5,033.66
Allen	Craig	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Antonelli	Jennifer	\$ 57,848.70	\$ 4,012.39
Auger	Barbara	\$ 27,235.42	\$ 1,889.05
Aukstikalnis	James	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Badjo	Deanna	\$ 70,283.00	\$ 4,874.83
Bates	Christine	\$ 82,762.00	\$ 5,740.37
Beaudreau	David	\$ 80,594.00	\$ 5,590.00
Beauregard	Lindsay	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 3,162.82
Beauregard	Victoria	\$ 63,775.67	\$ 4,423.48
Belland	Thomas	\$ 117,079.81	\$ 8,120.66
Bertrand	Benjamin	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Bethel	Alan	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 577.08
Bird	James	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Bisceglia	Shayne	\$ 52,202.80	\$ 3,620.79
Bogdan	Elise	\$ 18,076.92	\$ 1,253.82
Boisvert	Russell	\$ 76,110.00	\$ 5,278.99
Booker	Aaron	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 5,306.04
Boynton	Courtney	\$ 53,553.30	\$ 3,714.46
Bram	Jonathan	\$ 53,648.00	\$ 3,721.03
Brochu	James	\$ 108,596.12	\$ 7,532.23
Brown	Robert	\$ 8,307.69	\$ 576.22
Burke	John	\$ 67,784.00	\$ 4,701.50
Caligaris	Steven	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Cann	Danielle	\$ 75,274.00	\$ 5,221.00
Cirignano	George	\$ 41,106.00	\$ 2,851.11
Cnossen	Cydney	\$ 53,648.00	\$ 3,721.03
Collamati	Joseph	\$ 33,945.60	\$ 2,354.47
Collins	Timothy	\$ 70,553.60	\$ 4,893.60
Colonero	Anne-Marie	\$ 49,123.50	\$ 3,407.21
Conley	Mark	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 3,606.72
Connors	Matthew	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 7,768.32
Coonan	Barry	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Corde	Rebecca	\$ 58,012.50	\$ 4,023.75

Corda	Rebecca	\$ 58,012.50	\$ 4,023.75
Corriveau	Joseph	\$ 82,762.00	\$ 5,740.37
Cox	Colton	\$ 57,615.05	\$ 3,996.18
Creely	George	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Cunningham	Katie	\$ 61,131.00	\$ 4,240.05
D'Amico	Lou Ann	\$ 69,405.60	\$ 4,813.97
DeMarco	Rebecca	\$ 72,950.40	\$ 5,059.84
Denise	Michele	\$ 115,293.99	\$ 7,996.79
Diesenhau	Scott	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Dolegiewicz	Robert	\$ 45,177.60	\$ 3,133.52
Donovan	Meghan	\$ 57,798.00	\$ 4,008.87
Donovan	Pamela	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Dubois	Dawn	\$ 52,858.46	\$ 3,666.26
Dunton	Joshua	\$ 73,620.00	\$ 5,106.28
Dupiche-Carlista	Sharon	\$ 51,536.39	\$ 3,574.56
Elder	Kimberly	\$ 57,705.55	\$ 4,002.46
Ellis	Adele	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Evans III	Edward	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 7,282.80
Faticanti	Michael	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Ferrandino Bedard	Amy	\$ 88,040.00	\$ 6,106.45
Finnell	Jeanette	\$ 14,031.73	\$ 973.24
Finnell	Thomas	\$ 48,713.60	\$ 3,378.78
Fiore	Jonathan	\$ 80,264.00	\$ 5,567.11
Fitzpatrick	Mark	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Fitzpatrick	Michael	\$ 236,519.35	\$ 16,404.98
Flagg	John	\$ 58,131.00	\$ 4,031.97
Fleisher	Amy	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Forgit	Caitlin	\$ 72,778.00	\$ 5,047.88
Forman	Nicole	\$ 19,728.69	\$ 1,368.38
Garrison	Jennifer	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Gaskill	Rodney	\$ 68,621.00	\$ 4,759.55
Gothier	Brent	\$ 63,123.00	\$ 4,378.21
Grabowski	Stephen	\$ 57,391.40	\$ 3,980.67
Granger	Gillian	\$ 72,778.00	\$ 5,047.88
Greenlaw	Tina	\$ 66,126.00	\$ 4,586.50
Gremo	Michele	\$ 63,628.00	\$ 4,413.24
Grimes	Elizabeth	\$ 85,460.00	\$ 5,927.51
Halacy	Brian	\$ 32,650.80	\$ 2,264.66
Hale	Karen	\$ 67,760.00	\$ 4,699.83
Hanington	Cheryl	\$ 95,171.45	\$ 6,601.09
Hathaway	Dedra Cyra	\$ 106,003.19	\$ 7,352.38
Hollingworth	Holly	\$ 75,274.00	\$ 5,221.00
Holmes	Cheryl	\$ 30,798.75	\$ 2,136.20
Hopkins	Katie	\$ 15,856.62	\$ 1,099.82
Hughes	Tersilia	\$ 61,113.26	\$ 4,238.82
Iacovelli	Deanna	\$ 23,868.00	\$ 1,655.48
Johnson	Brooke	\$ 65,291.00	\$ 4,528.58

Johnson	Kurtis	\$ 143,296.47	\$ 9,939.04
Jordan	Robert	\$ 56,143.00	\$ 3,894.08
Kahler	James	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Kehowski	Shaun	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Kelly	John	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Khorasani	Barbara	\$ 49,528.44	\$ 3,435.29
Koopman	Priscilla	\$ 25,797.84	\$ 1,789.34
Lajoie	Matthew	\$ 68,621.00	\$ 4,759.55
Lamont	Thomas	\$ 71,115.00	\$ 4,932.54
Langin	Colleen	\$ 85,136.00	\$ 5,905.03
Laprade	David	\$ 42,660.80	\$ 2,958.95
Lathrop	Alysen	\$ 24,345.36	\$ 1,688.59
Lavallee	Judith	\$ 47,375.75	\$ 3,285.98
LeBoeuf-Dubois	Sharon	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 6,173.04
Ledoux	Nicole	\$ 62,795.00	\$ 4,355.46
Lehner	Raymond	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Lehtinen	Brian	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
LeMay	Georgette	\$ 39,673.92	\$ 2,751.78
Lewis	David	\$ 85,895.00	\$ 5,957.68
Linfield	Tara	\$ 87,724.00	\$ 6,084.54
Locwin	Brian	\$ 75,274.00	\$ 5,221.00
Lubas	Paula	\$ 20,828.80	\$ 1,444.69
Macchia	Joseph	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 443.90
MacKenzie	Jessica	\$ 77,771.00	\$ 5,394.20
MacLure	Ashley	\$ 68,110.00	\$ 4,724.11
MacWilliams	Marcia	\$ 97,058.91	\$ 6,732.01
Maloney	Nicholas	\$ 58,131.00	\$ 4,031.97
Mangano	Lorna	\$ 99,383.29	\$ 6,893.22
Manoogian	Kathleen	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Mantoni	Joseph	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Marszalek	Megan	\$ 76,110.00	\$ 5,278.99
Martell	Kristin	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Masso	Kaitlin	\$ 24,704.55	\$ 1,713.51
Maynard	Catherine	\$ 12,190.63	\$ 845.54
Mayo	Thomas	\$ 47,231.10	\$ 3,275.95
McCabe	Monique	\$ 72,751.00	\$ 5,046.01
McDermott	Suzanne	\$ 30,596.84	\$ 2,122.20
Merchant	Susan	\$ 60,121.93	\$ 4,170.06
Miles	Danielle	\$ 72,656.00	\$ 5,039.42
Milewski	Susan	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Millette	James	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Mitchell	John	\$ 76,110.00	\$ 5,278.99
Morin	Daniel	\$ 71,115.00	\$ 4,932.54
Moynihan	Kerry	\$ 70,611.00	\$ 4,897.58
Murray	Charles	\$ 55,286.40	\$ 3,834.66
Naper	Justine	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Nigro	Ann	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51

Norton	Michael	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
O'Leary	Justin	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
O'Neil	Leonard	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
O'Neil	Rosario	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Odell	Eileen	\$ 41,600.70	\$ 2,885.42
Olson	Jessica	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Orifice	Chelsea	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Paldino	Jessica	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Pehl	Luanne	\$ 83,549.04	\$ 5,794.96
Pellegrino	Martha	\$ 65,995.02	\$ 4,577.41
Perreault	Paul	\$ 85,895.00	\$ 5,957.68
Pinto	Michelle	\$ 52,785.38	\$ 3,661.19
PolSELLI	Jerry	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
PolSELLI	Kyle	\$ 63,628.00	\$ 4,413.24
Potenti	Megan	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Ramsey	Walter	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Reynolds	Douglas	\$ 48,360.00	\$ 3,354.25
Reynolds	Peter	\$ 46,913.88	\$ 3,253.95
Rhodes	Brian	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Rivera	Daniel	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Rivers	Donald	\$ 52,915.20	\$ 3,670.20
Rizzo	Jenna	\$ 28,553.85	\$ 1,980.50
Robinson	Emily	\$ 24,743.16	\$ 1,716.19
Rose	Donna	\$ 85,895.00	\$ 5,957.68
Ruzanski	Kathryn	\$ 84,623.08	\$ 5,869.46
Sarah	Paul	\$ 7,460.00	\$ 517.43
Savard	Paul	\$ 58,636.00	\$ 4,066.99
Shea	Kathleen	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Sherman	Elizabeth	\$ 68,621.00	\$ 4,759.55
Smith	Anne	\$ 45,182.28	\$ 3,133.84
Smith	Eithne	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Spino	Rosetta	\$ 96,255.00	\$ 6,676.25
St. Germain	Nicole	\$ 56,923.08	\$ 3,948.18
St. Hilaire	Nicole	\$ 75,153.00	\$ 5,212.61
Stanley	Richard	\$ 48,306.18	\$ 3,350.52
Steele	Anthony	\$ 153,348.66	\$ 10,636.26
Stienstra	Derek	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Swanick	Michael	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Taft	Yajaila	\$ 55,755.00	\$ 3,867.17
Tellier	Michelle	\$ 41,576.92	\$ 2,883.78
Thatcher	Norman	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 1,731.23
Theroux	David	\$ 60,632.00	\$ 4,205.44
Theroux	Jon	\$ 37,111.68	\$ 2,574.07
Toulouse	Christopher	\$ 88,121.00	\$ 6,112.07
Turner	Alyson	\$ 50,944.60	\$ 3,533.52
Urquhart	Matthew	\$ 108,827.90	\$ 7,548.30
Ursoleo	Joseph	\$ 67,784.00	\$ 4,701.50

VanKeuren	Michael	\$ 40,476.80	\$ 2,807.47
Walsh	Lisamarie	\$ 17,919.55	\$ 1,242.90
Ward	Constance	\$ 70,611.00	\$ 4,897.58
Wentworth	Kristina	\$ 93,159.00	\$ 6,461.51
Wersted	Shaun	\$ 90,519.00	\$ 6,278.40
Whetstone	Ryan	\$ 77,649.00	\$ 5,385.73
Whitesell	Yvette	\$ 119,702.96	\$ 8,302.60
Williams	Matthew	\$ 96,232.00	\$ 6,674.65
Winske	Alicia	\$ 72,778.00	\$ 5,047.88
Winske	Danielle	\$ 69,994.00	\$ 4,854.78
Wissler	Joanna	\$ 80,141.00	\$ 5,558.58
Wood	Elizabeth	\$ 35,510.28	\$ 2,462.99
Woodward	James	\$ 85,895.00	\$ 5,957.68
Yuhas	Jacob	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 2,025.31
		\$13,160,564.24	\$ 912,816.74

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2019

The values for Fiscal 2020 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 31, 2019.

Fiscal 2020 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 of all property valuations in the Town of Blackstone. This process began January 1, 2019, our values were approved on 11/13/2019, town Growth was approved on 11/13/2019 and culminated on 11/22/2019 with the Tax Rate of 18.86 being certified by the DOR Bureau of Local Services. The next full “Revaluation Year” is scheduled for Fiscal 2021, beginning July 1, 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.

Jeremiah Carey was elected for an unexpired 3year term in April 2018. Jeremiah was voted as Vice-Chairman to replace Robert A. Gilbert who retired this past year.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Board of Assessors since his election in April 2005. The Board of Assessors would like to thank Robert A. Gilbert for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Blackstone Board of Assessors as Vice-Chairman and wish him much happiness in his retirement.

Jessika Andreas was elected for an unexpired 3year term in April 2019. We are pleased to welcome Jessika Andreas 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 for over 20 years prior to joining our staff. During those years Pat was a licensed appraiser and maintained her Certified Appraisal License until 2017. Pat is a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor with a MAA designation. Pat has held the position of Assistant Assessor for 13 years.

In April 2019 Jan Geiger was hired as the new Administrative Assistant to the Assessors’ Office. Ms. Geiger was hired by the Town of Blackstone in January 2017 as a private contractor in the Clerk’s Office. On 8/20/2018 Jan was hired full time as the Assistant Collector and months later was promoted to interim Assistant Collector-Treasurer. Jan was hired in the Assessors’ Office in April to replace Kasey Bik. Jan has completed several MAAO classes and is working towards her MAAO designation. Jan is dedicated, reliable and genuinely cares about the needs of the residents of Blackstone. She is greatly appreciated and has made a significant impact in the Assessors’ Office.

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. Exemption forms are available online. Our website address is [www.townofblackstone.org](http://www.townofblackstone.org).

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

Also at the Annual Town Meeting on May 26, 2015 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town of Blackstone vote to accept the provision of G.L. c.60A, Section 1 that allows cities and towns to exempt from excise taxation motor vehicles owned by and registered to Massachusetts residents who are on active and fulltime military service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, army or air, of any state, deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of exemption. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fiscal year 2020 began on July 1, 2019 and runs to June 30, 2020. 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, 2019. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2018 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, 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 the information on file concerning sales from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 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, 2019 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2020 is 1,030,466,024. This reflects a positive 4.5% change from Fiscal 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 11/19/2019 at 8:00 P.M. at the Blackstone 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 2020 tax rate is \$18.86 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 online.

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to inspect approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  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 online for the past 13 years and this is the 12th year that the Assessors’ office has made the Assessors’ Map Data available online. 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 online is updated annually. If you need more current information, you are invited to come into the Assessors’ Office.

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

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman

Jeremiah Carey, Vice-Chairman

Jessika Andreas, Member

Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor

Jan Geiger, Administrative Assistant to the Assessors' Office

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
2019 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2019 there were 381 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	20	
Additions/Garages	16	
Roofs	77	
Sheds	07	
Porches/Decks	22	
Replacement Windows/Doors	33	
Vinyl Siding	18	
Pools/ Spas	13	
Demolition	03	
Foundation/Footings	22	
Repairs/Renovations	26	
Remodel	31	
Pellet and Wood Stoves	07	
Insulation	37	
Awnings/Signs	06	
Solar Panels	30	
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	10	
Cell Tower	01	
Trailers	02	
Total Estimated Cost of Construction		\$8,795,684.87
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department		\$ 75,492.00
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees		\$ 17,156.00
Liens on Property Outstanding		\$ 46,458.00
Plumbing/Gas Department		\$ 19,225.00
Electrical Department		\$ 20,391.00
Recycling Center	\$143,00.00	
Less: Product Percentage Payments	( 1,575.00)	\$ 141,425.00
Board of Health		\$ <u>46,440.00</u>

Total Fees and Liens Inspectional Services Department \$ 366,587.00

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In addition, to date we have assisted the Collector/Treasurer's Office through our Town By-Law with the collection of real estate taxes, betterments, water and sewer fees and personal property taxes totaling \$95,696.00.

I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Code Enforcement Officer, Elizabeth Diefenbach, Secretary, Craig Casavant, Electrical Inspector, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Kurtis Paterson, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert J. Speroni  
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
2019 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2019 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We logged 230 electrical inspection and we issued 208 electrical permits, as follows:

New Single Family Homes	20
Additions/Garages	12
Service Entrance/Panel	25
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	13
Fire/Security Alarm	09
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	11
Vinyl Siding	14
Generators/AC	16
Meters	09
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	29
Fixtures/Outlets	15
Solar Panels	30
Temporary Service	04
Demolition	01

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

I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Code Enforcement Officer, Elizabeth Diefenbach, Secretary, Robert J. Speroni, Building Commissioner, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Kurtis Paterson, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department                   \$25,475.00  
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Respectfully submitted,

Craig Casavant  
Electrical Inspector

Capital Outlay Committee 2019 Report

James Watson Finance Committee- Chairman  
Jonathan Savoie Finance Committee-Member  
Owen Bebeau Planning Board-Member  
Anthony Catalano-Planning Board-Member  
Gerald Rivet Board of Selectmen-Member  
\*Robert Dubois Board of Selectmen-Member  
\*Michael Catalano Board of Selectmen-Member  
Kasey Bik-Blackstone Collector Treasurer  
Patricia Dubois-Secretary  
\*Part Year

The Capital Outlay Committee was established to review and make recommendations on all Capital projects that had greater than a fifteen thousand dollar value with a life expectancy of five years or greater. Currently, projects costing over \$35,000 require recommendation from the Capital Outlay Committee before 2/3 vote at Town meeting to withdraw funds from the Capital Trust. The Capital Investment Fund also known as the Capital Trust Fund has been in existence since its legislation in 2001. The revenue in the Capital Trust Fund is obtained from the ANP Pilot Agreement of which 90% is solely for capital expenditures. Previously approved expenditures and infrastructure improvements which had been voted on at Town Meetings have obligated many of these funds not only for this year but also for several years to come. These improvements for the Town and its future will be long lasting but their debt will impact the availability of monies from the Capital Trust for many years to come. The Town voted to extend the Pilot Agreement by 10 years, which will provide approximately an additional \$2,400,000 per year to the Capital Trust Fund.

The Capital Outlay Committee made recommendations to the following Articles for the 2020 Fiscal Year:

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for final engineering design and construction of the Water Treatment Plant project at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, allowing the Town to enter into agreement for grant and/or loan dollars from USDA Rural Development program or MA DEP State Revolving Loan Fund as determined by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to modify the purpose for which the \$100,000 appropriation approved pursuant to the vote under Article 23 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting may be expended to include: purchase and install generators for the Bellingham Road water tank and Upper Main Street pumping station and repair or replacement of sewer pumps for Staples Lane and other pump stations, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 recommend

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$170,000 to purchase a new dump body sander with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a new F250 4 x 4 truck with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000 to purchase a utility body crane truck with plow, to be funded 50% from Water and Sewer retained earnings and 50% from free cash (Department of Public Works share), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000,000 to complete repair and maintenance and upgrades to public buildings or properties, or take any other action in relation thereto. Articles 24, 25, and 26 would be included in this article if approved.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay took **NO VOTE** at this time for or against the \$1,000,000 bond issue. The Capital Outlay Committee did recommend approval of articles 24, 25 and 26 with funds to come from \$1,000,000 bond issued passed and funds were approved from that source at Town meeting. The Capital Outlay Committee made no recommendation and no vote was made at Town meeting concerning the Sally port, Historical Building, handicapped entrance and structural issues.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$85,000 for improvements to the Blackstone Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to complete mandatory state regulation repairs to the Police Department cell area, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)  
Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for improvements Fire Stations 2 and 3, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Capital Outlay voted 6-0 to recommend

Respectfully Submitted:  
James Watson Finance Committee  
Chairman

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

FY2019

Real Estate billed = \$16,098,318.39 – Collected \$15,956,370.80

Collection Rate = 99.12%

Tax Lien = \$115,875.95 – Collected \$8,942.94

Collection Rate = 7.72%

Personal Property billed = \$2,464,325.36 – Collected \$2,462,635.30

Collection Rate = 99.93%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,296,869.06 – Collected \$1,231,607.93

Collection Rate = 94.98%

Water Sewer Bills = \$1,934,341.30 – Collected \$1,906,647.47

Collection Rate = 98.57%

Total billed \$21,909,661.98 – Total Collected \$21,566,204.44

Total Collection Rate = 98.43%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

I want to thank the hard-working employees that staff the Collector/Treasurer's Office. Kelsey Lemoine was appointed as Assistant Treasurer on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. She stepped into her role without hesitation, learning quickly and establishing herself as an invaluable asset. Kevin Jordan was appointed as Assistant Collector on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Kevin's previous experience in the Collector/Treasurer's Office has served our team well. His work and service to our residents continues to be outstanding.

I would also like to thank Blackstone's residents for their support in my election to office on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It has been a privilege serving the Town of Blackstone, and I am grateful for the chance to contribute to the community in this new position.

Kasey Bik  
Collector | Treasurer  
Town of Blackstone

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

**Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$975.00</b>
<b>INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$6,410,682.86</b>
<b>STABILIZATION</b>	<b>\$3,337,228.55</b>
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$4,327,787.40</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,892,982.57</b>
<b>TOTAL: Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$18,969,656.38</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
SALARY LISTING  
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

**SELECTMEN**

KEEFE, DANIEL	SELECTMEN, CHAIR	\$	1800.00
BIK, MARGARET	SELECTMEN , VICE CHAIRMAN	\$	1500.00
DUBOIS ROBERT	SELECTMEN	\$	1500.00
GREENE, TAYLOR	SELECTMEN	\$	1125.00
RIVET, GERLARD	SELECTMEN	\$	1500.00
CATALANO, MICHEAL	SELECTMEN	\$	375.00

**ADMINISTRATION**

KEYES, DANIEL M	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$	141072.29
NADEAU LEMOINE SANDRA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$	54306.00
KYLE LEMOINE	SELECTMEN / ADMIN CLERK	\$	11912.20
BOUCHER, BARBARA	SELECTMEN / ADMIN CLERK	\$	660.00

**DPW**

SULLIVAN JAMES	DPW DIRECTOR	\$	97816.51
PATERSON, KELLY	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$	42302.65
DUBOIS, PATRICIA	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$	30643.07
SUTHERLAND, AMY	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$	60.00
VARIEUR, ROBERT	LEADMAN	\$	94261.39
MARCHAND, THOMAS	LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	\$	74767.85
FANEUF, RANDALL	LABORER	\$	51836.32
MARTELLO, DOMINIC	LABORER	\$	42571.40
MOWRY, BEAU	LABORER	\$	54234.22
ROBIDOUX, ADAM	LABORER	\$	56526.53
STAPLES, JOSHUA	LABORER	\$	48198.79
SULLIVAN JR, JAMES	LABORER	\$	57288.07
PATERSON, DONALD	MECHANIC	\$	73560.20
VALASTRO, PAUL	TRUCK DRIVER	\$	51070.87
WILDES, ARTHUR	TRUCK DRIVER	\$	49776.63
BLAIS, HERRICK	SEASONAL LABORER	\$	3342.00
CASEY, ISAAC	SEASONAL LABORER	\$	2964.00

**PARKS & RECREATION**

BISSONNETTE, DEBRA	PARKS SECRETARY	\$	660.96
GLAISTER, KOLE	PARKS HELPER	\$	3054.00
WOLFORD, JUSTIN	PARKS HELPER	\$	3405.00

**FINANCE**

TAYLOR, LAUREN	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	81175.80
BARRETT, LAUREN	ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	19377.08
BIK, KASEY	COLLECTOR / TREASURER	\$	53910.38
LEMOINE, KELSEY	ASSISTANT TREASURER	\$	29869.96
JORDAN, KEVIN	ASSISTANT COLLECTOR	\$	16996.50
SALAMONE, PATRICIA	ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	\$	69496.36
JANET GEIGER	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ASSESSORS'	\$	37629.02

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
SALARY LISTING  
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

\*\* please note that private details and overtime are relected in the below figures

ATSTUPENAS ROSS	POLICE CHIEF	\$	134666.49
GILMORE GREGORY	POLICE CHIEF	\$	105731.52
LOETHER, TRAVIS	DETECTIVE	\$	87634.13
BRODEUR, SHAWN M.	POLICE SERGEANT	\$	105914.69
HURWITZ, MAXWELL	POLICE SERGEANT	\$	130951.60
LUIS, KEVIN	POLICE SERGEANT	\$	114023.19
MANTONI MATTHEW	POLICE SERGEANT	\$	127369.17
BLANCHETTE DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$	90764.29
DAIGLE, PATRICK	POLICE OFFICER	\$	82116.49
GIARDINO DANIEL	POLICE OFFICER	\$	113998.49
HAYNES GREGGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	84219.80
JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE OFFICER	\$	73369.05
LAUDON, DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$	85729.23
LUNGARINI, ANTHONY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	92758.40
METZ,CRAIG	POLICE OFFICER	\$	92471.67
NIEMCZYK JOSEPH	POLICE OFFICER	\$	84997.08
PAVONE, MICHAEL	POLICE OFFICER	\$	76516.93
TAPPAN, GREGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	62005.05
CABRAL, SANDRA	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	12015.29
DUGAS, ALBERT	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	68443.79
GILL, RYAN	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	56811.78
TROWBRIDGE, KYLE	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	39561.84
WEBER, BETTINA	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	66314.93
SULLIVAN, KEVIN	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	20644.46
BANNER, SUSAN	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	1700.00
BAVOSI, ANTHONY	POLICE DETAIL	\$	1750.00
CERVANTES, HARRY	POLICE DETAIL	\$	975.00
CORRIVEAU, GERARD	POLICE DETAIL	\$	2290.00
COUPE, WILLIAM	POLICE DETAIL	\$	5847.50
CUSACK II, JAMES	POLICE DETAIL	\$	1200.00
DEAN, JEFFREY	POLICE DETAIL	\$	800.00
DIROSA, MICHAEL	POLICE DETAIL	\$	987.50
DUNLAVEY, PHILIP	POLICE DETAIL	\$	800.00
GUZOWSKI, EDWARD	POLICE DETAIL	\$	800.00
HEENAN, KEVIN	POLICE DETAIL	\$	1400.00
JOHNSON, ROBERT	POLICE DETAIL	\$	400.00
LACAVA, STEVEN	POLICE DETAIL	\$	2000.00
LAVALLEE II, ROGER	POLICE DETAIL	\$	1400.00
MINICHELLO, FRANK	POLICE DETAIL	\$	400.00
PADULA, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE DETAIL	\$	2491.25
POISSANT, RUSSELL	POLICE DETAIL	\$	987.50
REYNOLDS, THOMAS	POLICE DETAIL	\$	400.00
ROLLS, JULIUS	POLICE DETAIL	\$	2050.00
RYAN, RICHARD	POLICE DETAIL	\$	14875.00
ST PIERRE, EDWARD	POLICE DETAIL	\$	2000.00
WHEELER, ROBERT	POLICE DETAIL	\$	1200.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

SWEENEY, MICHAEL	FIRE CHIEF	\$	98824.60
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MUNICIPAL CENTER  
SALARY LISTING  
CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

MARCOUX, MICHAEL	DEPUTY CHIEF	\$	68300.34
COTNOIR, KENNETH	LIEUTENANT	\$	114112.32
IANNETTI, ANTHONY	LIEUTENANT	\$	107220.92
SEVIGNY, JOEY	LIEUTENANT	\$	108812.97
BLAKE, SAMUEL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	129778.36
CALBO, GREGORY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	83086.15
COTNOIR II, KENNETH	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	93444.80
DAIGLE, CHRISTINE	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	49380.30
FRADE, PAUL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	117769.07
ROY, KEVIN	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	81950.61
BEAULIEU, GREGORY	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	493.00
BILLINGS, MICHAEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	1938.00
CUNNINGHAM, JAMES	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	1207.00
DUNAYESKI II, THOMAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	544.00
FOSTER, JAMES	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	119.00
GIGNAC, DENNIS	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	29.00
LANCTOT, CHRISTOPHER	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	442.00
RAINVILLE, DANIEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	374.00
RAINVILLE, EDWARD	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	119.00
RAINVILLE, LUCIEN	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	494.00
SWEENEY, MICHAEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	1802.00
TROIILA-KELLIHER, NICHOLAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	1479.00

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**LIBRARY**

CHEEVER, LISA	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	\$	67549.92
COLLIER, TRESSY	ASST. DIRECTOR / CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN	\$	41869.04
ANSELL DONNA	SENIOR LIBRARY TECHNICIAN / HEAD CIRCULATION	\$	39004.69
BINETTE, DENISE	LIBRARY AID	\$	5750.36
BUEHLER, DIANNE	LIBRARY AID	\$	9707.26
DELVECCHIO, KAREN	LIBRARY AID	\$	12463.70
DIAS, ROBIN	LIBRARY AID	\$	9961.29
DOLL-BUTLER, LINN	LIBRARY AID	\$	62.04
DURYEA, TERESA	LIBRARY AID	\$	2451.80
FOSTER, DONNA	LIBRARY AID	\$	9544.16
GOUDREAU, ELLEN	LIBRARY AID	\$	11979.97
HERBERT, OLIVIA	LIBRARY AID	\$	11685.31
HIGHCOVE, MADISON	LIBRARY AID	\$	1006.44
LANDRY, AMANDA	LIBRARY AID	\$	8120.26
MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL	LIBRARY AID	\$	2432.24
MENDES, ANA	LIBRARY AID	\$	584.04
MEZZADRI, AMY	LIBRARY AID	\$	9731.48
MILLER, KAREN	LIBRARY AID	\$	201.24
PIECHOCKI, JEAN	LIBRARY AID	\$	11221.11
TIBBETTS, DENISE	LIBRARY AID	\$	1550.52
MARVELLE, SR., ROGER	SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN	\$	1948.63
MARVELLE, RUSSELL	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN	\$	35396.10

**TOWN CLERK**

DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE	TOWN CLERK	\$	29516.10
SULLIVAN, TARA	TOWN CLERK	\$	50675.91
BIK DONNA	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$	41359.99
VAILLANCOURT, ALISON	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$	10592.81
PICARD, JULIE	TOWN CLERK OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$	25152.67
STAFFORD, SHEILA	TOWN CLERK OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$	7537.02
DOYLE, DANIEL	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$	250.00
GREENWALD, MARC	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$	200.00

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

KEEFE, LAURIE	COA DIRECTOR	\$	56727.44
MEDEIROS, ERIN	OUTREACH COORDINATOR	\$	39610.14
LECLAIR, GAIL	NUTRITION/FITNESS COORDINATOR	\$	35857.36

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PIMENTA, DENNIS	TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR	\$	26945.78
MOORE, MARCUS	VETERAN'S REP	\$	459.75
DUSSAULT, TIFFANY	SENOIR CENTER WORKER	\$	1721.70
ALTEMUS, BLAIR	VAN DRIVER	\$	10074.10
CARRIGAN, PAULETTE	VAN DRIVER	\$	253.59
FLYNN, TIMOTHY	VAN DRIVER	\$	8141.96
GAGNON, ROGER	VAN DRIVER	\$	10480.56
HOGAN, DENIS	VAN DRIVER	\$	7526.22
KANZ, WALTER	VAN DRIVER	\$	4145.30
STUART, JOHN	VAN DRIVER	\$	8053.97

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

STRAPPONI COLLEEN	BLDG / HEALTH SECRETARY	\$	43009.82
ROCHE, JOSEPH	ZONING BOARD /ZONING BD/CAP.OUTLAY/ W/S COMMISSIONER	\$	1600.63
WALSH WILLIAM	PLUMB /GAS INSPECTOR/RECYCLE CTR COORD	\$	73600.55
SCHOFIELD, MARY	RECYCLING CENTER ATTENDANT	\$	9855.39
RYAN, KEVIN J	RECYCLING LABORER	\$	46086.88
RYAN, PETER	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$	1320.00
MOORE, MARCUS	VETERANS AGENT	\$	3678.00
VILLEMAIRE, MICHELLE E	PARADE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	\$	1251.54

## **Blackstone 2019 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.

There are approximately 2,108 elders (60 years and older) in our community. This number represents a 17% increase since 2015. These numbers will only continue to grow. We are in the seventh year of the aging boom-that is, baby boomers turning 65-at the rate of 10,000 per day across the nation. At the same time, the senior population is living longer, 80.7 years in Massachusetts. It is the mission of the Council on Aging to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing activities and services to allow the elders to remain independent at home for as long as possible.

The Director is responsible for all program operations, COA Budget, Senior Center Staff and Volunteer Services. In 2017 the Director received Massachusetts Behavioral Health Certification through Boston University's Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research (CADER), and in 2018 received both Residential Housing and Community Development and Ethics and Legal Principals Certification through BU CADER as well. 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. As needs have changed, we have kept up by adding new programs and finding innovative solutions to sometimes complex issues. We maintain a commitment to the promotion of good health, safety and well -being of the elders in our community. The Council on aging has been successful in connecting elders and their families with vital community based resources. At a time when most information and referral services have become automated, the council on aging has remained committed to providing face to face assistance.

### **STAFF**

The staff consists of a full time Director, (Laurie Keefe), Outreach Coordinator, (Erin 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.

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**SUPPORT SERVICES / OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

The over 60 population in Blackstone has reached more than 2100. This means that the Outreach Program is more important than ever. 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 advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance (212 applications completed in the 2017-18 heating season). The senior center has a certified SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) counselor through the state of Massachusetts. 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 applications and re-certifications. (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 community. 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 service 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

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transportation for the home-bound residents 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. In the last 5 years, the Blackstone Council on Aging Transportation Service has provided more than 35,000 rides to residents of our community.

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

### **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the COA has five volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers use the town car or their personal car to drive elders to their long distance medical appointments. The recorded statistics show that in just under 3 years, the five volunteer drivers have donated over 800 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation services. This has saved the town of over \$10,000.

### **VEHICLES**

The Town currently has four vehicles for the COA. We have retired the 2012 Ford Eldorado 14 passenger wheelchair lift bus due to age, miles and the need for major repairs. The second is a 4 passenger 2011 Ford Escape purchased in June 2011 by the Town, 2009 Ford 12 Passenger wheelchair lift van purchased in 2010 through the Mass DOT Grant, 2015 Ford Starttrans, 2 wheelchair, 12 passenger, wheelchair lift bus, delivered in March of 2016, and a 2017 Dodge Wheelchair Mini Van delivered in May of 2018. On December 12, 2019, The Senior Center Director received news that Town of Blackstone had been competitively selected to receive a State Fiscal Year 2020 Community Transit Grant for the purchase of replacement Van in the amount of \$51,570.00. This vehicle will be received somewhere in the spring/summer of 2020.

### **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. In addition to nutrition, the site manager also is responsible for developing weekly programs as well as recreational and social events and trips that will attract elders, their caregivers, neighbors and friends to the Senior Center. The Senior Center encourages volunteers to assist the site manager with ideas or programs they would like to see implemented. Other daily tasks assigned to the Site Manager would be the maintenance of accurate data base recording and back up for Transportation Coordinator.

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

200 copies printed monthly at the BMR High School print lab. A copy of the newsletter is also available on-line at: [www.townofblackstone.org](http://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, knit & crochet, water color painting, tai chi, chair yoga, 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 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: Healthy Eating and Dental Health presentation by BVTHS, Senior Citizens legal advocacy through Community Legal Aid, Smart 911, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Fallon health updates, SHINE Medicare 101 presentation and more. We also host monthly blood pressure clinics in conjunction with the Board of Health, medication review and Flu Clinic. Tax aide assistance through AARP for the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. *(In 2014, only 13.8% of adults age 65+ actually filed for this credit, of the over 600 thousand tax filers age 65 and above in Massachusetts.)* In Blackstone for the 2016 Tax year, 135 residents filed for a total credit claimed of \$115,394. An average of \$855 per resident. (Source: DOR statistics of income)

### **EMHOT**

The Elder Mental Health Outreach Team, a community based elder mental health intervention program administered through the EOEa, collaborating with 6 Councils on Aging (Bellingham, Blackstone, Mendon, Medway, Milford and Franklin). The EMHOT comprised of an LICSW employs a home based model that includes therapy, case management, education and referral. The goal is to identify, access and provide treatment to elders in our community. The Blackstone Senior Center will continue to advocate for improved access to mental health services, the reduction of stigma, and availability of services in our area.

### **INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The seniors participated in a concert with the middle and High School Woodwind Choir. 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

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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 4000 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, assist with fundraising and participate in programs that help seniors, etc.

### **PRIORITY AREAS & SENIOR CENTER NEEDS**

**HOURS-** An increase in the number of requests for medical transportation, OFF hours. Extended hours will inevitably be a necessity in our community. Many Individuals are required to undergo life sustaining medical treatments and often our hours do not accommodate them.

The increase in the number of requests for outreach appointments after working hours is on the rise. Many baby boomers are still working and active during the day and require their appointments after our 3:30 closing time.

**ROOM & ACCESSIBILITY-** Handicapped accessibility to the Town Hall is poor. With only one accessible entrance at the back of the building, people with walkers sometimes find the Town Hall a maze of hallways in looking for our offices. Senior Center has only one office for confidential meeting space and often has to use BOH office for meeting space. The library has been used for class size space as the Town Hall space is limited, so we have been limited to the number and size of classes we can have. Waitlist is often used for both classes and special luncheons. The Senior Center has NO storage areas at all. Aside from a small closet in the kitchen area. There is no place to store any of the class equipment, craft supplies or lending equipment (wheelchairs and walkers)- therefore taking up much needed space in the only room we have for classes.

**COVERED PARKING-** is necessary for the Vans during the winter months and can sometimes be difficult for staff to get to as we currently use the pavilion at the back of the park.

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These are just some of the many things we will be looking at in the near future, regarding the future of the Senior Center. It is important to remember that not all “old people” are the same. Older adults are a diverse group; one size does not fit all when it comes to describing and anticipating their needs and interests. Diversity in socioeconomic status, age, level of education, level of physical and cognitive functioning, living arrangements, ethnicity and life experience have a great impact on the kinds of services programs and activities they need. Communities must adapt and be accessible and inclusive.

As I reflect on the last year and anticipate the challenges ahead, I want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment from my staff, the people and organizations we collaborate with, our town officials, the COA Board and the residents of this community who all establish our direction and support us year after year.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Keefe, Director  
Blackstone Council on Aging



Charles D. Baker, Governor  
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor  
Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary & CEO  
Astrid Glynn, MassDOT Rail & Transit Administrator



Laurie Keefe  
Town of Blackstone  
15 Saint Paul Street  
Blackstone, MA 01504

Dear Ms. Keefe,

On behalf of Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito, I am pleased to notify you that the Town of Blackstone has been competitively selected to receive a State Fiscal Year 2020 Community Transit Grant Program award for the following project(s):

**BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (1) (BCG0008276)** in the amount of **\$51,570** (to be matched with **\$12,893** in local funds), for **one (1)** Type C vehicle

Through this funding, we hope to ensure that you continue to provide meaningful transportation options across the Commonwealth, as the service that you provide is an essential component to our economic success.

In the coming weeks, you will receive further instructions from the MassDOT Transit Unit detailing next steps. Please feel free to contact Thomas Schiavone (Thomas.Schiavone@dot.state.ma.us) if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to improving transportation options across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pollack  
Secretary and CEO, Massachusetts Department of Transportation



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY  
CHIEF

## TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

15 SAINT PAUL STREET  
BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS 01504  
PHONE: (508) 883-1030 / FAX: (508) 883-7923

SMOKE  
DETECTORS  
SAVE  
LIVES

### 2019 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2019 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with twelve budgeted full time firefighter/paramedics, a full time fire chief and ten call firefighters. There are three fire stations located in town. The main station is at 15 Saint Paul Street which is staffed with full time firefighter/paramedics around the clock. Currently we have four shifts and all four shifts will have three fire medics on duty. We just completed a four year plan to increase the staffing level to three on each shift and are in the process of hiring the additional required people. Each shift 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 tanker for brush fires and two paramedic level ambulances. The 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.

On September 9, 2019 Deputy Chief Michael Marcoux worked his last tour on the Blackstone Fire Department. He had decided that after 33 years of dedicated full time service he finally decided to move to the cape and slow down a little bit.

On January 7, 2020 Lieutenant Joey Sevigny after twenty years of dedicated service also decided to retire from the fire/ems service and pursue other interest.

On behalf of the Blackstone Fire Department we wish them both the best in retirement from a long and well appreciated service to our community

Fire prevention and education programs were taught in our schools once again due to the generosity of our town businesses. The Blackstone Fire Department applies for and has been awarded a S.A.F.E.grant every year (student awareness of fire education). We start our programs in the school system in March and focus on grades one through five. Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Frade 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 link to our Code Red emergency notification system. By registering with this system you can provide valuable information to our dispatchers in the event of a police, fire or ems emergency. You will also receive emergency notifications and general broadcast issued by the town.

The department took in \$6,720.00 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 \$10,934.00 in 2019. 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	\$6,154.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,780.00

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2019 were approximately \$345,000.00. 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 fire department also took possession of a 2019 F-450 Ford Chassis and mounted our brush skid unit on it. This truck will serve as our primary brush fire unit. This expenditure was approved at the annual town meeting in May.

In May of 2020 I will be looking to purchase two replacement vehicles. The first is a new ambulance. The vehicle we have now has over 70,000 miles and is six years old. The second vehicle is to replace Engine 56 which is housed on Elm Street. The truck is a 1994 International and is starting to give us mechanical issues.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2019

Total calls.....	953
Transports.....	905
No Service.....	38
Refusals.....	91
Fire Assist Calls.....	6
Cancelled .....	33
Treat/No Transport.....	4
Assistance.....	54
False Calls.....	0

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Landmark Medical Center.....	337
Milford Regional.....	373
Fatima.....	1
Rhode Island Trauma.....	13
Hasbro Children's.....	8
Providence Veterans.....	4
Roger Williams.....	0
Woman & Infants.....	1
Miriam.....	1

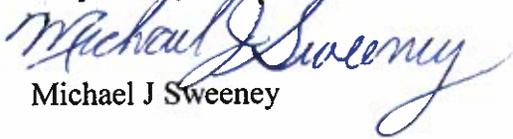
The following is a list of department activity for the year 2019

Rescue.....	953
Building Fire.....	13
Appliance Fire.....	5
Brush Fire.....	2
Outside Fire.....	11
Vehicle Fire.....	2
Fire Alarms.....	92
Investigations.....	56
Accidents.....	48
Gas Leaks.....	11
Co Calls.....	27
Rescue Assists.....	117
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	2
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	36
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	90
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	122
Service Calls.....	42
Drills.....	11
Meetings.....	34
Burning Permits.....	247
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	275

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

On a personal note I would like to thank the townspeople who voted for my three year extension at the annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J Sweeney

## 2019 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected Kevin J. Ryan, Chairman, Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Vice-Chairman and welcomed Tim Brown as a member. The Board of Health would like to thank William T. Walsh for his years of service to the Board and the residents of Blackstone.

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 residents. 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 Colleen M. Strapponi, Elizabeth Diefenbach and Earl J. Vater for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the residents of Blackstone and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Ryan, Chairman  
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Vice-Chairman  
Tim Brown, Member

## 2019 Annual Report

### Blackstone Historical Commission

Members of the Blackstone Historical Commission were saddened by the loss of our friend and mentor, Jesse Deacon. Jesse served the town of Blackstone as a member of the commission for more than 30 years. He was extremely knowledgeable of many aspects of the town's history. With his passing, Blackstone has lost an important link to its past. He will be missed.

This year the commission presented a series of programs designed to enlighten and entertain our visitors. We are grateful to Selectwoman Margo Bik who agreed to speak about the history and function of hats. Not only did she bring many of her own collection but the event also showcased hats made by local milliner, Mrs. Claire Perrault.

In April, Karen Antonowicz explored the Roaring '20's in style and social development with an informative and entertaining program.

Commission member Rick Guilbeault was chosen as Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day parade. Recipient of 2 Purple Hearts for his service during the Vietnam War, Rick was a fitting choice for Grand Marshall.

In September, President John Adams gave a presentation at the museum as portrayed by Michael Lepage.

Local attorney and author, Dan Doyle, spoke on the subject of Irish and English immigrants and work on this country's canals, the subject of his new book, "Canals".

Commission membership changes included the resignation of Sue Demers, the appointed by selectmen of Carolyn Powers and Marc Lemay as permanent members and Faulette Boyko as an alternate commission member.

As part of the Corridor Commission's "Go Walk " program in September, commission members Rick Guilbeault, Julie Wingate and Carolyn Powers, led a group of more than 30 walkers on a tour of Main Street and to the ruins of the Saranac Mills.

The 15th Annual Christmas Open House culminated a year of events at the Blackstone Historical museum. Caroling by the Very Merry Dickens Carolers entertained our many visitors.

One of the duties of the Historical Commission is to preserve and promote Blackstone's history. Since its first opening 15 years ago the museum has grown and improved because of the generous donations of residents and former residents.

One such former resident is Deborah (Boxold) Gauthier. She generously donates her skills and time every week to transfer the museum's files and films to disk and thumb drive.

We would like to thank all those who support our efforts and invite you to visit your museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Wingate, Chair

Helen Murray, Vice-chair

Susan Tenerowicz, Sec

Carolyn Powers

Richard Ryan

Richard Guilbeault

Marc Lemay

Paulette Boyko, alt.

Thomas Marchand, alt.

# 2019 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2019, the Blackstone Library entered its fifteenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2019 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 70,338 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 materials from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

The library welcomed Maryann Dobeck as a new Trustee in 2019 and said goodbye to Linda Hemphill as a departing Trustee. Thank you to Ms. Hemphill for her years of dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Cheever, Library Director

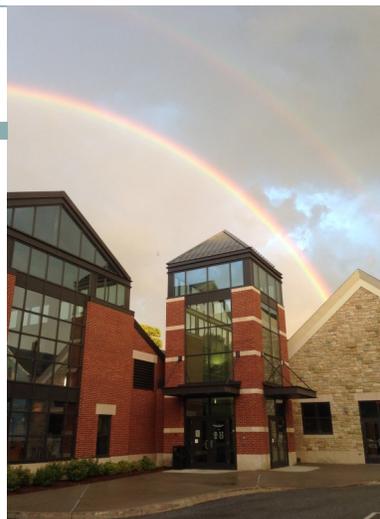


Photo by Dianne Buehler

## **Blackstone Public Library Board of Trustees**

Jean Alexandrowicz  
Mary Lou Branchaud  
Maryann Dobeck  
Kelly Gillis  
Patricia Guzinski  
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.

**Staff Members**

**Director:** Lisa Cheever

**Assistant Director  
& Children’s Librarian:**

Tressy Collier

**Head of Circulation &  
Technical Services:**

Donna Ansell

**Young Adult Librarian:**

Karen DelVecchio

**Historical Room Curator &  
Shift Supervisor:**

Olivia Herbert

**Repair Lead & Shift**

**Supervisor:** Donna Foster

**Tech Room Assistant & Shift  
Supervisor:** Ellen Goudreau

**Shift Supervisor & Tech Room:**

Amy Mezzadri

**Young Adult Assistant:**

Amanda Landry

**Children’s Room**

**Assistant:** Jean Piechocki

**Advertising & Shift**

**Supervisor:** Dianne Buehler

**Display Coordinator:** Robin  
Dias

**Library Aides:** Denise Binette,  
Madison Highcove,  
Cheryl Marino-Page,  
Denise Tibbets

**Custodian:** Russell Marvelle

**Custodial Sub:** Roger Marvelle



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 young adults:**

Film Club and the Advisory Group

**Ongoing activities for children:**

Lego Club, Toddler Story-Time,  
Story-Time & Craft, Read With a Therapy Dog.

For more information please call (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 5,896 registered borrowers.

**Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period**

**Calendar Year 2019**

ILLs received = 6,031

ILLs sent = 12,874

**Circulations in a twelve month period**

**Calendar Year 2019**

54,947

**Overdrive Statistics 2019**

eBooks borrowed 2,414

eAudio borrowed 2,163

**Meeting Room Usage in 2019**

Large Meeting Room 155

Quiet Study #1 326

Quiet Study #2 282

Historical Room 82

Total 845



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

<b>Grants</b>	
Dean Bank	\$ 625.00
District Attorney Joseph D. Early - Young Adult Program	\$ 200.00
Library Services & Technology Act Grant (MBLC)	\$ 7,500.00
Local Cultural Council Grants - Blackstone	\$ 3,750.00
Museum of Science Scholarship	\$ 300.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,200.00
State Aid to Public Libraries	\$ 13,599.73
UniBank	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Monetary Donations</b>	
Castle Hill	\$ 150.00
Cookie Walk Fundraiser	\$ 2,466.01
Friends of the Blackstone Public Library	\$ 1,500.00
Goodstuff Smokehouse Fundraiser	\$ 560.00
Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle	\$ 200.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 1,565.00
Patron donations	\$ 130.00
Ribbons and Greens	\$ 63.00
<b>Other Donations</b>	
Bear's Christmas Tree Farm	Greens
Betty's Donuts	Refreshments
Dunkin Donuts—Blackstone	Coffee
Mill Tavern Pizza	Refreshments
Park n Shop	Refreshments
Patron Donations	Craft supplies
TKO Pizza	Refreshments
Wright's Dairy Farm	Refreshments

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the fantastic resources below 24 hours a day without ever leaving home by visiting the library's webpage.

- ◆ **A to Z World Culture & World Travel**
- ◆ **A to Z the USA - State information**
- ◆ **A to Z Maps Online - free map access**
- ◆ **A to Z Food**
- ◆ **Acorn TV**
- ◆ **ArtistWorks - learn to play an instrument**
- ◆ **Atomic Training - software training**
- ◆ **Boston Library eCard**
- ◆ **Chilton Library - automobile repair**
- ◆ **Cypress Resume**
- ◆ **Digital Newspapers**
- ◆ **eBooks , eAudio, & eVideo**
- ◆ **Gale Interactive Science**
- ◆ **Gale Small Business Builder**
- ◆ **Hoopla**
- ◆ **IndieFlix - free movie streaming**
- ◆ **Just for Kids Access Video**
- ◆ **Legal Forms Library**
- ◆ **Mango Languages**
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **Writer's Reference Center**

## PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2019, the library offered 179 children's programs with 1,795 in attendance. The library also offered 50 young adult programs with 519 in attendance, as well as 62 programs for adults with 844 in attendance.



The 2019 summer reading program was held with performers, educational and cultural events, as well as activities.

- Ninety-nine children completed the summer reading program.
- Fifteen young adults completed the summer reading program
- Twenty-two adults completed the summer reading program.



**In calendar year 2019,  
46,554 people visited the library!**

## OUTREACH

The library continues to offer outreach in several forms:

- Homebound delivery
- Story-times on location
- Mobile book clubs
- Application to the Talking Books Library in Worcester
- School visits
- Library tours for schools and community groups



## Library of Things (LOT) Collection

Atari Flashback Game Console  
Card Games  
Digital Laser Thermometer  
Gamer V Portable Gaming Systems  
Graphing Calculator  
Interlocking Building Blocks  
Laptops  
Lawn Games  
Metal Detector  
Micro Controller Plug & Play Game  
Nature Walk Kits  
Record players  
Table Balance Scale  
Ukulele  
Walking Hand Weights

Board Games  
Dice Games  
Disco Party Lights  
Ghost Hunting Kit  
Karaoke System  
Electronic Keyboard  
Launchpads  
LP Records  
Microscope  
Mini Projector  
Orion Telescope  
Sewing Machines  
Toddler Musical Instruments  
Voice Recorder  
Walking Poles

## Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission

### 2019 Annual Town Report

In 2019 the Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission welcomed Kim Briggs as committee member. She has brought energy and enthusiasm with a can-do attitude. Kim replaced Bob Morse. The town benefited by Bob's expertise in field maintenance and his generosity in donations or use of his business's maintenance equipment. Thank you, Bob, for your dedication and service.

We were pleased to recognize our long serving Treasurer, Don Cox, for his years of service to the Town by dedicating a granite bench alongside the Goulet Park basketball court. Don coached a variety of youth sports. Most notably basketball for over thirty years and baseball for more than twenty years. He has been the major driver of our annual Tags and Trout event. If you ever participated in an event with Blackstone Lions Club sponsorship, you likely were handed a hot dog or popcorn by Don.



These are the events we organized and coordinated in 2019

- Tags and Trout at Valati Park jointly sponsored with The Lions and PACC
- Easter Egg hunt held at Roosevelt Park
- Family game board night was held during February school vacation
- Water Balloon Wars event at the A.F. Maloney soccer field included a water slide, jumbo bubble wands, and of course water balloons!
- Fourth annual Fall Fest at Roosevelt Park. The event featured area craft and other merchants, kids' games and pumpkin decorating, and pie contests.
- Second annual Hometown Christmas Celebration co-sponsored with the Blackstone Fire Department and the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club. In addition to the traditional Santa and Mrs. Santa firetruck ride local businesses and organizations provided treats and activities. There was also Santa photos and cookie decorating. The high school band played Christmas Carols in advance of a Christmas tree lighting in front of the Municipal Center.
- Selfie Elfie returned. Ms. Elfie traveled throughout town during the month of December. Photos taken by individuals and families were posted by participants on Facebook page #BlkstnSelfieElfie2019
- Athletic Fields:
  - All fields were professionally maintained by Adam Robidoux of the Blackstone Department of Public Works.
  - Field and basketball courts usage continued for youth baseball, basketball and soccer as well as adult softball leagues.

We are very pleased to relate Matt Catalano lead the effort reestablish the Friends of Blackstone Parks and Recreation. Their mission is "to support ongoing efforts of the Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission in renovating parks/fields and other recreational facilities in Blackstone, Massachusetts and to institute and/or maintain quality recreational programs including athletic programs within the Town of Blackstone." Visit Friends of Blackstone Parks and Recreation on Facebook for more information or to join.

Prepared by Bob Gilbert

## Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission

### 2019 Annual Town Report

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule is posted at the Town Hall and are generally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room. Meetings are shown live on the public cable channel and recorded for playback therein as well on the town website.

Visit us on <https://www.townofblackstone.org/parks-recreation>

Respectfully submitted by:

Celeste Langlois, Chairperson

Bob Gilbert, Vice Chairperson

Don Cox, Treasurer

Brian Scanlan

Kim Briggs

Deb Bissonette, Scribe

## **2019 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

### **Members:**

In 2019, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk Van Dyke who served as Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Owen Bebeau, Anthony Catalano, and alternate member, Robert Ring.

Kyle Lemoine served as the Board's Planning Coordinator for the first half of 2019 with Patricia Marvelle Ring taking over as the Coordinator in July 2019.

Gino Carlucci from PGC Associates of Franklin, Massachusetts, continues to serve as the Town's and Planning Board planning consultant. Mr. Carlucci's assistance is 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. Copies of accepted minutes and agendas from said meetings are also posted 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. Anthony Catalano and Owen Bebeau also serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

### **Projects:**

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2019 are as follows:

- Approved the Town's four solar photovoltaic commercial facilities
- Housing Production Plan was completed and approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development
- Prepared Zoning By-Laws that were approved at the Town Meeting to regulate marijuana facilities and to restrict new solar facilities to the Industrial district
- Worked with CMRPC for an analysis of the Main Street corridor and the preparation of draft design guidelines
- Endorsed several Approval Not Required Plans
- Sanctioned numerous special permits, including accessory apartments, all while maintaining the Town's integrity
- Continued to monitor progress of stormwater drainage issues at the Sycamore Estates subdivision

Respectfully submitted,

Blackstone Planning Board

# Blackstone Police Department 2019 Annual Report

As your newly appointed Chief of Police, let me first start out offering my appreciation to all those that have participated in making my transition a smooth and successful one. The Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the men and women of the Blackstone Police Department, and most importantly, the citizens of the Town of Blackstone. I want to thank all those that gave me the support and encouragement needed during the past year.

With that in mind, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2019.

The Blackstone Police Department is normally staffed at 18 full-time police officers and 4 full-time dispatchers. Our command structure typically consists of the chief of police, a lieutenant, 3 sergeants, a detective, a school resource officer, and 11 patrolmen. In 2019 we had the retirement of two officers and I anticipate both openings to be filled in 2020. We look forward to working with these new officers upon their appointment and wish the retiring officers good luck in their retirement.

During 2019, 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. These grants included:

1.	State 911 Support Grant	\$36,175.00
2.	State 911 Training Grant	\$ 2,458.00
3.	Bullet Proof Vest Replacement Grant	\$ 1,300.00
4.	Narcan Reimbursement Program	varies
5.	Walmart Community Grants Program	\$ 1,000.00
6.	MED-Project Medicine Collection Grant	\$ 1,300.00

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. The State 911 Training Grant provides funding for training of full and part time dispatchers. The Bullet Proof Vest Grant provides funds to the department for the purchase of body armor for officers every 5 years. The state also provides reimbursement to minimize the cost to the town. Narcan reimbursement helps in our effort to curb overdose deaths in the community. The Walmart and MED grants provide funding for safety programs as well as safety equipment for the town.

The following is a breakdown of our calls for service over the past year:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
<b>Total Calls Received by Dispatch:</b>	<b>15689</b>	<b>13626</b>	-13%
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>142</b>	+10%
<b>Protective Custody</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	+20%
<b>Criminal Complaint Applications:</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>129</b>	+1%
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
<b>Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	-25%
<b>Domestic Violence Calls:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	-14%
<b>Incident Reports Investigated:</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>493</b>	-5%
<b>Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	-84.61%
	12	3	stolen
	1	2	recovered
<b>Field Interviews:</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>95</b>	-17%
<b>Missing/Runaways:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	+400%
<b>Accidents Investigated:</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>171</b>	+10%
<b>Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:</b>	<b>1344</b>	<b>1115</b>	-17%
- Civil	117	150	+28%
- Complaint App	81	70	-7%
- Warnings	181	142	-21%
- Arrests	25	84	+236%
- Verbal Warnings	939	600	-36%
<b>Parking Tickets Issued:</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>55</b>	-56%
<b>Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>219</b>	+1%
- License to Carry	209	211	+1%
- FID Card	8	8	n/c
<b>Civil Possession of Marijuana</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	

The police department website continues to provide the public with valuable information about the department and includes links to such things as accident reports, sex offender lists, child safety and internet safety pages. Our anonymous tip program has helped us solve crimes in Blackstone and we hope people continue to utilize this important feature. You can email or text anonymous tips to our department in an effort to help us solve crimes in the area. Our Facebook and Twitter accounts also have helped us not only notify the community about important matters but have also helped us solve some serious crimes. We encourage this continued assistance from the community. Please follow us on social media.

I have renewed our long-time relationship with the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crimes Task Force and nominated Sergeant Shawn Brodeur and Detective Travis Loether to represent our department within this group. As a former member of the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crime Task Force, I've seen firsthand how aggressive interdiction can reduce local drug use and distribution. These deadly drugs pose a danger to this community and our department will continue to actively and aggressively seek out and prosecute anyone endangering the health and welfare of the citizens of Blackstone.

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

The School Resource Officer program continues to be very well received by the school and the community. Officer David Laudon works closely with the school administration on a daily basis assisting in all matters related to not only law enforcement but diversion, counseling, athletics, etc. After meeting with Superintendent Jason DeFalco this past summer, I was very pleased with how well this program is working and am confident our presence in the school has had a positive impact on the students and administration.

As I present my first town report as Chief of Police, in addition to the officers mentioned above, I would be remiss if I did not thank and acknowledge each and every member of this Department for their dedication and true professionalism. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by hard working individuals who work tirelessly to serve the people of our community on a daily basis. I sincerely believe the men and women of this department offer the citizens of Blackstone the most excellent police services in the Blackstone Valley.

On behalf of the Department, I say thank you to all our residents and business owners for your continued support throughout the year. It is our pleasure to serve you and we will continue to provide you with the most professional and dedicated Police services possible.

Gregory Gilmore  
Chief of Police

**BLACKSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Investigation Report**

The Blackstone Police Department Investigation Report is required to be published in the Annual Town Report by Mass General Law, Chapter 41, Section 23B.



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June 13, 2019

Town of Blackstone  
15 Saint Paul Street  
Blackstone, Mass. 01504

To: Mr. Daniel Keyes  
Blackstone Town Administrator

From: Paul J. L'Italien #LP0952  
Licensed Private Investigator

Subject: Independent investigation  
Blackstone Police Department

**Executive summary:**

On Monday, April 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. I met with Town Administrator Daniel Keyes at the Blackstone town hall. Mr. Keyes provided me with background regarding the various grievances and labor disputes between the chief of police and the police union of the Blackstone police department. He described a disdain between the officers and the chief which has created a toxic working environment for all employees of the police department. On July 25, 2018 the police union took a vote of "no confidence" in Chief Ross Atstupenas. As a result of these developments the Blackstone board of selectmen voted unanimously to have an independent person come in to investigate the operation of the department to determine what has created the environment of disdain.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was agreed I would provide investigative services regarding this matter and there was a contract signed to formalize this agreement. The **investigative directive** was to determine the "**root cause**" of the toxic working environment at the Blackstone police department.

During the investigation I interviewed all sworn officers of the police department. During their interviews I asked each officer to describe the management approach of Chief Atstupenas. I also asked if union members were too aggressive and unreasonable in the grievances and labor disputes that have been filed. I did **not** have access to any personnel files and the exhibits I obtained were provided to me by either the town administrator or the individual officers during their interview.

During the interviews with the sworn officers and non-sworn personnel of the police department I heard the following phrases used to describe the chief's management approach;

- The chief is a bully who rules by fear and intimidation
- The chief has favorites who receive preferential treatment
- The chief regularly screams and yells at officers and employees
- There is no delegation of authority and he's a micromanager
- There is a constant fear of reprisal
- Officers (including the lieutenant) have no discretion - they live their life in fear of what will happen to them if they use any discretion
- There is continuous stress and strain
- The chief picks and chooses who to go after
- Everything is personal with the chief
- Officers are not allowed to eat or drink in the cruisers
- Officers are not allowed to drink coffee for the first two hours of their shift
- Officers are "*grounded*" to the station during snowstorms and can only leave the station to answer calls for service
- The shades in the building remain down at all times because the chief doesn't like the bright sun
- There is more stress in the building than there is dealing with police calls in the community

There were three officers who described themselves as supporters of the chief and stated the problem in the police department is the union. These officers acknowledged the chief yells often and they carefully choose the times they speak to him depending on his mood. Chief Atstupenas did not deny this in his interview.

Several officers gave examples of instances when the chief screamed at them in the presence of others. There were also various incidents in which the chief wrote up or had counseling sessions for officers for very minor offenses. Many of these examples were backed up with either a letter or report outlining the situation or a grievance sheet to the town administrator. There were independent witnesses to some of the situations. These instances were reported by not only officers but dispatchers and the animal

control officer. There were current and former employees of the town whom I interviewed and they shared situations in which the chief was either rude to them or acted rudely in their presence. Some of these instances went back many years.

On November 28, 2018 Chief Atstupenas charged the clothing allowance accounts of Lieutenant Gregory Gilmore and Sergeant Maxwell Hurwitz for two cars that had been mistakenly towed from Woonsocket on November 15, 2018. During his interview I asked Chief Atstupenas if this was reasonable and he stated it was.

During the investigation I learned a great deal of information related to **favoritism**. Many officers expressed dismay with situations involving former dispatcher Sandy Cabral. There was also information that Officer Greg Tappan was a favorite of the chief. Both Cabral and Tappan were involved in situations that were not addressed by the chief. The situations are outlined in the findings and analysis section of this executive summary.

The chief not addressing issues with Cabral and Tappan is completely contrary to the way others are treated. There are many documented situations when an investigation has been conducted for a minor offense. A few of the write-ups and counseling sessions are for the reasons below;

- An officer having an unsecured taser in his closed (but unlocked) locker
- An officer being counseled over the mishandling of a barking dog complaint which occurred eight (8) months earlier
- An officer being counseled for giving a female prisoner the wrong blanket
- A dispatcher was issued a letter for sitting in the wrong chair

There was also an occasion in 2007 when the state police conducted an investigation at the request of the chief regarding a matter of officer discretion. When the state police wrote a report there were no findings of wrongdoing by the officer. The first paragraph of the report indicated "*strife exists between management and the Blackstone Police Officer's Union*". It's the chief's position there have only been problems between himself and the union over the last couple of years. He specifically cited the current leaders of the union as problems although neither of them (Laudon and Hurwitz) were employed by the Blackstone police department in 2007. The state police report from 2007 dispels his notion that the problems with the union have only been for the last couple of years.

During his interview, Chief Atstupenas described himself as a "loud talker". I outlined to him various allegations made against him regarding his unprofessional conduct and provided him an opportunity to explain. The chief denied most of the accusations of misconduct and "didn't remember" many others.

There were situations he acknowledged including the clothing allowance deductions for two cars that were mistakenly towed from Woonsocket. He acknowledged receiving a written reprimand for speaking disparagingly about Lieutenant Gilmore but denied the incident occurred. The chief also acknowledged he fired Officer Joshua Rucho on the spot because he applied to another department. Rucho was on probation and the chief thought it was reasonable to fire him. The chief also acknowledged being counseled by former town administrator Michael Kuzinski for his poor people skills as far back as 2003.

### **Findings and analysis:**

It is understood Chief Ross Atstupenas holds the position of "strong chief" which gives him the authority to make all decisions regarding the administration, operation and distribution of equipment for the Blackstone police department. In determining the "**root cause**" of the toxic work environment at the Blackstone police department I have taken the approach of how a fair and reasonable person would interpret the issues.

Some decisions made by the chief which lead to grievances were within the chief's authority of managing the department. An example is the issue of contention involving the issuance and use of "comp" time. Although the union has cited the FLSA handbook in the grievances involving "comp" time the chief has asserted "comp" time was collectively bargained by the union. It is my experience that this type of dispute or disagreement is not out of the ordinary.

The key observations I have made throughout this investigation have surrounded decisions and rulings made by the chief in which I question if they are unreasonable, too controlling and in some cases petty. After a careful review of all available material and the interviewing all officers including Chief Atstupenas I have concluded there are many instances in which he has been **unreasonable**. Examples of this are listed below;

- On November 28, 2018 Chief Atstupenas charged the clothing allowance accounts of Lieutenant Gregory Gilmore and Sergeant Maxwell Hurwitz for two cars mistakenly towed from Woonsocket. The tows occurred on November 15, 2018. During his interview I asked Chief Atstupenas if this was reasonable and he stated it was. I find this instance to be **the most unreasonable action** of everything I learned during the investigation. I also question whether this is a violation of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 44-33b.

- An employee alleged the chief demands the shades in the dispatch area remain down because he doesn't like the bright sun. The chief did **not** deny this during his interview.
- An employee presented a letter she received regarding which chair she could sit in while working dispatch. The chief stated during his interview he had no memory of this event.
- Officers are "*grounded*" to the station during snow-storms because the chief doesn't trust them to drive in the snow and doesn't want them to damage *his* cruisers. The chief did **not** deny this during his interview.
- An officer received a "*counseling session*" for the mishandling of a barking dog call which had occurred several months earlier.
- An officer received a "*counseling session*" for allowing a female prisoner to use the wrong type of blanket.
- Officers are not allowed to get a cup of coffee before the second hour of their shift. The chief did **not** deny this during his interview.
- Officers are not allowed to have drinks or food in *his* cruisers. The chief did **not** deny this during his interview.
- The chief fired a probationary officer for applying to another job. During his interview I asked the chief if this was reasonable considering the officer was self-sponsored through the academy and had prior policing . experience. To this question the chief stated it was reasonable.

The next issue to be outlined is the question of whether there is ***favoritism*** under Chief Atstupenas. The investigation has clearly demonstrated there is a culture of favoritism for those who are aligned with Chief Atstupenas.

During the investigation I heard from many officers there is an "A" team and a "B" team at the police department. If an officer (or employee) is on the "A" team they are allowed to do whatever they want without fear of reprisal from the chief. If an officer (or employee) is on the "B" team they are held to a higher standard of conduct and scrutinized for everything they do. Below are examples of those who are in favor compared to those who are not;

**Dispatcher Sandy Cabral (issues of favoritism):**

- There were three (3) occasions uncovered in the investigation involving issues of theft committed by Sandy Cabral.
- There was an I-Pod turned into the police station during Memorial Day weekend 2018. The I-Pod was placed into lost and found but when the owner came to the station to recover the I-Pod it could not be found. An e-mail was sent by Sergeant Luis asking that the I-Pod be returned and it

re-appeared without explanation. During his interview Chief Atstupenas stated there was “no evidence” Cabral stole the I-Pod. There was clear speculation that Sandy Cabral was responsible for the missing I-Pod but the chief took no action to conduct an investigation on the matter.

- Dunkin Donut gift cards – the issue involving the missing gift cards was initiated by Sergeant Hurwitz when he learned from the bank manager the gift cards had been dropped off at the station. Lieutenant Gilmore conducted an investigation and recovered the stolen gift cards from Sandy Cabral. The gift cards were placed in an evidence bag as part of the investigation. The chief later took the gift cards out of the evidence bag and distributed them to the officers. When he learned at least one of the cards was lacking funds he purchased a new card with his own money.
- During his interview the chief was asked why he paid for the gift cards with his own funding and he replied “she was going through a tough time”.
- Chief Atstupenas advocated with the town administrator that Cabral not lose her job for the gift card theft but rather receive a suspension. He then advocated she forfeit accrued vacation time rather than receive an unpaid suspension.
- There was a collection from dispatchers and other town employees to buy a memorial tree for the town tree warden who had died. Cabral took the money and did not place the order for the tree until several months later when she was confronted on the matter.
- Even after the theft of the memorial tree funds was proven the chief still advocated that Cabral remain working until a new dispatcher was trained.
- Cabral’s “friend” served community service at the animal shelter and the chief had the animal control officer drive the “friend” to and from the shelter to perform his service.
- During his interview the chief denied any knowledge that Sandy Cabral’s boyfriend was being held by the Rhode Island department of corrections.

**Analysis:** All of the issues associated with Sandy Cabral clearly illustrate a blatant level of favoritism for her. In her case there was speculation she stole an I-Pod. It was proven she stole Dunkin Donut cards. Finally, it was determined she stole money from a memorial tree fund. Even after the third situation Cabral remained employed until a new dispatcher was trained.

Comparing and contrasting the Cabral situation to the Joshua Rucho termination further illustrates blatant favoritism. In the case of Rucho he simply applied for a position at another police department and was fired

**on the spot** because he was still on probation. He had not committed any crimes or policy violations yet he was fired without any recourse.

Comparing and contrasting the situation involving the car tows from Rhode Island and the deduction of clothing allowance from Gilmore and Hurwitz. Chief Atstupenas used his own funds to reimburse money from a gift card stolen by Cabral yet he found it reasonable that the officers would be deducted clothing allowance funds for an honest mistake that was made during the course of their official duties.

During his interview I asked Chief Atstupenas on three occasions the name of Cabral's "friend" who worked community service at the animal control shelter. The chief asserted he did not know the friend's name. **I find this to be implausible.** The chief assigned this person to work at the shelter to fulfill community service. He also had the animal control officer drive him to and from the shelter and yet he claims he doesn't know the person's name.

In his interview the chief denied any knowledge of Sandy Cabral having a boyfriend who is in the custody of the Rhode Island department of corrections. **I find this to be implausible.**

On November 10, 2018 ACO Kevin Sullivan sent the chief an e-mail regarding the memorial tree matter. In the body of the e-mail Sullivan writes that Cabral claims her boyfriend is in jail. During the investigation I conducted a Google search and very easily found the name of her alleged boyfriend (Joseph Barata) in the database for inmates being held by the Rhode Island department of corrections.

I find it **irresponsible** that Chief Atstupenas would not at least take the time to verify whether or not there was any merit to Sullivan's e-mail regarding Cabral's boyfriend.

**Officer Gregory Tappan (issues of favoritism):**

- The chief did **not** have an investigation conducted after he learned Tappan had an off-duty incident involving the Mansfield, Dartmouth and Westport police departments.
- During his interview he stated the Tappan matter was an issue between he and his girlfriend and had nothing to do with the Blackstone police department.

- Officer Tappan was allowed to conduct plain clothes narcotics investigations without direct supervisory oversight
- When Detective Loether advised the chief of Tappan's inexperience regarding his investigative procedures the chief did not address the issue but rather took Loether off all narcotics investigation assignments.
- Detective Loether was **not** interviewed in the investigation surrounding Tappan allegedly conducting an illegal search even though he had informed the chief of Tappan's procedural shortcomings.
- During his interview Chief Atstupenas admitted he drove to Uxbridge district court to have a "discussion" with an ADA who had called a third shift sergeant regarding an issue involving Tappan.

#### **Officer Gregory Haynes:**

- There was an issue involving Officer Gregory Haynes which clearly outlines officers are held to a different standard depending on whether they are aligned with the chief.
- In 2007, Chief Atstupenas requested the Massachusetts state police conduct an investigation surrounding an issue of discretion involving Officer Haynes.
- Comparing and contrasting the above Haynes matter with the fact the chief received information from three separate police departments regarding Tappan and did nothing, clearly shows blatant favoritism for Tappan.

#### **The question of "union" disputes:**

During the investigation Chief Atstupenas has stated the current union leadership are "*bullies*" and are unreasonable with their grievances. He further stated that in past years there were a minimum number of grievances and in recent years grievances have escalated in number. The union leadership (Laudon and Hurwitz) have stated the chief is so unreasonable that their ability to communicate with him has broken down. The union took a vote of "no confidence" in him on July 25, 2018.

It is my opinion the state police report from 2007 cannot be overlooked and is a key point in this investigation. The letter outlines in the body of its first paragraph "***strife exists between management and the Blackstone Police Officer's Union***".

It is my opinion this letter dispels the chief's assertion that he has only had problems with the union over the last couple of years. During his interview the chief acknowledged the current union leadership (Laudon and Hurwitz) were not even employed by the department at the time the state police report was written in 2007.

**Question of management, supervision and people skills:**

During the investigation many officers pointed out the chief is very good with administrative matters such as payroll and obtaining equipment. Town Administrator Keyes indicated that Chief Atstupenas submits an annual budget for the department that is not only outstanding but is used as a model for other departments.

Though his "administrative" skills are very good, the investigation has demonstrated his "supervisory and people skills" are lacking. There have been many reported instances in which there was a policy violation committed in the chief's presence. He did not address the issue immediately but rather took note of the violation and had the lieutenant address it at a later time. Examples of this are Officer Brodeur handcuffing a prisoner in front and Dispatcher Dugas sleeping in the dispatch area.

During the investigation I spoke to not only police department employees but other town employees both current and former. Most witnesses have described situations in which the chief "yelled and screamed" at them. Former town administrator Michael Guzinski stated he counseled the chief on his "people skills" as far back as 2003. Chief Atstupenas acknowledged this in his interview. Current town administrator Keyes required the chief to complete an on-line webinar on "leveraging personality differences on our teams". An investigation conducted by the town council lead to a written reprimand being issued to the chief for speaking disparagingly about Lieutenant Gilmore. Officer Anthony Lungurini and Dispatcher Bettina Weber wrote formal letters of complaint citing harassment and a hostile work environment created by the chief.

Chief Atstupenas has described himself as a "*loud talker*" particularly when he is passionate about a topic. I find it **implausible** that so many different people over such a long period of time would mistake his "loud talking" as anything other than screaming and yelling.

During his interview the chief spoke in great detail about many issues involving other people including their misconduct and rule violations. There were occasions during his interview when he stated "*that's not true*" when I asked about a topic. It has to be noted there were other occasions during his interview when I asked him specifically about an allegation made against him and he replied "*I don't remember*".

On at least one occasion I specifically asked if the allegation "didn't happen" or if he "didn't remember" and he answered "*I don't remember*".

I find it **implausible** the chief would have such a thorough memory with the ability to speak in great detail about what others have done yet when I asked him specifically about allegations of wrong-doing by him he "*didn't remember*" the event.

**Questions of policy:**

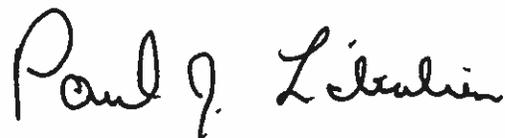
The investigative directive did **not** call for "findings" as it pertains to uncovering any violations of department rules and regulations. The investigation clearly revealed that Chief Atstupenas holds the officers and non-sworn members of the Blackstone police department to the highest standards of department rules and regulations. Although he demands adherence to rules and regulations it is clear he has violated many rules himself including;

- RULE 4.1 – CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER
- RULE 6.3 - COURTESY
- RULE 9.1 - PROFESSIONAL IMAGE
- RULE 9.21 - REPORT RULE VIOLATION
- RULE 10.11 - FIGHTING/QUARRELING

**Conclusion:**

**It is the findings of my investigation that the "*root cause*" of the toxic work environment at the Blackstone police department is caused by the inconsistent management approach and poor people skills of Chief Ross Atstupenas.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul J. L'Italien #LP0952  
Licensed Private Investigator

## 2019 Annual Report Department of Public Works

### Highway Division:

In 2019, the streets were swept, catch basins were cleaned, repaired and/or rebuilt. Drainage pipes were repaired/replaced on Blackstone Street, Lincoln Street and Rathbun Street. The town's highway division repaved portions of Mendon Street, Shore Drive and Rathbun Street. The culvert on Lincoln Street was replaced. The second expansion joint was repaired on the St. Paul Street Bridge. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. We would like to thank the DOC 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 samples from twenty-one locations (includes all wells) 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. Lead and Copper samples were taken in September. 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 well in the Main Lift, Staples Lane, Quick Street, Shore Drive and CCF sewer pump station were cleaned. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated. Sewer pumps were rebuilt and many electronic components replaced at six stations. The Department assisted with the repair of the septic system at the JFK/AFM School.

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

## **2019 REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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.

### **Members:**

The 2019 the Zoning Board of Appeals was led by Chairman Paul Marvelle and ably assisted by Vice Chairman Marc Gregoire. Other members included Gary Jolicoeur, John Therrien, and James Pitler. Alternate members included Joesph Belrose and Jeannine Castonguay. The Board was reorganized in July with the passing of John Therrien. The Chairman remained Paul Marvelle and Marc Gregoire remained Vice Chairman. Members include Gary Jolicoeur, James Pitler and Joseph Belrose became a member. Alternate members include Jeannine Castonguay and Michael Savard, who was added in October, 2019.

Kyle Lemoine served as the Board's Coordinator for the first six months of the year. Patricia Marvelle Ring assumed the Coordinator's position in July 2019.

### **Meetings:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals generally meets on the third Wednesday 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.

During 2019, the Zoning Board of Appeals had several public hearings and approved decisions 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, amended last in 2008.

Anyone who seeks information on current fees, schedules, or copies of the By-Laws may visit the Town's website for all respective documents.

The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to thank Town residents, Town officials and the Board of Selectmen for their support and assistance. The Board will dutifully move forward to work with all members of the public and the Town to uphold the principles set out in the Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoning Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
YEAR ENDING 2019

I am happy to submit my very first Town Clerk's annual report for the 2019 calendar year. My first year here as Town Clerk has been incredibly rewarding and I am truly grateful to be able to serve the town in this position. Below, I am pleased to share a bit of what this office has done this year.

The 2019 Annual Town Census was sent out in mid-January. As a result of the Annual Town Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,731. I would like to thank everybody who returned their census this year, and continue to do so faithfully, year after year. The town's population numbers are essential to the town when applying for various grants for town projects such as road improvements, police, and fire safety projects. Returning the Annual Town Census also ensures that resident's voter statuses remain active. We are required by state law to inactivate voters who do not respond to the census.

Since Blackstone's incorporation in 1845, our vital records total the following: Births, 18,846; Marriages, 10,295; and Deaths, 11,517. The Town Clerk's office receives birth and death information via the state's computerized software database program. This year, the town processed 70 Birth Certificates, 55 Death Certificates, and 49 Marriage Certificates.

The Annual Town Election was held on April 1, 2019. There were 17 positions available; 922 voters cast their ballots for this election. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 28, 2019. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening, and 167 voters attended, acting on 34 Articles. There were 7 Articles voted on that same evening at the Special Town Meeting. The town held a Special Town Meeting on October 1, 2019 to vote on the PILOT agreement between the Town and the Power Plant; there were 60 voters in attendance to vote on that single Article.

As always, I would like to extend a thank you to Peter Ryan Sr., and Adam Robidoux for setting up and organizing the polling locations. I would also like to thank each and every poll worker at elections and counters and checkers at the Town Meetings for all of their excellent work. Also, to the Board of Registrars, Daniel Doyle, Marc Greenwald, and Joel Cohen- thank you for your commitment to the town and assistance with the voter registration deadlines.

The Town Clerk's office works closely with the Animal Control Officer regarding the dog-licensing in town. 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 of the dog's rabies vaccination. At the close of 2019, there were 1,594 dogs in our data system.

I would like to wish the former Town Clerk, Claudette Dolinski; Assistant Town Clerk, Donna Bik; and Office Assistant, Julie Picard much happiness in their retirement. Thank you for your years of dedication to the Town of Blackstone. With their retirement, a new Assistant Town Clerk, Alison Vaillancourt; and Office Assistant, Sheila Stafford joined the Town Clerk's Office. I would like to thank Alison and Sheila for their hard work in their new positions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara C. Sullivan  
Town Clerk

**Town of Blackstone**  
**Warrant for the Annual Town Election**  
**April 1, 2019**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019.

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:

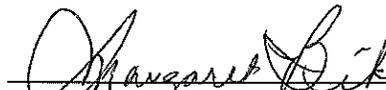
To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following:

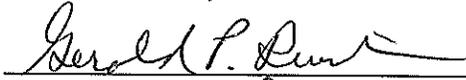
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One Collector/Treasurer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

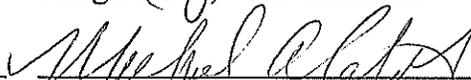
Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

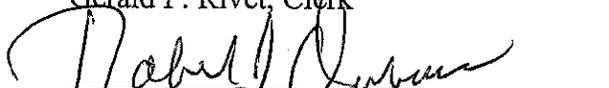
Given under our hands this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of March, 2019.

  
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Daniel P. Keefe, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Birk, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald P. Rivet, Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

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

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.

Cheryl A. Mason-Pag  
Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:

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





<b>CONSTABLE (3 YRS)--Five Positions</b>				
*Joshua Edward Benjamin	171	226	176	573
*Cheryl A. Marino-Page	163	246	175	584
*Rye Rivet	153	217	164	534
*John H. Therrien	162	232	150	544
*James M. Cunningham	140	237	145	522
Frederick S. Gremza	125	168	130	423
Others	2	8	2	12
Blanks	344	666	408	1418
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)</b>				
*Kevin J. Ryan	190	296	206	692
Others	1	1	1	3
Blanks	61	103	63	227
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YRS) -- Two positions</b>				
*Celeste M. Langlois	179	260	191	630
*Brian Joseph Scanlan	170	261	179	610
Others	3	4	1	8
Blanks	152	275	169	596
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION (Unexpired 3 Yrs to expire ATE 2020)</b>				
*Dominic Martello	4		2	6
Kevin Hart			2	2
Celeste Langlois		1	1	2
John Wozniak			1	1
Robert Antonitis			1	1
Julie White Wronski			1	1
Mike Devlin			1	1
James Laren	3			3
Candace Langlois	2			2
Michael Catalano, Jr.	1			1
Peter Ryan	1			1
Paul Maloney	1			1
Jim Sullivan	1			1
Matt Catalano	1			1
Todd Whitley	1			1
Jason Normandin		1		1
Kara Castonguay		1		1
Peter Olson		2		2
Mora Juda		2		2
Sue Spratt		2		2
Ryan Sornberger		1		1
John Therrien		1		1
Silvia Ullucci		2		2
Audrey Drake		1		1
Tammy Lemieux		1		1
Kim Brigg	1			1
Blanks	236	385	261	882

<b>PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)</b>				
*Owen T. Bebeau	179	282	186	647
Others	0	1	2	3
Blanks	73	117	82	272
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS)--Two Positions</b>				
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.	64	94	76	234
*Robert J. Dubois	131	169	116	416
Stephen P. Goudreau	71	103	103	277
*Taylor R. Greene	116	224	135	475
Catherine M. Norcross-Melson	76	76	76	228
Michael P. Gaudette II	1	67		68
Others	0	2	0	2
Blanks	45	65	34	144
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 YRS)</b>				
*Tara C. Sullivan	204	312	214	730
Others	1	2	0	3
Blanks	47	86	56	189
The polls were closed at 8 p.m.				
ELIGIBLE VOTERS-6102				
Total voters--922				
15% of the eligible voters cast ballots.				
<b>Claudette C. Dolinski</b>				
<b>Town Clerk of Blackstone</b>				

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 28, 2019

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 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from retained earnings the sum of \$3,160 to pay prior year bill payable to Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for work related to the I & I Study or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from retained earnings the sum of \$120,504.88 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket Regional Waste Water for the flow bill or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$12,000 to monitor flow and/or inspect (camera) and report findings of main sewer lines on various streets and river crossings within the Town or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$25,000 to pay vocational tuition and transportation or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$186 to pay prior year bill payable to United Site Services or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$65.24 to pay prior year Finance Committee bill payable to The Call or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

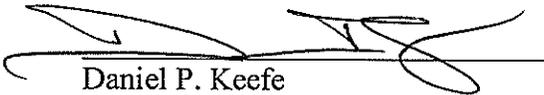
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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.

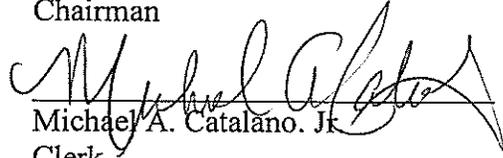
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the 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 19th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

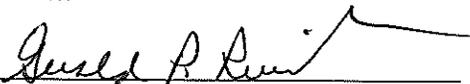
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Chairman



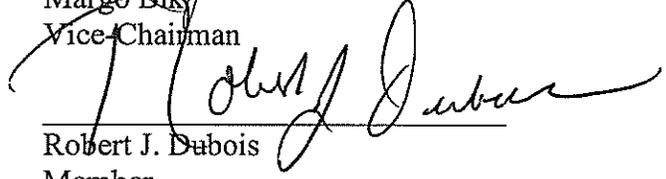
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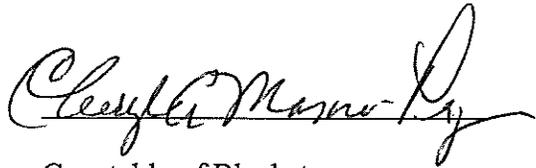


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Robert J. Dubois  
Member

A true copy attest:



Constable of Blackstone

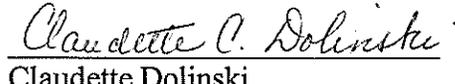
Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 20th day of March 2019 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.



Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
Claudette Dolinski  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 28, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum.

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 Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Zahorsky, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Samuel Kenney and Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, Blackstone-Millville Regional School District and Jane Reggio, Chairman of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 1** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Water/Sewer retained earnings in the sum of \$3,160 to pay prior fiscal year bill to Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for work related to the I & I Study.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Water/Sewer retained earnings in the sum of \$120,504.88 to pay prior fiscal year bill to the City of Woonsocket Regional Wastewater for the flow bill.

NINE-TENTHS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Water/Sewer retained earnings in the sum of \$12,000 to monitor flow and/or inspect (camera) and report findings of main sewer lines on various streets and river crossing within the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 4** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash in the sum of \$25,000 to pay vocational tuition and transportation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash in the sum of \$186 to pay prior fiscal year bill to United Site Services.  
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 6** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash in the sum of \$65.24 to pay prior fiscal year bill to The Call.  
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 7** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash in the sum of \$83,138.55 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice amount.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. There were 167 voters who attended the meeting.



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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2019

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 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

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

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020 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 authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund established pursuant to Article IV, Section 5-33.1 of the General Bylaws up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during FY2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of available funds from the Library Revolving Fund in the amount of \$2,800 for purposes of a 36-month lease and installation of a replacement colored, all in one, printer, 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 \$14,364 for purposes of a 36-month lease, and the installation, of a replacement colored copier and coin box, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to upgrade the “Vision” computer program used by the Assessors’ Office to a Vision 8 program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Brave Act relative to Veteran’s Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation and Enforcement to increase the Veteran Tax Work Off Program benefit from \$1,000 to \$1,500, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws Section 5-33.1 (Department Revolving Funds) by adopting a new revolving fund entitled “Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund”, and adding the following language to the respective columns of the chart at the end of said Bylaw:

- A. (Revolving Fund): Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund
- B. (Board Authorized to Spend from Fund): Board of Health
- C. (Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund): Annual fees paid to Town for tobacco permits and fines collected for violation of Town Tobacco Regulations.
- D. (Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund): Costs and expenses associated with semi-annual tobacco compliance checks.
- E. (Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund): See text of the Bylaw (Section 5-33.1).
- F. (Other Requirements/Reports): N/A
- G. (Fiscal Years): Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years.

And further to authorize expenses from the Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund up to the maximum amount of \$4,000 during FY2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw regulating the discharge of water to public ways in the Town:

### **Chapter 111**

#### **Discharge of Water to Public Ways**

##### **§111-1. Preamble.**

Whereas, it is recognized that during winter months, the flow of water onto a public way can freeze and cause unsafe travel conditions on public roadways, including all streets, courts, lanes, sidewalks, and roads with respect to which the public has a right of use in the Town (hereinafter collectively referred to as “public ways”). It is also recognized that the flow of water onto a public way can deteriorate the surface and subsurface of the way and pose a safety hazard to motorists and pedestrians.

##### **§111-2. Discharge of water prohibited.**

Now, therefore, no person, property owner, or person exercising control of real property shall discharge water onto a public way between November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> without prior written

permission of the Superintendent of Public Works. For the purpose of this Bylaw, discharge shall mean the physical act of draining, diverting by mechanical means, or pumping water from a person's or others' property to a public way. This Bylaw shall not apply to instances of natural overland flow of stormwater.

**§111-3. Alteration of property.**

As of the effective date hereof, no property shall be altered such that said alteration causes the flow of stormwater or groundwater from private property onto public ways. This provision shall not apply to existing property conditions as of the effective date hereof, but shall not limit or restrict the Town in enforcing any other right it possesses to eliminate or abate hazards on public ways.

**§111-4. Penalties and enforcement.**

The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be \$100 per day, with each day constituting a new violation. This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Superintendent of Public Works, any Police Officer of the Town, or by such other officials as the Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, designate. Violations and penalties shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw §5-49, including Noncriminal Disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey and grant as a gift to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Conservation and Recreation, several permanent easements and temporary easements within land located off Mill Street, owned by the Town of Blackstone (Assessor's Parcels: 1 Mill Street – 8-127 and 6 Mill Street – 7-93) for conservation and recreation purposes and for the Blackstone Greenway and Trail, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for final engineering design and construction of the Water Treatment Plant project at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, allowing the Town to enter into agreement for grant and/or loan dollars from USDA Rural Development program or MA DEP State Revolving Loan Fund as determined by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the purpose for which the \$100,000 appropriation approved pursuant to the vote under Article 23 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting may be expended to include: purchase and install generators for the Bellingham Road water tank and Upper Main Street pumping station and repair or replacement of sewer pumps for Staples Lane

and other pump stations, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$170,000 to purchase a new dump body sander with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a new F250 4 x 4 truck with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000 to purchase a utility body crane truck with plow, to be funded 50% from Water and Sewer retained earnings and 50% from free cash (Department of Public Works share), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 to complete the sewer system evaluation (continuation of I & I Study), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000,000 to complete repair and maintenance and upgrades to public buildings or properties, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 24.** To. See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$85,000 for improvements to the Blackstone Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to complete mandatory state regulation repairs to the Police Department cell area, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for improvements Fire Stations 2 and 3, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Blackstone by making the following changes to Section 123-23.7 regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities, to address Recreational Marijuana, adding definitions of Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-24 and adding a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and Recreational Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-11 Use Schedule.

**123-23.7. Marijuana Establishments—and Marijuana Retailers**

A. Purpose. This section regulates Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers for the following purposes as defined in Section 123-24 (“Definitions”):

(1) To provide for, Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017

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

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

B. Applicability

(1) The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana is prohibited unless permitted as a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer under this Section 123-23.7.

(2) No Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section 123-23.7.

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

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

C. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers

Marijuana Establishments may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Industrial Zoning District provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section 123-23.7.

Marijuana Retailers may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Commercial or Industrial Zoning Districts. Marijuana Retailers may also be allowed in an R-1 district by special permit granted by the ZBA, and subject to site plan review by the Planning Board, but only for sites that about a Commercial or Industrial District and that have pre-existing nonconforming buildings designed and used solely for commercial purposes.

D. General Requirements and Conditions for all Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

- (1) All non-exempt Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall be contained within a building or structure.
- (2) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall not be located in buildings that contain any medical doctor's offices or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of medical marijuana.
- (3) The hours of operation of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall Marijuana Retailers be open and/or operating between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- (4) No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.
- (5) No Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Retailers shall be located inside building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.
- (6) Signage for the Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following language: "Registration card issued by the MA Department of Public Health required." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height.
- (7) Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall provide the Blackstone Police Department, Building Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

E. Special Permit Requirements

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

**(2) The proposed Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall meet the special permit criteria of Section 123-4**

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

- a) the name and address of each owner of the facility;
- b) copies of all required licenses and permits issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies for the Facility;
- c) evidence of the Applicant's right to use the site of the **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer** such as a deed, or lease;
- d) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure contains the names of individuals;
- e) a certified list all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;
- f) Proposed security measures for the **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer**, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.
- g) Proposed odor mitigation plan, including floor plans indicating locations of odor mitigation equipment. Odor mitigation equipment shall be state-of-the-art equipment to the maximum extent practicable. Such odor mitigation plan shall be subject to peer review by a qualified marijuana odor mitigation consultant.
- h) Proposed noise mitigation plan for mechanical equipment. Noise mitigation facilities shall be state-of-the-art to maximum extent practicable. The plan must document compliance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection standards for noise.

(4). Mandatory Findings. The Special Permit Authority shall not issue a special permit for a **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer** unless it finds that:

- a) the Facility is designated to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 11;
- b) the Facility demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and

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

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

(6) A special permit granted under this Section shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership of the premises as a **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer**. A special permit may be transferred only with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit with all information required in this Section 123-23.7.

(7) The Board shall require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer** in the event the Town must remove the facility. The value of the bond shall be based upon the ability to completely remove all the items noted in 123-23.7 F (2), and properly clean the facility at prevailing wages. The value of the bond shall be developed based upon the applicant providing the Planning Board with three (3) written bids to meet the noted requirements. An incentive factor of 1.5 shall be applied to all bonds to ensure compliance and adequate funds for the town to remove the tower at prevailing wages.

#### F. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

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

(2) A **Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer** shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

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

and add the following to Section 123-24 Definitions and word usage:

**Marijuana Establishment (ME):** A Medical Marijuana Facility, marijuana independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, or marijuana cultivator, all as defined in General Laws chapter 94G, §1, but not including Marijuana Retailers.

**Marijuana Retailer:** An entity licensed to purchase and deliver medical and/or recreational marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

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

R-1,

	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
<b><u>Marijuana Establishment</u></b>	No	No	No	PB
<b><u>Marijuana Retailer</u></b>	BA*	No	PB	PB

\* Only as provided for in 123-23.7 C.

Or take any other action relative thereto

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to vote to amend **Section 123-23.6, Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**, Subsection D, Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following as illustrated in **bold underline** type:

**123-23.6 Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**

D. Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities

(1) Special Permit

No solar photovoltaic facility over 100 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a solar photovoltaic facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.6. All such solar photovoltaic facilities shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts. **No special permit shall be issued for a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facility that will result in more than 25% of the total land area of an Industrial District consisting of parcels that include such facilities.**

and to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, by removing the authority of the Planning Board to grant special permits for Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and C districts as indicated with ~~strikesthrough~~ type for deletions and **bold underline** type for additions follows:

	<b>R-1, R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Facility in accordance with Section 123-23.6	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	PB

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access

services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for FY2020, which begins on July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town to convert the office of Collector-Treasurer from an elected office to an appointed office by deleting the reference to the Collector-Treasurer in Article IV, Section 4-1A, and adding a reference for the Collector-Treasurer to Article V, Section C5-2A, (1), with a Term of Appointment of 3 years, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31.** 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 32.** 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 33.** 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.

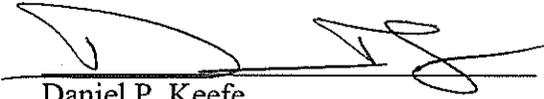
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Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 19th day of March 2019.

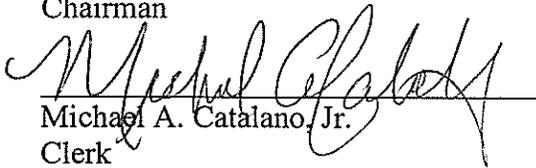
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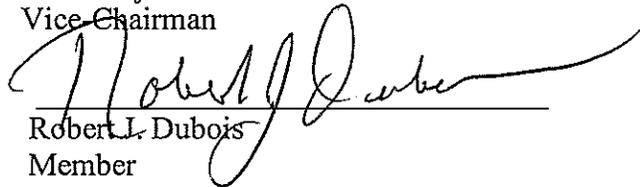
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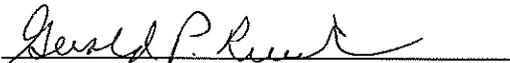
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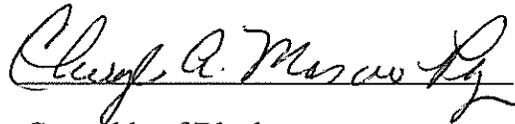


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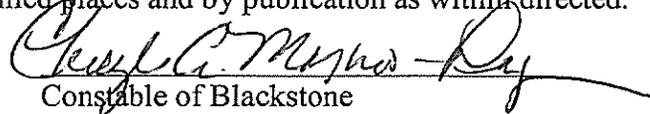
A true copy attest:



Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 20th day of March 2019 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

AMENDED – APRIL 16, 2019

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2019

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 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

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

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020 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 authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund established pursuant to Article IV, Section 5-33.1 of the General Bylaws up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during FY2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of available funds from the Library Revolving Fund in the amount of \$2,800 for purposes of a 36-month lease and installation of a replacement colored, all in one, printer, 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 \$14,364 for purposes of a 36-month lease, and the installation, of a replacement colored copier and coin box, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to upgrade the “Vision” computer program used by the Assessors’ Office to a Vision 8 program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Brave Act relative to Veteran’s Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation and Enforcement to increase the Veteran Tax Work Off Program benefit from \$1,000 to \$1,500, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws Section 5-33.1 (Department Revolving Funds) by adopting a new revolving fund entitled “Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund”, and adding the following language to the respective columns of the chart at the end of said Bylaw:

- A. (Revolving Fund): Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund
- B. (Board Authorized to Spend from Fund): Board of Health
- C. (Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund): Annual fees paid to Town for tobacco permits and fines collected for violation of Town Tobacco Regulations.
- D. (Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund): Costs and expenses associated with semi-annual tobacco compliance checks.
- E. (Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund): See text of the Bylaw (Section 5-33.1).
- F. (Other Requirements/Reports): N/A
- G. (Fiscal Years): Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years.

And further to authorize expenses from the Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund up to the maximum amount of \$4,000 during FY2020, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw regulating the discharge of water to public ways in the Town:

**Chapter 111**

**Discharge of Water to Public Ways**

**§111-1. Preamble.**

Whereas, it is recognized that during winter months, the flow of water onto a public way can freeze and cause unsafe travel conditions on public roadways, including all streets, courts, lanes, sidewalks, and roads with respect to which the public has a right of use in the Town (hereinafter collectively referred to as “public ways”). It is also recognized that the flow of water onto a public way can deteriorate the surface and subsurface of the way and pose a safety hazard to motorists and pedestrians.

**§111-2. Discharge of water prohibited.**

Now, therefore, no person, property owner, or person exercising control of real property shall discharge water onto a public way between November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> without prior written permission of the Superintendent of Public Works. For the purpose of this Bylaw, discharge shall mean the physical act of draining, diverting by mechanical means, or pumping water from a person's or others' property to a public way. This Bylaw shall not apply to instances of natural overland flow of stormwater.

**§111-3. Alteration of property.**

As of the effective date hereof, no property shall be altered such that said alteration causes the flow of stormwater or groundwater from private property onto public ways. This provision shall not apply to existing property conditions as of the effective date hereof, but shall not limit or restrict the Town in enforcing any other right it possesses to eliminate or abate hazards on public ways.

**§111-4. Penalties and enforcement.**

The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be \$100 per day, with each day constituting a new violation. This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Superintendent of Public Works, any Police Officer of the Town, or by such other officials as the Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, designate. Violations and penalties shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw §5-49, including Noncriminal Disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey and grant as a gift to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Conservation and Recreation, several permanent easements and temporary easements within land located off Mill Street, owned by the Town of

Blackstone (Assessor's Parcels: 1 Mill Street – 8-127 and 6 Mill Street – 7-93) for conservation and recreation purposes and for the Blackstone Greenway and Trail, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for final engineering design and construction of the Water Treatment Plant project at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, allowing the Town to enter into agreement for grant and/or loan dollars from USDA Rural Development program or MA DEP State Revolving Loan Fund as determined by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the purpose for which the \$100,000 appropriation approved pursuant to the vote under Article 23 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting may be expended to include: purchase and install generators for the Bellingham Road water tank and Upper Main Street pumping station and repair or replacement of sewer pumps for Staples Lane

and other pump stations, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$170,000 to purchase a new dump body sander with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a new F250 4 x 4 truck with plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000 to purchase a utility body crane truck with plow, to be funded 50% from Water and Sewer retained earnings and 50% from free cash (Department of Public Works share), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 to complete the sewer system evaluation (continuation of I & I Study), or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000,000 to complete repair and maintenance and upgrades to public buildings or properties, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 24.** To. See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$85,000 for improvements to the Blackstone Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to complete mandatory state regulation repairs to the Police Department cell area, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for improvements Fire Stations 2 and 3, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Blackstone by deleting Section 123-23.7 regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities in its entirety, and replacing it with a new Section 123-23.7 as shown below in order to also address Recreational Marijuana, as well as adding definitions of Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-24 and adding a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and Recreational Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-11 Use Schedule.

### **123-23.7. Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers**

A. Purpose. This section regulates Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers for the following purposes as defined in Section 123-24 (“Definitions”):

(1) To provide for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017.

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

(3) To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, but shall not supersede the requirements of any Host Community Agreement.

#### **B. Applicability**

(1) The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana is prohibited unless permitted as a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer under this Section 123-23.7.

(2) No Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section 123-23.7.

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

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

### C. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

Marijuana Establishments may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Industrial Zoning District provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section 123-23.7.

Marijuana Retailers may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Commercial or Industrial Zoning Districts.

### D. General Requirements and Conditions for all Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

(1) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall not be located in buildings that contain any medical doctor's offices or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of medical marijuana.

(2) No Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall be located within 500 feet of a public or private school or within 200 feet of a library, church, child-care facility, park or playground. Distances shall be measured from the property line of the proposed use or from a line 100 feet from the building in which the use is located, whichever is less.

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

(4) Signage for the Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following language: "Registration card issued by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission required." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height.

(5) Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall provide the Blackstone Police Department, Building Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

### E. Special Permit Requirements

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

(2) The proposed Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall meet the special permit criteria of Section 123-4

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

- a) the name and address of each owner of the facility;
- b) The following information may be provided in the form of copies of the applicant's submittal to the Cannabis Control Commission for authorization to operate the proposed Facility;
  - i) evidence of the Applicant's right to use the site of the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer, such as a deed, or lease;
  - ii) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure contains the names of individuals;
  - iii) a certified list all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;
  - iv) Proposed security measures for the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.
- c) For marijuana cultivation or grow facilities, the following additional requirements shall apply:
  - i) Proposed odor mitigation plan, including floor plans indicating locations of odor mitigation equipment. Odor mitigation equipment shall be state-of-the-art equipment to the maximum extent practicable. Such odor mitigation plan shall be subject to peer review by a qualified marijuana odor mitigation consultant.
  - ii) Proposed noise mitigation plan for mechanical equipment. Noise mitigation facilities shall be state-of-the-art to maximum extent practicable. The plan must document compliance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection standards for noise.

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

- a) the Facility is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 11;
- b) the Facility demonstrates how it plans to meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and

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

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

(6) A special permit granted under this Section shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership or tenancy of the premises as a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer. A special permit may be transferred only with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit with all information required in this Section 123-23.7.

(7) The Board shall require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer in the event the Town must remove the facility. Documentation of a bond posted with the Cannabis Control Commission shall satisfy this requirement.

#### F. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

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

(2) A Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

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

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

and add the following to Section 123-24 Definitions and word usage:

**Marijuana Establishment (ME):** A Medical Marijuana Facility, marijuana independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, or marijuana cultivator, all as defined in General Laws chapter 94G, §1, but not including Marijuana Retailers.

**Marijuana Retailer:** An entity licensed to purchase and deliver medical and/or recreational marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

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

	<b>R-1,</b>			
	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
<b><u>Marijuana Establishment</u></b>	No	No	No	PB
<b><u>Marijuana Retailer</u></b>	No	No	PB	PB

Or take any other

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to vote to amend **Section 123-23.6, Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**, Subsection D, Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following as illustrated in **bold underline** type:

**123-23.6 Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**

D. Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities

(1) Special Permit

No solar photovoltaic facility over 100 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a solar photovoltaic facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.6. All such solar photovoltaic facilities shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts. **No special permit shall be issued for a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facility that will result in more than 25% of the total land area of an Industrial District consisting of parcels that include such facilities.**

and to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, by removing the authority of the Planning Board to grant special permits for Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and C districts as indicated with ~~strikethrough~~ type for deletions and **bold underline** type for additions follows:

	<b>R-1, R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Facility in accordance with Section 123-23.6	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	PB

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for FY2020, which begins on July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town to convert the office of Collector-Treasurer from an elected office to an appointed office by deleting the reference to the Collector-Treasurer in Article IV, Section 4-1A, and adding a reference for the Collector-Treasurer to Article V, Section C5-2A, (1), with a Term of Appointment of 3 years, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31.** 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 32. HOME RULE PETITION TO REGULATE CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation, as set forth below, to establish that an elected or appointed official of the Town of Blackstone who receives a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans unless the official pays to the town 100% of the cost of participation in the plans, plus any administrative costs that may be assessed by the Board of Selectmen; provided that the General Court may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the Act, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the Act before enactment by the General Court, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments to the Act which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of the petition:

**AN ACT REGULATING CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, an elected or appointed official of the Town of Blackstone who receives a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans unless the official pays to the town 100 percent of the cost of participation in the plans, plus any administrative costs that may be assessed by the Board of Selectmen.

**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding Section 1, the Town Clerk and Treasurer-Collector shall remain eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans at the same rate of contribution as nonunion employees of the Town.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 33.** 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 34.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

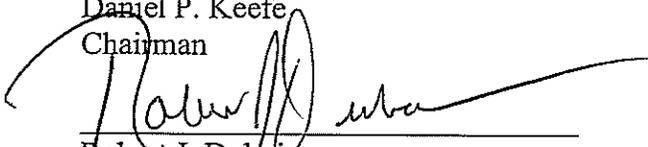
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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

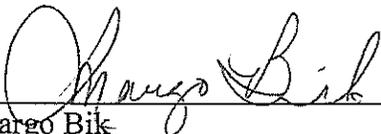
Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2019.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel P. Keefe  
Chairman

  
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Robert J. Dubois  
Clerk

  
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Taylor Greene  
Member

  
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Margo Birk  
Vice-Chairman

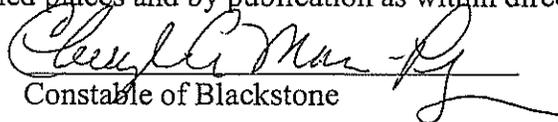
  
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Gerald P. Rivet  
Member

A true copy attest:

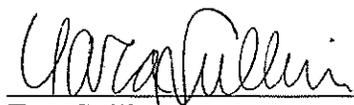
  
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Cheryl A. Marrow  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 17th day of April 2019 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl A. Marrow  
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 28, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 167 registered voters in attendance.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Zahorsky, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Samuel Kenney and Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, Blackstone-Millville Regional School District and Jane Reggio, Chairman of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

At this time, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Daniel Keefe, made a motion to take Article 23 out of order. This motion was seconded by Board of Selectmen Member Mrs. Margaret Bik.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE ARTICLE 23 OUT OF ORDER

Mr. Keefe read the article as written:

**ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise, and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000,000 to complete repair and maintenance and upgrades to public buildings or properties, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Keefe explained what the borrowing would be used for, including repairs and upgrades to the library, historical building, paving the AFM/JFK driveway, police station, and various fire stations. He stated the reasoning for taking this Article out of order is because it would free up a sum of free cash that would be used to fund the school budget as requested. Mr. John Wozniak, 194 Farm Street, explained the Finance Committee budget process; and stated that the allocation of the borrowed funds were never brought to the Finance Committee prior to, or after, the Public Hearing. Mr. James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, stated that the Capital Outlay Committee has made no recommendation because the article as written in the Warrant does not expend any monies on monetary items; he further stated that the Capital Outlay Committee did recommend Articles 24-26. Mr. Wozniak then read the Finance Committees motion regarding Article 23, which was seconded. Mr. Wozniak reiterated that the use of the allocated monies was not part of the Finance Committee's Public Hearing.

Mrs. Connie Perreault, 99 Harris Pond Road, asked for clarification on this Article, and if the Articles 24-26 will still be voted on. Town Administrator, Daniel Keyes, explained that this Article will be funding some of the repair and upgrades that are necessary. Mr. Keyes further explained that if the Selectmen are authorized to borrow, it would fund those repairs without free cash. Mrs. Perreault asked why upgrades and repairs were being made to a Fire Station 3 that is leased. She provided documentation to Legal Counsel which was the Assessors record of the property which is Fire Station 3. Fire Chief, Mr. Michael Sweeney, explained that at a prior year's Town Meeting, the Town voted to authorize acceptance of Fire Station 3 as a gift to the town. It was assumed that the Town did own the building. Legal Counsel, Mr. Patrick Costello, explained that it is true that public funds cannot be expended on buildings that are not owned by the Town. He confirmed that many years ago the Town voted to accept title to that property. Mr. Costello explained that this borrowing authorization is very general in scope, and by passing this Article, it would allow the borrowing to proceed, but no expenditure on the Fire Station 3 property could be made unless/until the Town owned it, which he stated would require Selectmen approval and recording the deed. After that time, town monies could be expended on Fire Station 3. Mrs. Perreault did confirm that it was passed at a prior Town Meeting, but the problem was that it was never recorded, and agreed with Mr. Costello's recommendation.

Mr. Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, again stated that the Capital Outlay Committee must make a recommendation either for or against the Article, and asked Legal Counsel if this Article can be used to fund Capital Outlay items when no recommendations have been made by the Committee. Mr. Costello explained that, as drafted, this Article is a borrowing authorization, and several of the purposes of this Articles use have been approved by the Capital Outlay Committee, per Article 24-26, and if spent for those purposes he would see no issue.

Mrs. Lisa Breeder of 28 Edgewater Drive, asked for clarification on the figures that were stated by Mr. Keefe when discussing the reasoning for moving this Article up. Mr. Keefe stated that \$310,000 would cover repairs to the Sally Port of the Police Station, deteriorated stairways at the Town Hall, and \$75,000 repairs to the Historical Commission building. Mr. Wozniak asked why

the information wasn't given regarding the expenditures of the \$1,000,000. Mr. Keyes explained that he went to both the Finance Committee and Capital Outlay Committee, and it was explained that these figures that were read are preliminary, and the repairs will still have to go out to bid. Mr. Keyes stated that this just gives the Selectmen the authorization to borrow. Mr. Keefe re-read the Finance Committee recommendation for Article 23. Mr. Wozniak asked if the monies that are specified for certain projects are tied to the Selectmen, Mr. Keyes responded and answered his question in relation to the expenditures of this borrowing. Mrs. Perreault asked why Article 23 is being rushed now. Mr. Watson suggested that Article 24-26 not be passed, and move to vote individually on the three Articles.

**ARTICLE 23** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$1,000,000 to complete repair and maintenance and upgrades to public buildings or properties.

105 YES      52 NO  
TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. John Wozniak, read all department salary and expense totals for Article 3. The following department totals were held: BMR Education.

The Moderator called for a vote on all non-held items. Mrs. Perreault stated that she understood that the average tax bill would go up \$250 if the budget was to be passed as presented with the BMR budget. Mr. Keyes stated that with the additional funding as proposed by the school, the Town would have to tax to the levy. It could be sustained in 202, but not 2021, or 2022. He explained that the average valued home in Blackstone is \$288,000, the tax bill would go up \$249.

**ARTICLE 3** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NON-HELD ITEMS

01114	MODERATOR			
	Salary Total		900	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	900	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122	SELECTMEN			
	Salary Total		32,194	
	Expense Total		52,600	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	84,794	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01123	ADMINISTRATION			
	Salary Total		197,656	
	Expense Total		15,250	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	212,906	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total		3,000	
	Expense Total		6,300	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		9,300	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132	RESERVE FUND			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133	CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total		1,500	
	Expense Total		1,600	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		3,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Salary Total		114,600	
	Expense Total		15,260	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		129,860	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141	ASSESSORS			
	Salary Total		109,083	
	Expense Total		55,800	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		164,883	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145	COLLECTOR/TREASURER			
	Salary Total		121,600	
	Expense Total		27,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		149,350	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151	TOWN COUNSEL			
	Expense Total		135,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		135,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155	DATA PROCESSING			
	Expense Total		145,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		145,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01158	COPIER			
	Expense Total		26,487	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		26,487	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159	BONDS & INSURANCE			
	Expense Total		239,701	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		239,701	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161	TOWN CLERK			
	Salary Total		142,597	
	Expense Total		20,675	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		163,272	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162	ELECTIONS			
	Salary Total		17,000	
	Expense Total		7,800	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		24,800	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
	Salary Total	2,250	
	Expense Total	4,550	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	6,800	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01171	CONSERVATION COMM		
	Salary Total	4,000	
	Expense Total	480	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,480	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01175	PLANNING BOARD		
	Salary Total	20,320	
	Expense Total	18,011	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	38,331	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01176	ZONING BOARD		
	Salary Total	10,000	
	Expense Total	3,707	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	13,707	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01182	ECONO DEVELOP		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01184	CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
	Expense Total	2,585	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,585	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190	GENERAL		
	Expense Total	154,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	154,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT.		
	Expense Total	389,775	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	389,775	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195	TOWN REPORT		
	Expense Total	3,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210	POLICE DEPARTMENT		
	Total Salary	1,634,720	
	Expense Total	208,232	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,842,952	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211	POLICE DISPATCHERS		
	Salary Total	234,150	
	Expense Total	3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	237,650	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220	FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	Salary Total	1,142,859	
	Expense Total	43,800	

		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,186,659	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231	AMBULANCE SERVICE			
	Salary Total		5,869	
	Expense Total		52,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	57,869	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241	MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		76,876	
	Expense Total		3,500	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	80,376	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243	PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		16,506	
	Expense Total		1,133	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	17,639	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES			
	Expense Total		2,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		16,506	
	Expense Total		650	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	17,156	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	Salary Total		500	
	Expense Total		18,750	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	19,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292	ANIMAL CONTROL			
	Salary Total		20,700	
	Expense Total		8,050	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	28,750	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294	FORESTRY			
	Salary Total		7,050	
	Expense Total		18,200	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	25,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01301	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC			
	Salary Total		1,500	
	Expense Total		927,481	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	928,981	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01303	VOCATIONAL TUITION			
	Expense Total		560,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	560,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01412	ENGINEERING			
	Expense Total		15,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01420	PUBLIC WORKS SUPT			

	Salary Total	31,499	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	31,499	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421	HIGHWAY LABOR		
	Salary Total	303,282	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	303,282	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422	HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
	Expense Total	44,189	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	44,189	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
	Salary Total	27,500	
	Expense Total	83,173	
	DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	110,673	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424	STREET LIGHTING		
	Expense Total	109,375	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	109,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428	MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
	Expense Total	81,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	81,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	630,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	630,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432	STREET CLEANING		
	Expense Total	3,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433	WASTE COLLECTION		
	Expense Total	629,465	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	629,465	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01434	RECYCLING		
	Salary Total	168,251	
	Expense Total	58,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	226,751	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510	BOARD OF HEALTH		
	Salary Total	18,123	
	Expense Total	71,075	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	89,198	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541	COUNCIL ON AGING		
	Salary Total	210,904	
	Expense Total	13,520	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	224,424	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543	VETERANS		
	Salary Total	14,496	
	Expense Total	151,920	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	166,416	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
	Salary Total	293,653	
	Expense Total	218,830	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	512,483	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650	PARKS		
	Salary Total	85,525	
	Expense Total	54,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	139,525	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
	Expense Total	2,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692	MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
	Salary Total	1,800	
	Expense Total	8,300	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
	Expense Total	829,148	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	829,148	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751	LONG TERM DEBT/ INTEREST		
	Expense Total	234,449	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	234,449	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752	SHORT TERM DEBT/ INTEREST		
	Expense Total	12,216	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	12,216	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01810	CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
	Expense Total	46,712	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	46,712	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911	COUNTY RETIREMENT		
	Expense Total	855,819	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	855,819	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
	Expense Total	50,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914	HEALTH INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	806,361	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	806,361	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01915	LIFE INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	3,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,750	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916	MATCHING MEDICARE		
	Expense Total	80,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	80,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01918	COMPENSATED BALANCES		
	Expense Total	10,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01919	COMPENSATED ABSENCE		
	Expense Total	7,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	7,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01960	CAPITAL TRUST		
	Expense Total	2,084,403	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,084,403	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL		15,561,301
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE			
60132	SEWER RESERVE FUND		
	TOTAL TRANSFER	100,000	
60441	SEWER SALARIES		
	TOTAL SEWER SALARIES	169,662	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	169,662	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442	SEWER MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	223,945	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	223,945	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
	Expense Total	28,925	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	28,925	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443	SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
	Expense Total	611,049	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	611,049	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL SEWER	1,133,581	
61132	WATER RESERVE FUND		
	TOTAL TRANSFER	100,000	
61450	WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
	Salary Total	174,740	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	174,740	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451	WATER ADMINISTRATION		
	Salary Total	78,640	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	78,640	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452	WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	532,201	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	532,201	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
	Expense Total	42,589	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	42,589	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710	WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
	Expense Total	160,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	160,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

61751	WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
	Expense Total	14,250	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	14,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820	MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESMENT		
	Expense Total	2,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL WATER	1,104,420	
	WATER / SEWER ENTERPRISE TOTAL	2,238,001	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND / WATER & SEWER	17,799,302	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NON-HELD ITEMS

Mr. Keefe moved to amend the BMR Education to \$9,513,397, adding an additional \$295,101, which was the original department request. This motion was seconded. Mr. Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, asked about the funding of the budget for FY 2020, and the borrowing article. Mr. Keyes stated that the school budget will be funded with free cash, it does not have an effect on the tax rate in FY 2020, and that by voting the borrowing article at the beginning it would allow other Articles to be funded. Mr. Keefe reiterated the reasoning for moving around the Articles. Tammy Lemieux, 120 Lakeshore Drive, member of the BMRSD School Committee urged the voters to approve this amendment. Mr. Wozniak stated the Finance Committee was not aware of this when the Finance Committee made their recommendations, and that the number the figure is being amended to is the original total the School District requested.

01300	EDUCATION - B.M.R.		
	Expense Total	9,513,397	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	9,513,397	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND / WATER & SEWER	27,312,699	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE FOR SCHOOL BUDGET

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,312,699 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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, and that said appropriation shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 19,232,169	raised from FY'20 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,777,393	raised from FY'20 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,715,000	raised from FY'20 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,454,959	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$ 400,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ -	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 2,238,001	raised from FY'20 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues

That	\$	-	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$	71,514	transfer from Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds Indirect Cost Reimbursement
That	\$	-	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$	423,663	use of Free Cash
That	\$	-	use of Overlay

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 6** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 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

Mark Juba, 3 Susan Drive, made a motion to reconsider Article 3. This motion was seconded. Mr. Tom Bik, 95 Elm Street, stated that he did not want to reconsider, and stated that he will be staying for the entire meeting, and that there should not be special interest.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

**ARTICLE 8** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund established pursuant to Article IV, Section 5-33.1 of the General Bylaws up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during FY2020.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 9** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from the Library Revolving Fund in the amount of \$2,800 for purposes of a 36-month lease and installation of a replacement colored, all in one, printer.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 10** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,364 for purposes of a 36-month lease, and the installation, of a replacement colored copier and coin box.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's motion regarding Article 11. Mr. Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, Chairman of the Capital Outlay Committee, stated that this article received a favorable recommendation from the Capital Outlay Committee.

**ARTICLE 11** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 to upgrade the "Vision" computer program used by the Assessors' Office to a Vision 8 program.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 12** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve the Brave Act relative to Veteran's Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation and Enforcement to increase the Veteran Tax Work Off Program benefit from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion reading Article 13.

Mr. Joel Cohen, 130 King Street, asked for clarification on how the vote will effect this Article. Mr. Kevin Ryan, 146 Farm Street, explained what this revolving fund would be used for. Legal Counsel, Mr. Patrick Costello, explained that any new revolving account would have to be

created through a new by-law. The funds collected from fees of tobacco stings would be used to fund surveillance and other tasks required for enforcing tobacco laws. He stated that an affirmative vote on this article would defeat the by-law and not establish this fund.

Mr. Wozniak, 194 Farm Street, explained why the Finance Committee recommended not to approve this article; instead of departmental fines going into the general fund, they would then go into the revolving fund, and the expenditures would not have their own line items, nor would they have to submit a budget for approval.

**ARTICLE 13** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote NOT TO APPROVE this article.

Original Article:

*To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws Section 5-33.1 (Department Revolving Funds) by adopting a new revolving fund entitled "Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund", and adding the following language to the respective columns of the chart at the end of said Bylaw:*

- A. *(Revolving Fund): Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund*
- B. *(Board Authorized to Spend from Fund): Board of Health*
- C. *(Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund): Annual fees paid to Town for tobacco permits and fines collected for violation of Town Tobacco Regulations.*
- D. *(Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund): Costs and expenses associated with semi-annual tobacco compliance checks.*
- E. *(Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund): See text of the Bylaw (Section 5-33.1).*
- F. *(Other Requirements/Reports): N/A*
- G. *(Fiscal Years): Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years.*

*And further to authorize expenses from the Board of Health Tobacco Revolving Fund up to the maximum amount of \$4,000 during FY2020.*

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO APPROVE

Mr. Jack Keefe, 269 Main Street, made a motion to amend Article 13. Mr. Jim Pitler, 2 Michelle Lane, questioned how you could amend an Article that has already been voted on and defeated. Mr. Costello suggested voting to reconsider, and then creating a motion to amend.

Mr. Jack Keefe made the motion to read as follows:

I move to reconsider the vote under Article 14 and to amend the motion to read that the Town vote to approve the Article as printed in the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

57 YES      60 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE TO DEFEAT

Mr. Wozniak made a motion to waive the reading of Article 14, the motion to waive the reading was seconded by Mrs. Bulso.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. James Sullivan, Superintendent of Public Works, 77 Florence Drive, explained that this Article is to prevent the water that is running into the roads that ruins the roads and costs the town a lot of money in sand and salt in the winter when it creates ice hazards.

Mrs. Tammy Lemieux asked if this by-law does not apply to existing properties, and only to properties that are created after this by-law has passed. Legal Counsel Mr. Costello explained that this does only apply to new homes, and the existing homes are grandfathered in.

**ARTICLE 14** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to adopt the following General Bylaw regulating the discharge of water to public ways in the Town as summarized by Mr. Sullivan.

The original Article reads as follows:

**Chapter 111**  
*Discharge of Water to Public Ways*  
§111-1. Preamble.

*Whereas, it is recognized that during winter months, the flow of water onto a public way can freeze and cause unsafe travel conditions on public roadways, including all streets, courts, lanes, sidewalks, and roads with respect to which the public has a right of use in the Town (hereinafter collectively referred to as "public ways"). It is also recognized that the flow of water onto a public way can deteriorate the surface and subsurface of the way and pose a safety hazard to motorists and pedestrians.*

**§111-2. Discharge of water prohibited.**

*Now, therefore, no person, property owner, or person exercising control of real property shall discharge water onto a public way between November 1st through April 30th without prior written permission of the Superintendent of Public Works. For the purpose of this Bylaw, discharge shall mean the physical act of draining, diverting by mechanical means, or pumping water from a person's or others' property to a public way. This Bylaw shall not apply to instances of natural overland flow of stormwater.*

**§111-3. Alteration of property.**

*As of the effective date hereof, no property shall be altered such that said alteration causes the flow of stormwater or groundwater from private property onto public ways. This provision shall not apply to existing property conditions as of the effective date hereof but shall not limit or restrict the Town in enforcing any other right it possesses to eliminate or abate hazards on public ways.*

**§111-4. Penalties and enforcement.**

*The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be \$100 per day, with each day constituting a new violation. This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Superintendent of Public Works, any Police Officer of the Town, or by such other officials as the Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time,*

*designate. Violations and penalties shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw §5-49, including Noncriminal Disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D.*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 15** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey and grant as a gift to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Conservation and Recreation, several permanent easements and temporary easements within land located off Mill Street, owned by the Town of Blackstone (Assessor's Parcels: 1 Mill Street – 8-127 and 6 Mill Street – 7-93) for conservation and recreation purposes and for the Blackstone Greenway and Trail.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 16** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and borrow the sum of \$5,000,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for final engineering design and construction of the Water Treatment Plant project at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, and to authorize the Town to apply for and enter into agreement(s) for grant and/or loan funds from USDA Rural Development program or MA DEP State Revolving Loan Fund for said purpose, as determined by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

102 YES      20 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

**ARTICLE 17** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to modify the purpose for which the \$100,000 appropriation approved pursuant to the vote under Article 23 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting may be expended to include:

purchase and install generators for the Bellingham Road water tank and Upper Main Street pumping station and repair or replacement of sewer pumps for Staples Lane and other pump stations, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 18** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$170,000 to purchase a new utility body sander with plow.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 19** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a new F250 4 x 4 truck with plow.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000 to purchase a utility body crane truck with plow, to be funded 50% from Water and Sewer retained earnings and 50% from Free Cash (Department of Public Works share).

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 21** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 to complete the sewer system evaluation (continuation of I & I Study).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 22** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to pass over Article 22. The original Article reads as follows:

*To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MSS) which must be completed on a yearly basis, or take any other action in relation thereto.*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 24. Mr. Jim Pitler, 2 Michelle Lane, explained that he was under the impression that Articles 23-26 would not be voted on after passing Article 23. Mr. Costello explained that the motion has been revised to specify where the funds were coming from which was Article 23. Mr. Watson stated that the Capital Outlay Committee did approve this article and the funding of it.

Mr. Joe Gatchell, 194 Blackstone Street, expressed his concern about the Article not being clear. The Moderator explained that it was read to be appropriated from Article 23.

**ARTICLE 24** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 from funds of Article 23 for improvements to the Blackstone Library.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 25** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from funds of Article 23 to complete mandatory state regulation repairs to the Police Department cell area.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 26. Fire Chief, Mr. Michael Sweeney, explained that the appropriate steps for taking title of Fire Station 3 will be done before any money is expended on repairs of it. The Moderator asked for clarification on the vote. Mr. Costello explained that the Article as originally written would require a secret ballot but because the funding source have already been approved through Article 23, this is just merely narrowing the purpose of which it is being spent, and does not require a ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 26** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the funds of Article 23 for improvements Fire Stations 2 and 3.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion made, and duly seconded, it was voted to waive the reading of Article 27.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 27** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Blackstone by deleting Section 123-23.7 regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities in its entirety, and replacing it with a new Section 123-23.7 as shown below in order to also address Recreational Marijuana, as well as adding definitions of Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-24 and adding a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and Recreational Marijuana Retailer to Section 123-11 Use Schedule.

### **123-23.7. Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers**

A. Purpose. This section regulates Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers for the following purposes as defined in Section 123-24 (“Definitions”):

(1) To provide for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017.

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

(3) To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, but shall not supersede the requirements of any Host Community Agreement.

#### B. Applicability

(1) The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana is prohibited unless permitted as a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer under this Section 123-23.7.

(2) No Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section 123-23.7.

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

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

#### C. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

Marijuana Establishments may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Industrial Zoning District provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section 123-23.7.

Marijuana Retailers may be allowed by Special Permit from the Blackstone Planning Board in the Commercial or Industrial Zoning Districts.

D. General Requirements and Conditions for all Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

(1) A Medical Marijuana Facility shall not be located in buildings that contain any medical doctor's offices or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of medical marijuana.

(2) No Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall be located within 500 feet of a public or private school or within 200 feet of a library, church, child-care facility, park or playground. Distances shall be measured from the property line of the proposed use or from a line 100 feet from the building in which the use is located, whichever is less.

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

(4) Signage for the Medical Marijuana Facility shall include the following language: "Registration card issued by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission required." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height.

(5) Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers shall provide the Blackstone Police Department, Building Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

E. Special Permit Requirements

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

(2) The proposed Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall meet the special permit criteria of Section 123-4

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

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

b) The following information may be provided in the form of copies of the applicant's submittal to the Cannabis Control Commission for authorization to operate the proposed Facility;

i) evidence of the Applicant's right to use the site of the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer, such as a deed, or lease;

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

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

iv) Proposed security measures for the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

c) For marijuana cultivation or grow facilities, the following additional requirements shall apply:

i) Proposed odor mitigation plan, including floor plans indicating locations of odor mitigation equipment. Odor mitigation equipment shall be state-of-the-art equipment to the maximum extent practicable. Such odor mitigation plan shall be subject to peer review by a qualified marijuana odor mitigation consultant.

ii) Proposed noise mitigation plan for mechanical equipment. Noise mitigation facilities shall be state-of-the-art to maximum extent practicable. The plan must document compliance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection standards for noise.

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

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

b) the Facility demonstrates how it plans to meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and

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

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

(6) A special permit granted under this Section shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership or tenancy of the premises as a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer. A special permit may be transferred only with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit with all information required in this Section 123-23.7.

(7) The Board shall require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer in the event the Town must remove the facility. Documentation of a bond posted with the Cannabis Control Commission shall satisfy this requirement.

#### F. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

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

(2) A Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Retailer shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

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

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

and add the following to Section 123-24 Definitions and word usage:

**Marijuana Establishment (ME):** A Medical Marijuana Facility, marijuana independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, or marijuana cultivator, all as defined in General Laws chapter 94G, §1, but not including Marijuana Retailers.

**Marijuana Retailer:** An entity licensed to purchase and deliver medical and/or recreational marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

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

	<b>R-1,</b>			
	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>
<b><u>Marijuana Establishment</u></b>	No	No	No	PB



TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ARTICLE 27 AS AMENDED

A motion was made, and duly seconded to waive the reading of Article 28.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Paul Marvelle, 171 Mendon Street, Chairman of the Planning Board, briefly explained this Article, noting the Planning Board recommended approval.

**ARTICLE 28** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend **Section 123-23.6, Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**, Subsection D, Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by adding the following as illustrated in **bold underline** type:

**123-23.6 Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**

D. Requirements for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities

(1) Special Permit

No solar photovoltaic facility over 100 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board. The construction of a solar photovoltaic facility shall be permitted subject to the issuance of a Special Permit and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in this Section 123-23.6. All such solar photovoltaic facilities shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts. **No special permit shall be issued for a Solar Photovoltaic Facility for any parcel that will result in more than 25% of the total land area of an Industrial District consisting of parcels that are the site of Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations.**

and to amend Section 123-11, Use Schedule, by removing the authority of the Planning Board to grant special permits for Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and C districts as indicated with ~~strikethrough~~ type for deletions and **bold underline** type for additions follows:

	R-1, R-2	R-3	C	I
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Facility in accordance with Section 123-23.6	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	<b><u>PB No</u></b>	PB

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee’s recommendation and motion on Article 29. Mrs. Connie Perreault, 99 Harris Pond Road, expressed her concern for this Article. She referenced

the cable money the town receives, and it is indicated that a budget and appropriation of these monies would be established. She explained the balance in the referenced account per the Annual Town Report.

**ARTICLE 29** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, and to appropriate the sum of \$98,500 for the operation of said Fund in FY2020, which begins on July 1, 2019, with said appropriation to be funded through the current balance of said Fund.

MAJOIRTY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 30. Mrs. Perreault stated that the right to vote is being taken away. She also recalled the recent history of the people in this position over the last year. She urged people not to give up their right to vote for elected officials. Selectmen Mr. Bob Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, expressed his reasoning for this position being appointed. He further explained that the auditors that review the town also say that the Collector/Treasurer should be appointed, as many other towns in the state have been doing. He clarified that the appointment would go into place upon the expiration of the current Collector/Treasurer's term.

Mr. Wozniak stated that this Article would just put this question on the ballot, and let the voters vote on what they would like. Mr. Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, explained that this Article has been failing to pass for several years ago, and requires a 2/3 vote. Mr. Keefe explained the history of the Collector/Treasurer's in the past year. Mrs. Perreault explained that towns are losing financial staff because they are leaving and going to other financial industries. Mr. Wozniak stated that he agrees with Mr. Keefe's statements regarding this Article, but this would take it out of the Town Meeting, and into the hands of the voters at the next election; and that the Finance Committee Voted to recommend it. Mr. Jim Pitler, 5 Michelle Lane, stated that he was under the impression that this issue was part of the Masterplan. Mr. Dubois explained the process of a Charter Study.

**ARTICLE 30** Upon a 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.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY DECLARED ON VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

The majority voice vote for Article 30 was questioned, the Moderator counted 8 voters who called for a recount.

63 YES      36 NO  
UPON RECOUNT MOTION FAILS

(TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED TO APPROVE)

A motion was made to reconsider the vote. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE ON MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILS

**ARTICLE 31** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 32.

**ARTICLE 32** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was moved that the Town vote NOT TO APPROVE this article.

Article 32:

***HOME RULE PETITION TO REGULATE CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE.***

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation, as set forth below, to establish that an elected or appointed official of the Town of Blackstone who receives a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans unless the official pays to the town 100% of the cost of participation in the plans, plus any administrative costs that may be assessed by the Board of Selectmen; provided that the General Court may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the Act, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the Act before enactment by the General Court, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments to the Act which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of the petition:*

***AN ACT REGULATING CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE***

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

***SECTION 1.*** *Notwithstanding Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, an elected or appointed official of the Town of Blackstone who receives a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans unless the official pays to the town 100 percent of the cost of participation in the plans, plus any administrative costs that may be accessed by the Board of Selectmen.*

***SECTION 2.*** *Notwithstanding Section 1, the Town Clerk and Treasurer-Collector shall remain eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans at the same rate of contribution as nonunion employees of the Town.*

*SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.*

Mr. Daniel Keefe moved to amend the motion under Article 32 to read:  
That the Town vote to APPROVE the Article as written in the Warrant.  
The motion to amend was seconded.

Mr. Wozniak expressed his concern regarding this Article; he stated that the Finance Committee does not receive stipends. He believes that this Article is mean spirited.

Mrs. Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, 98 Federal Street, also Chairman of the Board of Assessors for 20 years. She explained how the Board of Assessors is required to take a certification by the Department of Revenue. Mr. Keefe explained that many communities around the Commonwealth are changing their by-laws regarding this also because of the costs to the Town. He stated that there are 23 town officials that are eligible for this health insurance benefit. Mr. Wozniak stated that there are 2 people who take advantage of this benefit. Mrs. Schandelmayer-Davis stated that her and her other Board of Assessors member received the benefit.

Mr. Keefe expressed how this would become a liability to the town with the cost of health insurance. Mr. Wozniak also claimed that the school district violated a law when they removed the health insurance benefit the School Committee members.

Mr. Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, asked for clarification on the cost of the health insurance per person. Mr. Joe Gatchell, 194 Blackstone Street, stated that he feels that the people who are on these boards and committees do it for genuine reasons, and he would hate to see anyone run for these positions disingenuously only to get the benefit. He stated that he works for a commercial insurance company and works with many municipalities, and knows how it can be an increased liability.

Mrs. Carolyn Powers asked for clarification on the vote. The Moderator clarified that this vote is only to amend the main motion offered for the Article. Legal Counsel Mr. Pat Costello clarified that, if approved, this vote would allow the Meeting to approve the Article, as per the amendment.

68 YES      28 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mrs. Schandelmayer-Davis made a further motion to amend Article 32 to read as follows:  
“Notwithstanding Section 1, The Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, and Treasurer/Collector shall remain eligible for participation in the Town’s contributory health and life insurance plans at the same rate of contribution as a non-union employee of town”.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Bill Chapin, 8 Kimberly Lane, stated that now we are going to pick and choose who gets health insurance and who doesn’t, rather than it being all or nothing like it was before.

Mr. Keefe clarified that its original intent was to not include the Collector/Treasurer and Town Clerk which are full time positions.

Mrs. Schandelmayer-Davis explained that many of the Board of Assessors work is done in the background, as she will not discuss individual tax bills on television. She also reiterated the fact that the Board of Assessors is the only board who requires a certification.

Mr. Bill Chapin, 8 Kimberly Lane, stated how he does not think we should be picking and choosing who gets the insurance.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DEFEAT THE FURTHER AMENDMENT**

The Moderator called for a vote on the Article per the amended main motion.

56 YES      41 NO

**MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDED MOTION**

**ARTICLE 33** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money in the amount of \$229,550 and from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$20,450, totaling \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund ("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act") and that in accordance with the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 34** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$15,317.21 to the Stabilization Fund.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.



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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 1, 2019

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 Maloney-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday October 1, 2019 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 authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 39H to negotiate and execute an extended Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement by and between the Town and ANP Blackstone Energy Company, LLC relative to the electric generation plant located at 204 Elm Street upon which terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, and/or to ratify and approve the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement negotiated by said Boards and ANP Blackstone Energy Company, LLC and submitted to Town Meeting for its approval herewith, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

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

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

Given under our hands this 27th day of August 2019.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
Daniel P. Keefe, Sr., Chairman  
Chairman

  
Gerald P. Rivet  
Clerk

  
Taylor Greene  
Member

  
Margo Bik  
Vice-Chairman

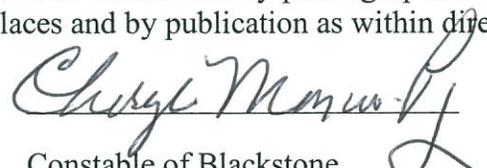
  
Robert J. Dubois  
Member

A true copy attest:

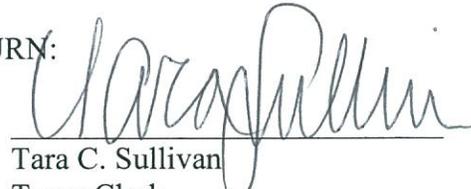
  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019 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:

  
Tara C. Sullivan  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 60 registered voters in attendance.

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 By-Laws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Gregory Gilmore, Police Chief, Lynn Foster-Welsh, UniBank; George E. Sansoucy, Sansoucy Associates; Glenn Walker, Sansoucy Associates; and Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

Mrs. Mary E. Bulso, Finance Committee Vice Chairman, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 1.

Mrs. Connie Perreault, 99 Harris Pond Road, asked a technical question regarding the PILOT Agreement, Section 7, Statement of Good Faith; Mrs. Perreault asked what the date of the Agreement would be, referring to the last page of the PILOT Agreement, noting no date on the signature page.

Mr. Patrick Costello stated that the date of the agreement has yet to be finalized because there will be a few minor revisions added as a result of the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on September 16, 2019. The minor revisions are strictly points of clarification to questions that were brought up at the Finance Committee Meeting; one being the relationship of this Agreement to the April 1989 Agreement, which will be clearly set forth, and they will clarify the collection provision in the Agreement, specifically referencing any bankruptcy court or other proceeding will treat the payments due pursuant to this Agreement as if they were taxed. Mr. Costello stated that ANP through its counsel, has agreed to those modifications. Mr. Costello also stated that if there is a vote to approve this Agreement, the Article, the Vote, and the Date that Town Meeting approved this Agreement would be specified within the Agreement. Once those revisions are incorporated, the documents would be resubmitted for execution by the Board of Assessors, Board of Selectmen, and ANP. When the final signatures are placed on the document, it would be dated at that time. Mr. Costello explained that the purpose of having a signed Agreement in advance of Town Meeting was to commit the two parties to the terms of the Agreement so that Town Meeting would know the material terms of the Agreement.

There were no further questions or discussion.

**Article 1** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts

General Laws Chapter 59, section 38H, to negotiate and execute an extended Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Town and ANP Blackstone Energy Company, LLC relative to the electric generation plant located at 204 Elm Street upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, and/or to ratify and approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement negotiated by said Boards and ANP Blackstone Energy Company, LLC and submitted to Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM.



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Tara C. Sullivan  
Town Clerk

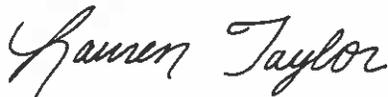
## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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

To all the Town of Blackstone Department Heads, Employees, Committees and Boards- I would like to express my appreciation for your continuous cooperation and communication with the Town Accountant's Office. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year! I would also like to thank Lauren Barrett for her support and hard work in maintaining a professional and efficient environment within the Town Accountant's Office.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Taylor".

Lauren Taylor  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
as of June 30, 2019

**ASSETS**

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,698,112.14	\$ 1,477,546.41	\$ 589,488.79	\$ 1,430,046.52	\$ 9,847,970.23		\$ 19,043,164.09
Investments							\$ -
Receivables:							\$ -
Personal property taxes	\$ 6,120.47						\$ 6,120.47
Real estate taxes	\$ 332,911.07						\$ 332,911.07
Deferred taxes							\$ -
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	\$ (658,471.27)						\$ (658,471.27)
Special assessments							\$ -
Tax liens	\$ 718,555.36						\$ 718,555.36
Tax foreclosures	\$ 248,370.63						\$ 248,370.63
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 333,349.97						\$ 333,349.97
Other excises							\$ -
Utility Charges				\$ 205,474.93			\$ 205,474.93
Departmental							\$ -
Other receivables		\$ 325,107.72		\$ 7,200.90			\$ 332,308.62
Due to/from other funds							\$ -
Due from other governments							\$ -
Prepays							\$ -
Petty Cash	\$ 975.00						\$ 975.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation							\$ -
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					\$ 6,571,220.00		\$ 6,571,220.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave							\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 6,679,923.37	\$ 1,802,654.13	\$ 589,488.79	\$ 1,642,722.35	\$ 9,847,970.23	\$ 6,571,220.00	\$ 27,133,978.87

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise				
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Deferred revenue								
Real and personal property taxes	\$ (319,435.73)							\$ -
Deferred taxes								\$ (319,435.73)
Prepaid taxes/fees								
Special assessments								
Tax liens	\$ 718,555.36							\$ -
Tax foreclosures	\$ 248,370.63							\$ 718,555.36
Motor vehicle excise	\$ 333,349.97							\$ 248,370.63
Other excises								\$ 333,349.97
Utility Charges				\$ 205,474.93				\$ -
Departmental								\$ 205,474.93
Deposits receivable								\$ -
Other receivables		\$ 325,107.72			\$ 7,200.90			\$ -
Due from other governments								\$ -
Due to other governments								\$ 332,308.62
Accounts payable	\$ 557,748.92	\$ 20,691.17			\$ 128,335.84	\$ 10,879.00		\$ -
Warrants payable								\$ 717,654.93
Accrued payroll and withholdings	\$ 27,216.21							\$ -
Other liabilities								\$ 27,216.21
IBNR								\$ -
Bonds payable			\$ 500,000.00				\$ 6,571,220.00	\$ 6,571,220.00
Notes payable								\$ 500,000.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,565,805.36	\$ 345,798.89	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 341,011.67	\$ 10,879.00	\$ 6,571,220.00	\$ 9,334,714.92	\$ -
<b>Fund Equity:</b>								
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 477,314.75			\$ 135,065.17				\$ 612,379.92
Reserved for expenditures	\$ 990,394.21			\$ 202,950.00				\$ 1,193,344.21
Reserved for continuing appropriations	\$ 1,591,847.48			\$ 193,349.34				\$ 1,785,196.82
Reserved for petty cash								\$ -
Reserved for appropriation deficit								\$ -
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								\$ -
Reserved for debt service								\$ -
Reserved for premiums								\$ -
Reserved fund balance	\$ 2,054,561.57	\$ 1,456,855.24		\$ 770,346.17	\$ 9,837,091.23			\$ 14,118,854.21
Undesignated fund balance								\$ -
Unreserved retained earnings								\$ -
Investment in capital assets								\$ -
Total Fund Equity	\$ 5,114,118.01	\$ 1,456,855.24	\$ 89,488.79	\$ 1,301,710.68	\$ 9,837,091.23	\$ -	\$ 89,488.79	\$ 17,799,263.95
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 6,679,923.37	\$ 1,802,654.13	\$ 589,488.79	\$ 1,642,722.35	\$ 9,847,970.23	\$ 6,571,220.00	\$ 27,133,978.87	\$ 27,133,978.87

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

<b>Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 1,640,920.75</b>
<u>Add:</u>		
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrance		\$ 297,578.51
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures		\$ 988,017.08
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations		\$ 1,174,253.92
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
Prior Year Purchase Order Liquidate		\$ 17,430.90
Prior Year Reserved for	Overlay Surplus- Reserved for Expenditures	\$ 400,000.00
Prior Year Reserved for		
<u>Less:</u>		
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits		
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits		
<b>Prior Year Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 4,518,201.16</b>
<u>Deduct:</u>		
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrance		\$ 477,314.75
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures		\$ 990,394.21
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations		\$ 1,591,847.48
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
Current Year Reserved for		
<u>Add:</u>		
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits		
Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits		
<u>Add:</u>		
Current Year Revenue Closeouts		\$ 24,961,717.17
Other Financing Sources		
Audit Adjustments		
<u>Less:</u>		
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts		\$ 24,362,176.16
Other Financing Uses		
Audit Adjustments		\$ 3,624.16
<b>Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 2,054,561.57</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**FY 2019 Cherry Sheet (General Fund)**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
<b>Receipts:</b>				
A1 School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 155,685.00	\$ 156,507.00	822	0.53%
A2 School Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	-	100.00%
	<u>\$ 155,685.00</u>	<u>\$ 156,507.00</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>0.53%</u>
B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	\$ 1,415,233.00	\$ 1,415,233.00	-	0.00%
B3 Highway Fund			-	0.00%
B5 Police Carrer Incentive			-	
B7 Veterans Benefits	\$ 81,185.00	\$ 100,770.00	19,585	24.12%
B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	\$ 41,214.00	\$ 15,576.00	(25,638)	-62.21%
B9 Exemptions: Elderly			-	0.00%
B10 State-Owned Land	\$ 23,670.00	\$ 26,508.00	2,838	11.99%
Additional State Aid			-	100.00%
	<u>\$ 1,561,302.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,558,087.00</u>	<u>(3,215)</u>	<u>-0.21%</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$ 1,716,987.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,594.00</u>	<u>(2,393)</u>	<u>-0.14%</u>
<b>Offset Items</b>				
<b>TOTAL All Receipts</b>	<u>\$ 1,716,987.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,594.00</u>		
<b>Charges:</b>				
A County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3 Mosquito Control	\$ 31,116.00	\$ 31,116.00	-	0.00%
B4 Air Pollution Districts	\$ 2,468.00	\$ 2,468.00	-	0.00%
B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$ 10,260.00	\$ 10,260.00	-	0.00%
<b>Total Charges</b>	<u>\$ 43,844.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,844.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

**FY 2019 Local Receipts (General Fund)**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
<b>Local Receipts:</b>				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	\$ 975,000.00	\$ 1,275,301.00	300,301	30.80%
2a MEALS TAX	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 56,313.00	26,313	100.00%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 154,892.00	54,892	54.89%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	(12,000)	-100.00%
10 FEES:	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 34,794.00	(30,206)	-46.47%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 201,782.00	76,782	61.43%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,217.00	1,217	3.48%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 18,643.00	10,643	133.04%
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 143,682.00	(31,318)	-17.90%
22 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:			-	0.00%
23 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	\$ -	\$ 227,975.00	227,975	0.00%
	<u>\$ 1,525,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,599.00</u>	<u>624,599</u>	<u>40.96%</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS  
 FY2019 General Fund Budget  
 as of June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	\$ 550	\$ 250		\$ 800	\$ 735		\$ 928	\$ 65
SELECTMEN	\$ 77,284	\$ 9,670	\$ 698,531	\$ 785,485	\$ 84,609	\$ 74,931	\$ 813	\$ 625,017
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 206,408			\$ 206,408	\$ 202,095		\$ 115	\$ 3,500
FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$ 9,300	\$ (6,200)	\$ 65	\$ 3,165	\$ 1,657	\$ 65		\$ 1,328
RESERVE FUND	\$ 100,000	\$ (90,725)		\$ 9,275				\$ 9,275
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	\$ 3,100	\$ (1,250)		\$ 1,850	\$ 364			\$ 1,486
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$ 132,908	\$ (17,900)		\$ 115,008	\$ 106,867			\$ 8,141
ASSESSORS	\$ 165,689	\$ (20,300)		\$ 145,389	\$ 135,181		\$ 19	\$ 10,189
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	\$ 150,100	\$ (65,000)		\$ 85,100	\$ 130,634		\$ 2,550	\$ 10,416
TOWN COUNSEL	\$ 135,000	\$ 65,000		\$ 200,000	\$ 172,207		\$ 19,159	\$ 8,634
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 145,000	\$ (10,000)		\$ 135,000	\$ 111,076		\$ 22,913	\$ 1,011
COPIER	\$ 25,487			\$ 25,487	\$ 17,742		\$ 1,301	\$ 6,444
BONDS & INSURANCE	\$ 224,201	\$ (51,500)		\$ 172,701	\$ 162,117		\$ 480	\$ 10,104
TOWN CLERK	\$ 154,078	\$ 8,000		\$ 162,078	\$ 149,616		\$ 664	\$ 11,798
ELECTIONS	\$ 37,510	\$ (7,800)	\$ 115	\$ 29,825	\$ 25,448		\$ 206	\$ 4,171
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$ 6,500			\$ 6,500	\$ 4,185		\$ 975	\$ 1,340
CONSERVATION COMM	\$ 4,225			\$ 4,225	\$ 4,179	\$ 15,085		\$ 46
OPEN SPACE			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				\$ 84,915
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 26,331		\$ 4,933	\$ 31,264	\$ 14,694		\$ 2,240	\$ 14,330
ZONING BOARD	\$ 8,389			\$ 8,389	\$ 2,968		\$ 261	\$ 5,160
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,477)		\$ 2,523	\$ 180			\$ 2,343
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	\$ 2,522			\$ 2,522	\$ 2,522			
GENERAL	\$ 154,500	\$ (40,000)		\$ 114,500	\$ 112,891		\$ 320	\$ 1,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	\$ 337,525	\$ 105,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 447,525	\$ 427,236		\$ 9,443	\$ 10,846
TOWN REPORT	\$ 3,000	\$ (885)		\$ 2,115	\$ 2,165			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,114,607</b>	<b>\$ (67,567)</b>	<b>\$ 808,644</b>	<b>\$ 2,855,684</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,368</b>	<b>\$ 90,081</b>	<b>\$ 62,387</b>	<b>\$ 831,848</b>
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,778,915	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,155	\$ 1,875,070	\$ 1,788,142	\$ 6,696	\$ 7,496	\$ 72,736
POLICE DISPATCHERS	\$ 236,498	\$ 20,000		\$ 256,498	\$ 243,854			\$ 12,644
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,047,292		\$ 116,730	\$ 1,164,022	\$ 1,018,966	\$ 110,843	\$ 3,683	\$ 30,530
AMBULANCE	\$ 57,869	\$ 1,500	\$ 569	\$ 59,338	\$ 57,217		\$ 612	\$ 2,109
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	\$ 79,491	\$ 6,149		\$ 85,640	\$ 79,158		\$ 1,684	\$ 4,798
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	\$ 17,153	\$ (1,100)		\$ 16,053	\$ 14,008		\$ 19	\$ 2,026
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	\$ 2,000	\$ (250)		\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750			
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	\$ 16,670	\$ (1,100)		\$ 15,570	\$ 15,510			\$ 60
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 17,250			\$ 17,250	\$ 8,741			\$ 8,509
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 26,000			\$ 26,000	\$ 24,940		\$ 421	\$ 639
FORESTRY	\$ 25,181			\$ 25,181	\$ 17,082			\$ 8,099
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 3,304,319</b>	<b>\$ 65,199</b>	<b>\$ 173,454</b>	<b>\$ 3,542,972</b>	<b>\$ 3,269,368</b>	<b>\$ 117,539</b>	<b>\$ 13,915</b>	<b>\$ 142,150</b>
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	\$ 9,002,440	\$ (13,528)	\$ 237,648	\$ 9,226,560	\$ 8,988,912			\$ 237,648
BLACKSTONE VLY YOKE	\$ 868,799			\$ 868,799	\$ 868,799			
VOCATIONAL TUITION	\$ 524,192	\$ 82,000		\$ 606,192	\$ 600,967		\$ 3,916	\$ 1,309
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 10,395,431</b>	<b>\$ 68,472</b>	<b>\$ 237,648</b>	<b>\$ 10,701,551</b>	<b>\$ 10,458,678</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,916</b>	<b>\$ 238,957</b>
ENGINEERING	\$ 15,000			\$ 15,000	\$ 6,250		\$ 2,530	\$ 6,220
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 30,600			\$ 30,600	\$ 30,599			\$ 1
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	\$ 44,189			\$ 296,627	\$ 286,680			\$ 9,947
SNOW & ICE	\$ 110,672	\$ 83,139	\$ 843,708	\$ 1,037,519	\$ 35,709	\$ 329,757	\$ 1,803	\$ 520,628
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 109,375			\$ 193,811	\$ 193,811			
MECHANICAL REPAIR	\$ 77,500	\$ 20,000		\$ 97,500	\$ 102,712		\$ 6,521	\$ 142
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	\$ 630,000			\$ 630,000	\$ 83,266		\$ 130	\$ 14,104
STREET CLEANING	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	\$ 294,928		\$ 318,859	\$ 16,213
WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 587,394			\$ 587,394	\$ 529,926		\$ 57,468	\$ 27
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,357</b>	<b>\$ 103,139</b>	<b>\$ 843,708</b>	<b>\$ 2,851,204</b>	<b>\$ 1,566,854</b>	<b>\$ 329,757</b>	<b>\$ 387,311</b>	<b>\$ 567,282</b>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS  
 FY2019 General Fund Budget  
 as of June 30, 2019

DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
RECYCLING	\$ 215,611	\$ 28,753	\$ 78,710	\$ 323,074	\$ 235,023	\$ 72,251	\$ 3,270	\$ 12,530
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 82,237	\$ 3,653		\$ 85,890	\$ 83,473		\$ 500	\$ 1,917
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 215,970			\$ 215,970	\$ 211,629			\$ 4,341
VETERANS	\$ 142,603	\$ (3,972)		\$ 138,631	\$ 132,434			\$ 6,197
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 656,421</b>	<b>\$ 28,434</b>	<b>\$ 78,710</b>	<b>\$ 763,565</b>	<b>\$ 662,559</b>	<b>\$ 72,251</b>	<b>\$ 3,770</b>	<b>\$ 24,985</b>
LIBRARY	\$ 502,350	\$	\$ 54,920	\$ 557,270	\$ 494,748	\$ 40,608	\$ 1,883	\$ 20,031
PARKS	\$ 143,038	\$ (850)	\$ 45,186	\$ 187,374	\$ 126,631	\$ 186	\$ 1,583	\$ 58,974
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 2,000			\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000			\$
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 10,100			\$ 10,100	\$ 8,021			\$ 2,079
CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$			\$				\$
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 657,488</b>	<b>\$ (850)</b>	<b>\$ 100,106</b>	<b>\$ 756,744</b>	<b>\$ 631,400</b>	<b>\$ 40,794</b>	<b>\$ 3,466</b>	<b>\$ 81,084</b>
PRINCIPAL	\$ 869,148			\$ 869,148	\$ 869,148			\$
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	\$ 265,011			\$ 265,011	\$ 265,011			\$
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	\$ 6,500			\$ 6,500	\$ 6,482			\$ 18
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 1,140,659</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,140,659</b>	<b>\$ 1,140,641</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	\$			\$				\$
COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$ 747,271	\$ (13,688)		\$ 733,583	\$ 733,583			\$
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	\$ 50,000	\$ (30,000)		\$ 20,000	\$ 10,946		\$ 2,552	\$ 6,602
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	\$ 720,031	\$ (45,000)		\$ 675,031	\$ 675,031			\$
LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 3,250			\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250			\$
MATCHING MEDICARE	\$ 71,015			\$ 71,015	\$ 68,382			\$ 2,633
COMPENSATED BALANCES	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	\$ 8,612			\$ 1,388
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	\$ 7,500			\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500			\$
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 45,387			\$ 45,387	\$ 43,844			\$ 1,543
COURT JUDGMENT	\$			\$				\$
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,454</b>	<b>\$ (88,688)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,766</b>	<b>\$ 1,551,048</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,552</b>	<b>\$ 12,166</b>
<b>G.F. OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$ 21,827,736</b>	<b>\$ 108,139</b>	<b>\$ 2,242,270</b>	<b>\$ 24,178,145</b>	<b>\$ 21,151,916</b>	<b>\$ 650,422</b>	<b>\$ 477,317</b>	<b>\$ 1,898,490</b>
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	\$ 54,696			\$ 54,696	\$ 54,696			\$
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	\$			\$				\$
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	\$			\$				\$
TRANS TO OPEB TRUST	\$ 229,975			\$ 229,975	\$ 229,975			\$
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	\$ 2,023,692			\$ 2,023,692	\$ 1,977,590			\$ 46,102
	\$ 2,308,363	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,308,363	\$ 2,262,261	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,102
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT								\$
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY								\$
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS								\$
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION								\$
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL								\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$ 24,136,099</b>	<b>\$ 108,139</b>	<b>\$ 2,242,270</b>	<b>\$ 26,486,508</b>	<b>\$ 23,414,177</b>	<b>\$ 650,422</b>	<b>\$ 477,317</b>	<b>\$ 1,944,592</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combining Balance Sheet- Special Revenue Funds**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and investments		\$ 208,387.06	\$ 1,269,159.35	\$ 1,477,546.41
Accounts receivable			\$ 325,107.72	\$ 325,107.72
Due from Commonwealth				
Due from Federal Government				
Due from other funds				
Accrued Revenue				
	\$ -	\$ 208,387.06	\$ 1,594,267.07	\$ 1,802,654.13

<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>				
Warrants/Accounts payable		\$ 5,301.27	\$ 15,389.90	\$ 20,691.17
Due to other funds				
Deferred revenue			\$ 325,107.72	\$ 325,107.72
Notes payable				
Fund balance - designated				
Fund balance - reserved				
Unreserved fund balance		\$ 203,085.79	\$ 1,253,769.45	\$ 1,456,855.24
	\$ -	\$ 208,387.06	\$ 1,594,267.07	\$ 1,802,654.13

**Special Revenue Funds**  
**Combing Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**And Changes in Fund Balance**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

	<b>Highway Improvements Fund 13</b>	<b>State &amp; Fed Grants Fund 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29</b>	<b>TOTALS (Memo Only)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Federal & State Grants		\$ 188,087.53	\$ 755,101.39	\$ 943,188.92
Charges for Services				
Other				
	\$ -	\$ 188,087.53	\$ 755,101.39	\$ 943,188.92
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government		\$ 5,758.57	\$ 133,774.53	\$ 139,533.10
Public Safety		\$ 36,529.76	\$ 12,120.90	\$ 48,650.66
Education			\$ 23,028.55	\$ 23,028.55
Public works		\$ 48,223.00	\$ 8,023.50	\$ 56,246.50
Human services		\$ 27,061.88	\$ 8,344.55	\$ 35,406.43
Culture & recreation		\$ 5,175.00	\$ 47,563.07	\$ 52,738.07
Insurance & other				
Capital Outlay				
Prior Year Encumbrances				
Debt Service				
	\$ -	\$ 122,748.21	\$ 232,855.10	\$ 355,603.31
<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures</b>	\$ -	\$ 65,339.32	\$ 522,246.29	\$ 587,585.61
<b>Bond Proceeds</b>				
<b>Transfers in</b>				
<b>Transfers (out)</b>	\$ -	\$ (47,025.25)	\$ (637,791.29)	\$ (684,816.54)
	\$ -	\$ (47,025.25)	\$ (637,791.29)	\$ (684,816.54)
<b>Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers</b>	\$ -	\$ 18,314.07	\$ (115,545.00)	\$ (97,230.93)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/18</b>	\$ -	\$ 184,771.72	\$ 1,369,314.45	\$ 1,554,086.17
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/19</b>	\$ -	\$ 203,085.79	\$ 1,253,769.45	\$ 1,456,855.24

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Special Revenue Funds**  
as of June 30, 2019

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2018	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2019
<b>Fund 13 Highway Fund</b>						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Fund 20 State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>						
<b>Federal Grants:</b>						
020-100-123-35000	96 CDBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
021-400-431-35000	FEMA	\$ -	\$ 35,256.92	\$ 3,459.54	\$ (31,797.38)	\$ -
	<b>Total Federal Grants:</b>	\$ -	\$ 35,256.92	\$ 3,459.54	\$ (31,797.38)	\$ -
<b>State Grants:</b>						
020-000-000-35000	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,758.57	\$ 5,758.57	\$ -	\$ -
020-100-175-35000	MVP Grant	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
020-100-182-35000	Mass Housing	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	\$ 3,080.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,080.61
020-100-193-35000	Green Communities Grant	\$ 75,537.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,537.50
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	\$ 11,753.26	\$ 2,041.00	\$ 1,914.00	\$ -	\$ 11,880.26
020-200-212-35000	Community Policing Grant	\$ 0.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.08)	\$ -
020-200-213-35000	Underage Drinking Grant	\$ 1,575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	\$ -	\$ 4,509.18	\$ -	\$ (4,509.18)	\$ -
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	\$ 33,922.76	\$ 31,723.00	\$ 21,389.00	\$ -	\$ 44,256.76
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 47.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.32
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	\$ 9,507.17	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 7,269.22	\$ -	\$ 8,391.95
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	\$ 23.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23.11)	\$ -
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,498.00	\$ 2,498.00	\$ -	\$ -
020-400-452-35000	Well #5 DEP Grant	\$ -	\$ 42,521.00	\$ 31,826.00	\$ (10,695.00)	\$ -
020-500-434-54000	Recycle Grant	\$ (3,750.00)	\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
020-500-439-35000	Recycling Grant	\$ 1,812.50	\$ -	\$ 1,397.00	\$ -	\$ 415.50
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	\$ 56.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56.76
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant	\$ 9.17	\$ 18,086.83	\$ 18,019.03	\$ -	\$ 76.97
020-500-548-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	\$ 104.86	\$ -	\$ 104.86	\$ -	\$ -
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	\$ 25,058.37	\$ 13,305.13	\$ 4,363.91	\$ -	\$ 33,999.59
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	\$ 124.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.74
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	\$ 3,637.65	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 2,913.43	\$ -	\$ 2,906.22
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	\$ 1,660.65	\$ -	\$ 1,660.65	\$ -	\$ -
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	\$ 0.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.50)	\$ -
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	\$ 590.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 590.20
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	\$ 367.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367.05
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	\$ 4,652.46	\$ 5,301.90	\$ 5,175.00	\$ -	\$ 4,779.36
	<b>Total State Grants:</b>	\$ 184,771.72	\$ 152,830.61	\$ 119,288.67	\$ (15,227.87)	\$ 203,085.79
	<b>Total Fund 20 State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>	\$ 184,771.72	\$ 188,087.53	\$ 122,748.21	\$ (47,025.25)	\$ 203,085.79
<b>Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue</b>						
<b>Receipts Reserved:</b>						
029-000-299-35600	TNC SURCHARGE	\$ 133.20	\$ 234.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367.70
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	\$ 1,854.52	\$ 11,509.84	\$ 11,126.80	\$ (2,237.56)	\$ 0.00
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	\$ 126,251.97	\$ 57,111.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,362.97
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	\$ 416,043.91	\$ 121,613.80	\$ 104,747.25	\$ (322,060.06)	\$ 110,850.40
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	\$ 4,263.35	\$ 4,310.50	\$ 7,404.92	\$ -	\$ 1,168.93
029-100-172-35600	Milk St Review Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ -	\$ 2,885.00
029-100-174-35600	307 Blackstone Review Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00
029-100-175-35603	Meadow Harris	\$ 265.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265.00
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
029-100-178-35600	142 Blackstone Review Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,850.00
029-100-179-35600	315 Blackstone Review Fees	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,980.56	\$ -	\$ 2,019.44
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	\$ 1,020.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,020.97
029-200-208-35600	Police Canine Donation	\$ 0.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.75)	\$ -
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	\$ 5,356.13	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ 6,946.13
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	\$ 551,881.44	\$ 449,079.85	\$ -	\$ (310,000.00)	\$ 690,961.29
029-200-292-35600	Animal Control Donations	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 22,995.99	\$ 11,600.90	\$ -	\$ 19,155.09
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	\$ 7,743.87	\$ 30,403.47	\$ 23,028.55	\$ -	\$ 15,118.79
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	\$ 6,010.28	\$ 6,486.00	\$ 8,023.50	\$ -	\$ 4,472.78
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	\$ 2,595.80	\$ 583.38	\$ -	\$ (2,595.00)	\$ 584.18
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	\$ 172.62	\$ 1,592.28	\$ 424.82	\$ -	\$ 1,340.08
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	\$ 25,733.26	\$ 1,766.00	\$ 1,379.91	\$ -	\$ 26,119.35
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	\$ 30,733.52	\$ 2,351.00	\$ 6,539.82	\$ -	\$ 26,544.70
029-500-545-35600	COA & BOH Health Fair Gift	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	\$ 20,424.02	\$ 10,450.87	\$ 14,321.34	\$ -	\$ 16,553.55
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	\$ 15,405.38	\$ 150.00	\$ 15,405.38	\$ -	\$ 150.00
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	\$ 897.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (897.92)	\$ -
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	\$ 7,747.98	\$ 2,697.91	\$ 1,208.19	\$ -	\$ 9,237.70
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	\$ 11,621.77	\$ 9,555.00	\$ 16,496.00	\$ -	\$ 4,680.77
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	\$ 848.75	\$ -	\$ 132.16	\$ -	\$ 716.59
	<b>Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:</b>	\$ 1,369,314.45	\$ 755,101.39	\$ 232,855.10	\$ (637,791.29)	\$ 1,253,769.45
	<b>TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS</b>	\$ 1,554,086.17	\$ 943,188.92	\$ 355,603.31	\$ (684,816.54)	\$ 1,456,855.24

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combining Balance Sheet- Capital Projects Fund**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

	<b>Department Roadway Imp Fund 31</b>	<b>Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32</b>	<b>TownHall Roof Fund 30</b>	<b>Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36</b>	<b>Stormwater Retro Fund 38</b>	<b>Well #9 Fund 39</b>	<b>TOTAL Capital Projects Fund</b>
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and investments	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ 378,196.84	\$ 589,488.79
Accounts receivable								
Due from Commonwealth								
Due from Federal Government								
Due from other funds	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ 378,196.84	\$ 589,488.79
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>								
Warrants/Accounts payable								
Due to other funds								
Deferred revenue								
Notes payable				\$ 500,000.00				\$ 500,000.00
Fund balance - designated	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ 378,196.84	\$ 89,488.79
Fund balance - reserved	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ 378,196.84	\$ 589,488.79
Unreserved fund balance								

**Capital Projects Fund**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**And Changes in Fund Balances**  
**as of June 30, 2019**

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	TownHall Imp ATM Fund 34	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Stormwater Retro Fund 38	Well #9 Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Intergovernmental								
Charges for Services								
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Personal Services								
Purchase of Services						\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Supplies								
Other Charges & Expenditures								
Capital Outlay								
Prior Year Encumbrances								
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Excess Revenues over / (under) Expenditures							\$ (3,300.00)	\$ (3,300.00)
Accounts Payable								
Bond Proceeds								
Transfers in								
Transfers (out)								
Excess Revenues over / (under) Exp/Transfers	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ (3,300.00)	\$ 92,788.79
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/18</b>	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ (3,300.00)	\$ 92,788.79
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/19</b>	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 90.31	\$ 378,196.84	\$ 89,488.79

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combining Balance Sheet- Enterprise Funds**  
as of June 30, 2019

	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 389,841.20	\$ 1,040,205.32	\$ 1,430,046.52
Investments			
Receivables:			
Personal property taxes			
Real estate taxes			
Deferred taxes			
Allowance for abatements and exemptions			
Special assessments			
Tax liens			
Tax foreclosures			
Motor vehicle excise			
Other excises			
Utility Charges	\$ 120,775.85	\$ 84,699.08	\$ 205,474.93
Departmental			
Other receivables	\$ 3,519.43	\$ 3,681.47	\$ 7,200.90
Due to/from other funds			
Due from other governments			
Prepays			
Inventory			
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds			
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			
Total Assets	\$ 514,136.48	\$ 1,128,585.87	\$ 1,642,722.35
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities:			
Deferred revenue			
Real and personal property taxes			
Deferred taxes			
Prepaid taxes/fees			
Special assessments			
Tax liens			
Tax foreclosures			
Motor vehicle excise			
Other excises			
Utility Charges	\$ 120,775.85	\$ 84,699.08	\$ 205,474.93
Departmental			
Deposits receivable			
Other receivables	\$ 3,519.43	\$ 3,681.47	\$ 7,200.90
Due from other governments			
Accounts payable	\$ 63,252.14	\$ 65,083.70	\$ 128,335.84
Warrants payable			
Accrued payroll and withholdings			
Other liabilities			
IBNR			
Bonds payable			
Notes payable			
Vacation and sick leave liability			
Total Liabilities	\$ 187,547.42	\$ 153,464.25	\$ 341,011.67
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 89,481.18	\$ 45,583.99	\$ 135,065.17
Reserved for expenditures	\$ 153,750.00	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 202,950.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	\$ 19,254.06	\$ 174,095.28	\$ 193,349.34
Reserved for petty cash			
Reserved for appropriation deficit			
Reserved for snow and ice deficit			
Reserved for debt Service			
Reserved for premiums			
Undesignated fund balance	\$ 64,103.82	\$ 706,242.35	\$ 770,346.17
Unreserved retained earnings			
Investment in capital assets			
Total Fund Equity	\$ 326,589.06	\$ 975,121.62	\$ 1,301,710.68
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 514,136.48	\$ 1,128,585.87	\$ 1,642,722.35

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**FY 2019 Enterprise Fund Budget**  
as of June 30, 2019

<b>DEPARTMENT/Purpose</b>		<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers</b>	<b>Prior Year Encumbrances</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Fund Balance</b>
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Personnel	\$ 164,052.00			\$ 164,052.00	\$ 151,057.83		\$ 12,994.17
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	\$ 199,892.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 209,892.00	\$ 198,359.65	\$ 7,200.33	\$ 4,332.02
SEWER WOONSOCKET MAINT	Expenses	\$ 484,448.00			\$ 484,448.00	\$ 402,167.15	\$ 82,280.85	\$ -
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses							\$ -
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses							\$ -
SEWER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	Expenses	\$ 26,579.00			\$ 26,579.00	\$ 26,579.00		\$ -
<b>SEWER</b>		<b>\$ 874,971.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 884,971.00</b>	<b>\$ 778,163.63</b>	<b>\$ 89,481.18</b>	<b>\$ 17,326.19</b>
<b>SEWER ARTICLES</b>								
98201 ATM 12 ART 29		\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 800.00
98214 ATM05/05 #21 UPGRADE		\$ 7,399.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,399.71	\$ 945.65		\$ 6,454.06
98217 STM 5/19 #3 MONITOR		\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00			\$ 12,000.00
90901 STM 5/19 ART #1 PYB		\$ 3,160.00			\$ 3,160.00	\$ 3,160.00		\$ -
90902 STM 5/19 ART #2 PYB		\$ 120,504.88			\$ 120,504.88	\$ 120,504.88		\$ -
Total Sewer Articles		\$ 144,864.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,864.59	\$ 125,610.53	\$ -	\$ 19,254.06
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>		<b>\$ 1,019,835.59</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,835.59</b>	<b>\$ 903,774.16</b>	<b>\$ 89,481.18</b>	<b>\$ 36,580.25</b>
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)		\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
RESERVE FUND-WATER	Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (5,500.00)		\$ 44,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,500.00
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>		<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (15,500.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 84,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 84,500.00</b>
WATER LABOR	Personnel	\$ 169,923.00	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 175,423.00	\$ 164,899.09	\$ -	\$ 10,523.91
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	\$ 76,084.00			\$ 76,084.00	\$ 69,258.48	\$ -	\$ 6,825.52
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	\$ 533,090.00			\$ 533,090.00	\$ 372,141.81	\$ 45,583.99	\$ 115,364.20
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -		\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	\$ 19,050.00	\$ -		\$ 19,050.00	\$ 19,050.00	\$ -	\$ -
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,688.36		\$ 311.64
WATER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	Expenses	\$ 39,479.00			\$ 39,479.00	\$ 39,479.00		\$ -
<b>WATER</b>		<b>\$ 999,626.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,126.00</b>	<b>\$ 826,516.74</b>	<b>\$ 45,583.99</b>	<b>\$ 133,025.27</b>
<b>WATER ARTICLES</b>								
90801 ATM 5/18 #23 GENERATOR		\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00	\$ 7,085.00		\$ 92,915.00
98001 ATM 05/12 #29		\$ 1,800.00	\$ -		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 800.00
98003 ATM 5/17 ART 18 WATER FILT		\$ 125,000.00	\$ -		\$ 125,000.00	\$ 44,619.72		\$ 80,380.28
98004 ATM 5/17 ART #19 NORTH SMITH		\$ 107,142.00			\$ 107,142.00	\$ 107,142.00		\$ -
Total Water Articles		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333,942.00	\$ 159,846.72	\$ -	\$ 174,095.28
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>		<b>\$ 999,626.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,339,068.00</b>	<b>\$ 986,363.46</b>	<b>\$ 45,583.99</b>	<b>\$ 307,120.55</b>
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 2,119,461.59</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,453,403.59</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,137.62</b>	<b>\$ 135,065.17</b>	<b>\$ 428,200.80</b>

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Trust & Agency Funds**  
as of June 30, 2019

	Fund Balance		Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers		Balance
	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2019				In/(Out)	June 30, 2019	
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>								
#70 - OPEB Trust Fund	\$ 898,774.22	\$ 67,043.15	\$ -	\$ 6,165.68	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ 1,209,651.69	
<b>Total Fund #70:</b>	\$ 898,774.22	\$ 67,043.15	\$ -	\$ 6,165.68	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ 1,209,651.69	
#84 - Stabilization Fund	\$ 3,240,097.41	\$ 42,435.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (143,803.92)	\$ (143,803.92)	\$ 3,138,728.55	
#84 - Law Enforcement	\$ 11,927.76	\$ 7,182.50	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,210.26	
<b>Total Fund #84:</b>	\$ 3,252,025.17	\$ 42,435.06	\$ 7,182.50	\$ 900.00	\$ (143,803.92)	\$ (143,803.92)	\$ 3,156,938.81	
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	\$ 4,096,658.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,989.37	\$ -	\$ 363,855.91	\$ 4,515,503.53	
<b>Total Fund #85:</b>	\$ 4,096,658.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,989.37	\$ -	\$ 363,855.91	\$ 4,515,503.53	
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>	\$ 8,247,457.64	\$ 7,182.50	\$ 7,182.50	\$ 164,467.58	\$ 7,065.68	\$ (29,948.01)	\$ 8,882,094.03	

**Agency Funds**

	Balance		Additions	Deductions	Balance
	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2019			
89210 Police Outside Detail	\$ 7,052.04	\$ 67,758.76	\$ -	\$ 71,879.50	\$ 2,931.30
89241 Guarantee Gravel Bonds	\$ 2,535.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,535.29
89122 ANP Escrow	\$ 759,765.92	\$ 36,143.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 795,909.45
89175 Performance Bonds	\$ 56,293.21	\$ 26.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,319.38
89145 Deputy Fees	\$ -	\$ 23,948.00	\$ -	\$ 23,948.00	\$ -
89161 Fish & Game - State	\$ 70.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.50
89211 Police FID	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 13,718.75	\$ -	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 2,968.75
89442 ANP Sewer Charges	\$ -	\$ 188,273.28	\$ -	\$ 188,273.28	\$ -
89433 Recycling Agency Fund	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 398.75	\$ -	\$ 3,436.25	\$ -
89447 Sycamore Estates	\$ 5,805.11	\$ 8.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,813.84
89440 Onyx Road Bond	\$ 25,324.40	\$ 38.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,362.43
89422 Elm Street Road Bond	\$ 505.06	\$ 0.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 505.78
89443 Canal Street Road Bond	\$ 1,135.10	\$ 1.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,136.77
89444 Federal Hill Road Bond	\$ 127.94	\$ 42.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.67
89445 Farm Street Road Bond	\$ 5,521.59	\$ 8.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,529.85
89448 Austin St Road Bond	\$ 1,881.87	\$ 2.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,884.69
89449 Mill River Road Bond	\$ 501.13	\$ 0.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 501.85
89450 T & S Surety Sycamore	\$ 50,026.93	\$ 75.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,102.02
89451 Blackstone St Near #301	\$ 7,001.05	\$ 3.53	\$ -	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 1,754.58
89452 Champlain Ave Road Bond	\$ -	\$ 1,500.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.05
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$ 932,634.64	\$ 331,949.59	\$ -	\$ 309,587.03	\$ 954,997.20
<b>Total Trust &amp; Agency Funds</b>	\$ 9,837,091.23				