

2021

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 2021 TAX RATE: \$18.72. 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 3835 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 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

Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors

BMRSD School Committee (Blackstone)

BMRSD School Committee (Blackstone)

BMRSD School Committee (Blackstone)

BMRSD School Committee (Blackstone)

BMRSD School Committee (Millville)

BMRSD School Committee (Millville)

BMRSD School Committee (Millville)

BMRSD School Committee (Millville)

BVT School Committee

Collector/Treasurer

Constable

Constable

Constable

Constable

Constable

Board of Health

Board of Health

Board of Health

Moderator

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Board

Planning Board

Planning Board

Planning Board

Planning Board

Planning Board

Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis

Jeremiah Carey

Jessika Andreas

Sarah Williams

Tammy Lemieux

Keri Gaudette

Timothy Howell

Erin Vinacco

Amanda Guilmain

Jane Reggio

Tara Larkin

Joseph Broderick

Kasey Bik

Cheryl Marino-Page

Joshua Benjamin

Rye Rivet

James Cunningham

Thomas Dunayeski

Kevin R yan

Peter Ryan, Sr.

Joshua Ryan

John Wozniak

Celeste Langlois

Donald Cox

Robert Gilbert

Kim Briggs

Matthew Bourgeois

Paul Marvelle

Kirk Van Dyke

Joseph Belrose

Owen Bebeau

Anthony Catalano

Robert Ring

Robert Dubois

Robert Kluchevitz

Ryan Chamberland

Mary Bulso

Tanya Polak

Tara Sullivan

Appointed

Animal Control Office	Gregory Gilmore
Assistant Animal Control Officer	Kevin Sullivan
Assistant Assessor	Patricia Salamone
Assistant Collector	Christina Lussier
Assistant Inspector of Buildings	Timothy Aicardi
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Kurtis Paterson
Assistant Town Accountant	Kelsey Lemoine
Assistant Town Clerk	Alison Vaillancourt
Assistant Wiring Inspector	David Dionne
Board of Registrars	Daniel Doyle
Board of Registrars	Marc Greenwald
Board of Registrars	Joel Cohen
Board of Registrars	Tara Sullivan
Burial Agent	Tara Sullivan
Capital Outlay Committee	Kasey A. Bik
Capital Outlay Committee	Robert Dubois
Capital Outlay Committee	Robert Kluchevitz
Capital Outlay Committee	Owen Bebeau
Capital Outlay Committee	Anthony Catalano
Capital Outlay Committee	Brad Weissman
Capital Outlay Committee	Ross Nichol
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Agent	Colleen Strapponi
Conservation Commission	James Pitler
Conservation Commission	Julie Wingate
Conservation Commission	Michele Daley
Conservation Commission	John Christina
Conservation Commission	Ryan Casey
Conservation Commission	Bill Capen
Conservation Commission	Alan Baillie
Council on Aging	James Dilibero
Council on Aging	Julie Wingate
Council on Aging	Jill Anderson
Council on Aging	J. Edward Collette III
Council on Aging	Linda McGilvray
Cultural Council	Julie Wingate
Cultural Council	Diane Robidoux
Cultural Council	Linda McGilvray
Cultural Council	Maryann Dobeck
Cultural Council	Judith Gettleson
Cultural Council	Joyce St. Jean
Cultural Council	Luisa DaCosta

Delegate to Central MA Regional Planning Commission	Mary Bulso
Director of Veteran Services	Annemarie Cleary
Economic Development Committee	Anthony Catalano
Economic Development Committee	Lori Poirier
Economic Development Committee	Kevin Cutillo
Economic Development Committee	Bernard Hannon
Economic Development Committee	Ryan Chamberland
Emergency Management Communications Officer	Kenneth Cotnoir
Emergency Management Director	Michael Sweeney
Finance Committee	Brian Scanlan
Finance Committee	Ross Nicol
Finance Committee	James Watson, III
Finance Committee	William Walsh
Finance Committee	Brad Weissman
Finance Committee	Kathryn Sweeney
Finance Committee	Zachary Zielinski
Finance Committee	Ryan Barry
Finance Committee	Jeff Silverstein
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	Michael Sweeney
Health Agent	Colleen Strapponi
Health Inspector	William Fisher
Historical Commssion	Helen Murray
Historical Commssion	Richard Ryan, Sr.
Historical Commssion	Julie Wingate
Historical Commssion	Susan Tenerowicz
Historical Commssion	Richard Guilbeault
Historical Commssion	Carolyn Powers
Historical Commssion	Marc Lemay
Historical Commssion	Paulette Boyko
Historical Commssion	Elizabeth McGeough
Housing Authority	Lori Poirier
Housing Authority	Edward Pelletier
Housing Authority	Jacquelyn Robinson
Librarian	Lisa Cheever
Library Board of Trustees	Mary Lou Branchaud
Library Board of Trustees	Kate Ellen Renaud
Library Board of Trustees	Jean Alexandrowicz
Library Board of Trustees	Patricia Guzinski
Library Board of Trustees	Kelly Gillis
Library Board of Trustees	Maryann Dobeck
Memorial Day Committee	Robert Gilbert
Memorial Day Committee	Donald Cox

Memorial Day Committee	Catherine Norcross-Mels
Memorial Day Committee	Daniel Keefe
Memorial Day Committee	Thomas Dunayeski
Municipal Coordinator/Right to Know Legislation	Michael Sweeney
Municipal Inspector/Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings	Robert Speroni
Parking Clerk	Gregory Gilmore
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	James Paige
Police/Fire/COA Task Force Building Committee	Michael Sweeney
Police/Fire/COA Task Force Building Committee	Robert Dubois
Police/Fire/COA Task Force Building Committee	Laurie Keefe
Police/Chief	Gregory Gilmore
Police/Lieutenant	Shawn Brodeur
Police/Sergeant	Matthew Mantoni
Police/Sergeant	Kevin Luis
Police/Sergeant	Maxwell Hurwitz
Police/Patrolman	David Blanchette
Police/Patrolman	Joseph Niemczyk
Police/Patrolman	Greggory Haynes
Police/Patrolman	Anthony Lungarini
Police/Patrolman	Travis Loether
Police/Patrolman	Craig Metz
Police/Patrolman	Patrick Daigle
Police/Patrolman	David Laudon
Police/Patrolman	Michael Pavone
Police/Patrolman	Gregory Tappan
Police/Patrolman	Christopher Johnson
Police/Patrolman	Derek Mackey
Police/Patrolman	Johnathan Savoie
Special Officer Deputy of Taxes	Robert Grady
Superintendent of Public Works	James Sullivan
Town Accountant	Lauren Taylor
Town Administrator	Dori Vecchio
Tree Warden/Moth Superintendent	Kenneth Marcotte
Water and Sewer Commission	Robert Bruce Paterson
Water and Sewer Commission	Rob Paterson
Water and Sewer Commission	Anita Robertson
Water and Sewer Commission	Thomas Devlin
Water and Sewer Commission	Roy Greenhalgh
Wiring Inspector	Craig Cassavant

Zoning Board of Appeals
Zoning Board of Appeals

Gary Jolicoeur
Marc Gregoire
Paul Marvelle
Joseph Belrose
Jeannine Castonguay
Michael Savard
James Pitler

Resignations 2021

Name	Board/Position	Resignation Date
Thomas Beauregard	Housing Authority	1/15/2021
Taylor Greene	Board of Selectmen	1/20/2021
Thomas Marchand	Historical Commission	6/28/2021
Richard Ryan	Historical Commission	9/25/2021
Marc Lemay	Historical Commission	9/25/2021
Lori Poirier	Economic Development Committee	12/2/2021
Robert Speroni	Building Commissioner/Municipal Inspector	12/17/2021
Kasey Bik	Collector/Treasurer	12/24/2021

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the residents of Blackstone:

The year 2021 was another difficult year as the COVID pandemic continues to affect us all. Some of the accomplishments and projects started in 2021 began with the groundbreaking for the new 8.5-million-dollar water treatment plant in October. Construction is presently underway. The Town was awarded a \$400,000 grant from MassDOT for Complete Streets. The voters appropriated \$100,000 to pay the cost of design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street. The voters also appropriated \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road. The voters appropriated \$150,000 to complete the construction of Well #9 and to renovate Well #2, #4 and #7. They also supported the appropriation of \$300,000 to repair the JFK/AFM Elementary parking lot and supported the appropriation of \$340,000 to repair the Police Department sally port. Many other capital items were supported, including \$149,000 to purchase a utility tractor with a side boom mower and brush cutter, the purchase of a one ton 4 x 4 F350 dump truck for \$50,000, the cleaning of 13 sewer pumps stations for \$110,000, the purchase of a 2021 1500 GPM pumper fire truck for \$500,000, a new ambulance in the amount of \$300,000, and \$108,896.40 to install a Stryker Power Pro XT ambulance cab, a power load cab fastener system, (2) X series monitor/defibrillator and (3) Lucas automatic CPR devices. The voters also supported the purchase of a \$50,000 skid steer for the Recycling Center and appropriated \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of the bridge on Elm Street over Quickstream.

The Board supported and signed the Fire Department union contracts. We supported the purchase of new electronic voting devices for town meetings, as well as support a Charter change regarding the residency requirement for the Town Administrator position. The Board appropriated \$50,000 to commission a comprehensive evaluation audit which would involve several areas. The Board and the Town Administrator negotiated an agreement with Green Choice Dispensaries which will bring in a new revenue stream to the town. We supported the appropriation of \$25,000 for an engineering study of the Historical Museum building on Main Street.

The town's financial operation continues to be good as stated in our fiscal year audit for 2021. A standard and Poor's rating of AA+ credit was assigned to the town's general obligation fund. The Board welcomed new members Tanya Polak and Ryan Chamberland and appointed Dori A. Vecchio as our new Town Administrator. In addition, we welcomed new Senior Director, Karen Testa.

The Board voted to make Blackstone a Purple Heart Town for Veterans at their meeting of February 22, 2022. A ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

The Board would like to thank our town employees for their hard work throughout the very difficult year. We would also like to thank the citizens of the town for their continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman
Robert J. Kluchevitz – Vice-Chairman
Mary E. Bulso – Clerk
Ryan Chamberland – Member
Tonya Polak – Member

Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of the Town of Blackstone:

I started with the Town of Blackstone on July 19, 2021. Since that time, I have learned so many wonderful things about the town and I am truly honored and humbled that I was brought on as your first female Town Administrator. My primary goal is to: *“Someday, leave the town much better off than when I started”*. Don’t get me wrong, there are wonderful people in Blackstone along with great things going on in town. We also have many hard working, dedicated employees, and volunteers. But it is my job to move the town forward, to analyze processes, review agreements, make recommendations, and improve efficiencies. I am truly grateful to be part of this adventure and doing the work necessary to leave the town better off than when I started.

Calendar year 2021 has been a year of change for the Town of Blackstone. For the first part of the year, the town employed an acting Town Administrator who served for approximately six months. The second part of the year a few volunteers and employees had resigned for a well needed break from service or for a better opportunity. Although change is difficult for most, I see it as an opportunity. An opportunity to make positive changes, and to have a new/different vision and direction. I would like to thank those that have served the Town of Blackstone in 2021 and for the new volunteers who were ready to step up and serve their town. As Gandhi once said, *“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”*.

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the hard work and dedication of the amazing town employees. They have shown professionalism, strength, and perseverance over the last year through Covid 19 and with a transfer of management. They are truly assets to the Town of Blackstone.

Since I started, the town received two Community Compact grants. One grant is for a 5-year capital improvement plan for town owned infrastructure and vehicles. Another is for a detailed analysis of all 77 miles of roadway in the town. These projects will assist the town for many years to come. They will provide the information necessary to replace and repair infrastructure and vehicles along with roadways over the next several years. The roadway project includes a pavement/roadway software program that will track all improvements to the roadway as the work is done. These two new projects will assist the town to more accurately budget and project future capital expenditures.

In addition, the town received a Complete Streets grant for the sidewalk and pedestrian ramp upgrades to be reconstructed on Canal Street from the driveway entrance to the Blackstone River Greenway parking lot to the intersection of St. Paul Street and continuing approximately 1800 feet to the town hall/police and fire station. This improvement will resolve ADA compliance issues and will provide a safer sidewalk for our residents.

Further, the town received a Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness grant for a yearlong training for town employees and board members that runs from January 2022 through December 2023. This grant will include assessments and training for all employees and will help to decrease the towns vulnerability to cyber threats.

At the special town meeting in November of 2021, the town voted to approve an electronic voting system that will provide all residents confidentiality when voting at town meetings. I anticipate this system will be up and running for our annual town meeting in 2022.

2021 brought an exciting event, the groundbreaking of the Water Filtration plant located behind the Robert J. Dubois Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street. This is an \$8.5M dollar project that started years ago and after years of hard work and dedication has finally come to fruition. The plant is expected to open in the Spring of 2023.

In June of 2021, the Acting Town Administrator settled successor agreements for the following unions: Clerical, Police, Dispatch and DPW. After a few meetings with the Fire union, I was able to settle that agreement in October. All funding had already been approved in the FY21 budget.

The Town's financial condition as reported in the June 30, 2021, financial report and management letter was good, and credit rating bureaus would generally consider the town's reserve ratio very good or even strong. Currently, Standard and Poor's Rating Service assigns an AA+ credit rating to the Town's general obligation bonds, which is the second highest rating and signifies that the Town has a very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. This strong credit rating affords the Town the ability to borrow funds for large capital projects at very favorable interest rates.

There is much more to do in the Town of Blackstone, and I am so happy to be part of your community. You will see many great things in 2022 and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Again, 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 dedication and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

Dori A. Vecchio
Town Administrator

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2021, *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, commissions, and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, municipal contracts/agreements, real estate transactions, zoning/building code enforcement, open meeting law, public records, conflict of interest, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings, and other general legal issues. Once again, of particular significance during the past year were a variety of novel governmental operations and public health issues relating to or arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, negotiation of host community agreements relative to prospective retail marijuana establishments in Town pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94G and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the hiring of a new Town Administrator.

A summary of the material litigation in which I was engaged on the Town's behalf from January 2021 to September 1, 2021 is set forth below.

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 Zoning 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. The Plaintiff's Complaint alleges that owning dogs for the purposes of breeding and training is a matter of right under the agricultural exemption to zoning regulation pursuant to G.L. c. 40A §3. The Board disagrees that the exemption applies due to the nature and extent of dog breeding activity conducted at the property.

A trial was held on the initial appeal on December 2, 2019. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a remand hearing on the amended special permit application on February 26, 2020, whereupon, after hearing the evidence and testimony introduced regarding the proposed agricultural exemption, the Board denied the request for an agricultural exemption and ratified its prior denial of the special permit. The Plaintiff thereafter renewed its appeal of the denial decision to the Court.

After further trial proceedings in the Worcester Superior Court, on May 12, 2021 the Court issued an Order affirming the Zoning Board's decision and dismissing the subject appeal. The Court concluded that the Board correctly determined that the plaintiff failed to establish that the primary use of her property is for the purpose of commercial dog breeding and training so as to constitute an exempted agricultural use. No appeal to this Order was filed, thus, the case is now closed.

It has been a privilege to have served as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone and I wish the Town well in its future endeavors.

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

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

Petrini & Associates, P.C. was appointed to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone on September 7, 2021. In calendar year 2021, we appeared on behalf of the Town in the court matters described below. We also provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officers, boards, commissions, and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, municipal contracts/agreements, real estate transactions, zoning/building code enforcement, open meeting law, public records, conflict of interest, personnel administration, labor and employment issues, zoning variance/special permit proceedings, and other general legal issues. We have also advised the Town of legal developments and legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic as they may relate to the Town and its day-to-day operations.

A summary of the litigation matters in which we were engaged on the Town's behalf from September 7, 2021 to the date of this report is set forth below.

Michael & Georgiann Bergamini v. Blackstone Conservation Commission, Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 21-01247A

This action is an appeal by homeowners seeking to overturn the decision of the Conservation Commission denying their request for a modification of an existing Order of Conditions encumbering their property located at 208 Mendon Street. The action was filed on November 17, 2021. Our office has filed a Motion to Dismiss in this matter, which is scheduled to be heard by the court on March 8, 2022.

Town of Blackstone v. Emily J. Dana, Uxbridge District Court, Docket No. 2165CI00003

This action concerns a December 15, 2021 appeal of two Notices of Violation and Fine issued by the Board of Health to the owner of 8 Ives Street for failure to comply with the Board's "Regulation for the Mandatory Tie-in to Public Sewer of Property with Failed Private Sub-Surface Disposal System or Upon the Sale of Property Where Public Sewer Tie-in is Available". At Ms. Dana's request, the February 3, 2022 hearing before the District Court Magistrate was postponed to April 29, 2022 to allow time for her to seek legal counsel. Discussions with the Plaintiff's counsel on a potential resolution by Agreement for Judgment are ongoing.

Celia Pereira v. Blackstone Board of Health, Suffolk Superior Court C.A. No. 21-2369D

This action is an appeal by a homeowner seeking to overturn the decision of the Board of Health denying her a variance in order to construct a five (5) bedroom sized septic system upon her property located at 131 Lakeshore Drive. The action was filed on October 18, 2021 and will proceed as a judicial review of the administrative record. Our office filed an Answer and a copy of the administrative record with the court on behalf of the Board of Health, and are now waiting for Plaintiff's counsel to determine whether he will seek to designate additional materials to be filed. After the record is complete, the matter will be determined by the Court based upon a review of the record and pleadings filed by the parties. No court dates have yet been scheduled.

On behalf of the attorneys and staff at Petrini & Associates, P.C., we thank the Board of Selectmen for the honor and privilege of serving as your Town Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher L. Brown, Esq.
Petrini & Associates, P.C.
Town Counsel
February 17, 2022

January 2022

Dear Blackstone Community,

What an interesting year we have had as we continue with our return and recovery efforts, bringing our school district to an even stronger place than where we were before March of 2020.

While the pandemic has had such a negative impact on many institutions and businesses, BMRSD has stayed very focused on the improvement work we set out to accomplish four years ago. It is undeniable that the pandemic has slowed our progress a bit, but I am still so proud of the hard work our students, educators, support staff, and administrators have been able to accomplish while facing insurmountable challenges.

Last winter and spring we started planning for how we would tackle the impacts that the pandemic has left on our school community as a whole, but most importantly, our students. Our district has taken a “360 degree” approach looking at all the needs of our students, focusing specifically on their academic, social-emotional, physical and mental wellbeing, while planning deeply for where we go next as a school system.

With that stated, we are pleased to outline the following accomplishments below. We have been diligently working to make sure our that our students are the cutting edge of teaching and learning making sure they are truly ready for **college, career and community**, as defined in our District’s Purpose:

We are building a firm foundation for learning with our work in curriculum-

We are...

- In year two of our new literacy program in grades PK-12.
- Year three in our science program – 2nd year of FULL implementation of new science units at middle school.
- A new math program in grades PK-12 is on the horizon for next school year (‘22-‘23.)
- In year two in developing and implementing career courses and pathways at both BMRHS & FWHMS in green technology, bio-medicine, manufacturing and engineering, robotics, while offering BMRHS students courses in welding, cyber security and computer science with internships and job shadow opportunities. It is very important to note, all of this programming has been developed, implemented and funded mostly through grants.
- The District’s commitment to student social-emotional learning, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion is very strong. We are in year three implementing our “Choose Love” curriculum and our social justice student group, *Chargers for Change*, is stronger than ever.

We are building a strong framework for high-quality teaching-

-Each school has a building-based Instructional Leadership Team comprised of educator leaders driving the teaching, learning and staff professional development specific to each school's strengths and needs.

-All four of our schools have an instructional focus that helps to anchor the day-to-day teaching and learning, and 2-3 agreed upon teaching and learning practices that all educators use.

We are measuring our student learning using a robust assessment system and reviewing student learning on a regular basis-

-All schools are using the Star, IXL, NewsELA, projects, and teacher generated assessments/projects and ongoing data cycles across all grade levels.

We have added additional positions, mostly funded through various grants, to help accelerate student learning and support the career development work in science at the elementary school level-

- At the Elementary Level
 - 2 STEM Teachers
 - 2 Math Interventionists
 - 2 Reading Specialist
- At FWH Middle School
 - 1 Math Interventionist
 - 1 Reading Specialist
- At BMRHS
 - 1 English Language Arts Interventionist
 - 1 Math Interventionist
 - 1 Science Interventionist
- At the District Level – A Grades PK-12 Social Worker

Finally, we have made significant advancements in technology to enhance student learning and have deepened our facilities work-

Technology-

- Implemented two new servers at each building - providing redundancy and safety for the entire network.
- Purchased 500+ New chromebooks, bringing the entire district (K-12) one-to-one.
- Introduction of new educator chromebooks.
- Integration of *Clever* - single sign-on platform for educators and students.
- Introduction of large flat screen touch panels - clearer and easier to use than smart boards.

Facilities-

- Creation of new security safety vestibules @ AFM/JFK Complex and Millville Elementary School.
- Completion of a full camera system at BMRHS.
- Repairing/adding fencing and dugouts to both the baseball and softball fields.
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts and repainting of all lines.
- Adding new cages for both discus and shot for spring track.

In addition to all of this, through our newly revised Regional Agreement, we have merged our elementary schools creating a two year process for integrating our district at the K-5 grade levels converting Millville Elementary School into an early learning center serving our youngest learners in grades PK-1 this year and grades PK-2 in School Year '22-'23, while the JFK/AFM Complex serving grades 2-5 this year and grades 3-5 next school year. We are so grateful to the residents of both communities for allowing us the opportunity to bring our elementary students together! Thank you!

As many of you know, we are in over a year of planning for a long-term facilities project for our community to review, discuss, and decide on what direction we should go to ensure we are bringing 21st Century learning into a new/renovated school facilities plan that will support the purpose of the school district and mission of our two great towns! So much more is to come on this project in the winter and spring of 2022 – we need your voice!

Lastly, we are currently in the midst of planning the next version of our District Improvement Plan (Blueprint 2.0.) This revised plan will be in place for the July 1, 2022. We are in the last year of our current plan.

In closing, we have done all of this, and so much more, in the midst of one of the largest challenges to ever face our Nation, Commonwealth, and local community. I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished the last year and to be leading the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District. I sincerely thank you for all your support.

My Best,

Dr. Jason DeFalco
Superintendent of Schools

Blackstone Millville Regional High School
2021 Report of the Principal

Change in Leadership

In early 2021, a second search for a principal for the high school took place and I was fortunate to be chosen and introduced to the school community as the next principal of BMRHS. Much of the early work centered around solidifying our school's mission and vision. With the assistance of the Instructional Leadership Team, the high school is guided by the Portrait of the Graduate pillars of Critical Thinking, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Civic Responsibility.

Critical Thinking

Part of our school improvement plan centers on critical thinking and growing student capacity for applying their knowledge and skills to real world challenges and problem solving. During the 2020-2021 school year, staff concentrated on implementing evidence-based instructional practice of interacting with a source. This year, in conjunction with FWHMS, ASE (Analyze-Support with Evidence-Evaluate) is the instructional practice being highlighted. Students in all academic courses are engaged in this protocol to deepen understanding of the content. Additionally, Authentic Assessments (solving real world problems rather than multiple choice tests) are being used as a means to focus on critical thinking and problem solving skills.

BMRHS is restructuring its program of studies around the creation of academic pathways. Students are currently able to choose a pathway of study in Biomedical Science and Engineering. We will be adding a Business pathway and a Dual Enrollment pathway working with Quinsigamond Community College. Students choosing the dual enrollment option will earn high school and college credits. The pathways of study are designed to focus a student's curriculum to better prepare them for college and career.

Leadership

Over the last year, BMRHS Student Council has continued to bring a strong school spirit. As many things shut down, the Student Council never took a break. At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, all meetings were held virtually but once school started back up, meetings moved to in-person held in the library.

The Student Council continues to do what they do best and uplift the BMRHS School Spirit with both old and new themes. The spirit days have driven student morale to a whole new level. This past November, BMRHS held its version of the social media craze "bring anything but a backpack day". Students were extremely creative with what they used to carry their books using shopping bags, laundry baskets, a recycle bin, guitar case, and cooler. This event was a huge success with students.

After taking a year off due to COVID, two beloved and highly anticipated BMRHS events were brought back: the Powder Puff Football game and Pep Rally. The 2021 Powder Puff game featured the Senior/Freshman team vs. the Junior/Sophomore team, over 30 students

participated in the annual game as a majority of students from the high school and 8th grade cheered them on. The teams were coached by selected football players, in the end, it was the Junior/Sophomore team for the win.

This year's Pep Rally theme was Music Genres. Pep Rally started with a fun-filled spirit week which concluded with Class Colors on Thursday, December 23rd. Pep Rally was filled with a ton of entertainment from lip syncs by all classes and the faculty, to Class President and Vice President Finish the lyrics. Students were able to take part in one of three class competition games which included dodgeball, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, and musical discs. All classes did a great job, and the seniors took the victory.

Outside of BMRHS, members of the BMRHS Student Council remain active at the State and Regional Levels. In November, students attended the Central Massachusetts Student Council Fall Conference at Oxford High School. Students attended leadership training, workshops, and were able to collaborate and share ideas with other students from across the region. Members of the Council continue to help the community through volunteering their time at different events such as the Drama Club Performances and Park and Recreation sponsored events.

On the athletic fields and courts, our student athletes represent the purple and gold with great pride. Countless life lessons have been learned regardless of final scores and season records. We would like to highlight our teams who made post season play: softball, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, and volleyball. This fall our girls' volleyball team triumphed as central Mass champions.

Communication

Our goal for 2021 has been to ensure students are familiar with and reflect upon our Portrait of the Graduate skills. After each authentic assessment students reflect on how their skills coincide with our pillars deepening their understanding of the skills and how it relates to their learning.

Paired with our Portrait of the Graduate vision for our students is the necessity to educate families and the community about these skills students will have upon graduation and how they will be measured using targeted evidence based instructional practices. This will be the focus for 2022.

Collaboration

Another goal of our School Improvement Plan centers around the whole child. Our goal is to establish and maintain a culture that promotes positive relationships throughout the entire school community through the implementation of the Charger Community Advisory Program. The purpose of this program is to create small communities where students can identify with a trusted adult. Groups engage in team building activities to create a sense of trust among all community members. To end the calendar year each advisory decorated their classroom door according to a winter theme. We asked for central office staff to judge and added points to our pep rally competition.

Beyond team building our advisory program will focus on the social emotional needs of our students. Our counseling staff is assessing the needs of our student population and putting in place programming to support those needs. In December, our community participated in a Charger Recharge afternoon where we engaged in mindfulness activities as a way to bring attention to the need to care for our mental and emotional health along with our academics. We hope this will be a reoccurring event.

Creativity

While 2021 was a different year in regards to fewer in-person events, the BMR Music Department had a busy schedule regardless. Back in late winter/early spring, the BMR Winter Guard and Winter Percussion competed for the first time ever in the International circuit: Winter Guard International. The events were virtual and included both teams recording several performances over the course of their season and submitting them to be judged against groups from all over the country as well as a handful of international groups. Both teams exceeded expectations and made it into the selective finals.

The BMR high school jazz ensemble participated in the UsBands Virtual Jazz Competition in April and received a rating of Outstanding.

By fall, in-person events were back and the BMR Chargers Marching Band completed a full season of shows. They ended the season undefeated and were crowned UsBands Division 3 Open National Champions!

Most recently, in December, the FWH 6th, 7th 8th grade bands, the Middle school Chorus and the High School Chorus, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble took the stage and performed their first live, indoor concert in almost 2 years.

Civic Responsibility

Preparing our students for life after high school is at the heart of all of these Portrait of a Graduate pillars. Civic responsibility is one that emphasizes community impact. We have three student groups besides our student council that exemplify this pillar.

Our National Honor Society has community service as one of its four pillars. As a group, our NHS students have clocked more than 300 hours of service to our community. They were able to host their 9th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser in April, as well as volunteer with events for our elementary students, engage in peer tutoring, help at the food pantry, and were a part of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner where we served over 500 meals to our Blackstone and Millville community donating all of our proceeds to the our local food pantry.

Chargers 4 Change, or C4C, is in its second year as a club. C4C has been able to accomplish many things in 2021. They hosted, via Zoom, Saul Flores, who shared his experience completing the WalkofImmigrants. C4C sponsored a community resource drive in the spring,

collecting donations via Amazon and drop boxes at each school. All materials were then donated to

In September, they organized an Orange Shirt Day to commemorate indigenous children lost to residential schools and assisted with honoring World Kindness Day in November. To end the year C4C began planning a Diversity Book Drive with the goal of increasing diverse educational materials for our elementary schools.

One highlight of the fall was a Solidarity Conference held at BMR joining 4 other area high schools together in the hopes of encouraging a voice for marginalized students particularly our LGBTQ+ population. Student led workshops included topics such as body image, online safety, ableism, and setting & respecting boundaries. Almost 100 students participated in this successful event and we hope it becomes an annual one at BMR.

This is just a small snapshot of the amazing things that are happening at BMR. I am so very proud to have the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of students and work with such dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Foulis
Principal

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School 2021 Report of the Principal

Project Lead the Way Grant - \$22.5K

In the spring we applied for and received a \$22.5K grant from Project Lead the Way over the next three years to implement a unit per a grade level - for grade 6 the unit is Design and Modeling, for grade 7 the unit is Green Architecture, and for grade 8 the unit is Medical Detectives.

Instructional Focus - Chargers Come Fully Charged

This year, we continued to implement a variety of strategies to support our students in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers both academically and emotionally. This fall, through our continued professional development from Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), we began our roll out of our second evidence-based practice of annotating with a source. The staff continued to focus on our students' writing skills through their continued use of the ASE (answer the question, support with specific evidence, and explain your support in your own words) writing model as well as using annotating with a source to support their writing.

In addition, we have revised our school improvement plan with the following goals:

- Goal One: The What
 - The Humanities and ELA department will implement with fidelity our core literacy program, Amplify, along with its support curriculum, Amplify Reading and Amplify Close Read to provide “just in time” support for students needing intervention.
 - The science technology teacher, guidance counselor, STEM staff and some rotation staff will implement our new Career Exploration program and additions to our STEM courses with funding from the ASA grant for supplies and training.
 - Science staff will implement the PLTW unit for their grade level.
 - Our history/science staff will use the cognitive skills rubric to revise/create project-based learning
 - For all students with an increase in rigor and critical thinking skill development.
 - The math department will conduct a self-study of our curriculum - Big Ideas. Ensure our current curriculum meets the needs of all students and provide “just in time” support for students needing intervention.
- Goal Two: The How
 - In support of our instructional focus, staff will continue to implement our first evidence-based practice, ASE strategy, throughout their curriculum.

Staff will implement our second evidence-based practice, interacting with a source, throughout their curriculum. Staff will research, discuss and plan for implementation for our third evidence-based teaching strategy to support our instructional focus.

- Goal Three: The Whole Child
 - Staff will continue to embed SEL skills into their classrooms through the fidelity of implementation of the Choose Love Program and Second Step.
- Goal Four: The Community
 - Staff will continue to establish productive two-way communication between school and home in order to provide all families with feedback and support on student learning.
 - The school will continue to educate families and the community about the school's instructional focus and engage them in our efforts. The school will continue to share its evidence-based instructional practices with supports for homes that families are able to implement.

Enrollment

As of January 4, 2021, the student enrollment (total - 399) was as follows:

Grade 6 - 148 students

Grade 7 - 114 students

Grade 8 - 137 students

Curriculum and Instruction

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well-rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in Humanities 1 and 2, math, science, art, physical education, wellness, Spanish, science technology engineering math (STEM), and Science/Technology courses. 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 Science/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 Charger Time classes are assigned to students using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA). This year, ELA teachers have implemented a new intervention program (Amplify Reading and Close Read) which complements our ELA Amplify curriculum.

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.

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.

This year for students and staff at Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School has worked to be more typical compared to last year. We offer our sincere appreciation to our communities and the district administration for their support and assistance so that we were able to continue to make adjustments as needed to continue to support our students' learning and growth during the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Curt-Hoard
Principal

Introduction:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of John F. Kennedy/A.F. Maloney Elementary School. 2021 was a year of unprecedented events which continue to have a significant impact on both school operations and student learning. The continuous disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in switching to remote learning at times for some classrooms and restrictions during in-person learning. As is often the case when schools have to respond to unplanned events that create chaos, the problem solving approach required of leaders/teachers often results in new and different outcomes - not all of which were negative!

Despite the unprecedented events, our district goal continues to capture 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 overcome challenges to make JFK/AFM a great place to accomplish this goal. Students were welcomed back to school on September 1, 2021 to full in-person learning.

Infrastructure:

With the approved regional agreement, grades K and 1 were relocated to the Millville Elementary School while grade 2 remains at JFK/AFM Elementary Complex. Grade 2 will join the Millville Elementary School in September 2022. In addition, our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, painting rooms, making minor repairs and moving furniture into storage units to make room in our classrooms in preparation for a year of learning during a pandemic. To enhance our safety in the building, additional cameras were installed at the back of the JFK building and a vestibule was created outside the AFM office. I would like to thank our custodial staff for working tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. Teachers also continued to work throughout the summer to prepare for a new year of teaching and learning. All the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: JFK/AFM students.

Parent and Community:

This year, the PTO of both JFK/AFM and MES have been working collaboratively to join our two groups together. We are now Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.

Unlike last year, PTO was able to once again hold our annual Move-a-Thon in October. Together, we raised \$52,735.00. The fun returned with Trunk or Treat! This is always a favorite with staff, students and families! BMEPTO continues to get creative with other activities. An online book fair was held during November which was a great success. Santa was able to surprise our children too! He made his way through the school to visit classrooms and group pictures were taken outside! It was a great way to bring back some kind of normal to our students. In addition, they continue to support other initiatives such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support initiative, honor our staff during Teacher Appreciation week, grade K and 5 celebrations and more. Our school community is grateful for the tireless efforts of BMEPTO - thank you!

Academic Excellence:

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff have continued to implement our school-wide instructional focus: "Students will use evidence based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas". Our students continue to use the turn and talk, vocabulary, and mnemonic strategies in all content areas. 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. This has afforded us the ability to provide tiered support to all students, which provides them with instruction at their level. Over the next several years, we have a focus and a plan to continue to examine our curriculum across the district. Our literacy program is in year 2 of implementation. Our Math Committee has been meeting regularly to review our current curriculum to determine what our needs are moving forward. They have reviewed many new programs and will be ready to make a recommendation on what program/programs best fit our needs for the 2022 school year.

Social-Emotional and Positive Behavior Initiative:

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Team supports our students through the Choose Love Program. Our school adjustment counselors meet with all grade level classes to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars 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.

This year, we welcomed our new district social worker to provide an extra layer of support for all schools. At the Complex, we were able to bring in the Family Continuity to join our effort to provide students who needed the additional social-emotional support.

Academic Achievement and Data Analysis:

Students in grade 3-5 participated in the 2021 MCAS assessment. Despite the pandemic, we have seen growth, particularly in grade 3 and 4. Our staff worked tirelessly to provide instruction during this difficult time and we are proud of our efforts. We continue to utilize the MCAS data, district assessments, STAR Reading and Math, F & P, and Wonders Diagnostic Assessments to identify areas of strengths and concerns for each grade level. This data analysis process allows the teachers to differentiate their instruction and continue to make any adjustments to close the gaps.

To our School Committee and Central Administration, 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. Marlborough, 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.

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

Millville Elementary School
2021 Annual Town Report

The summer of 2021 at Millville Elementary School (MES) was both busy and exciting. We began the first phase of the elementary reorganization by working with a moving company and custodial staff to move grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the JFK/AFM Complex and grades K and 1 to Millville Elementary School. Over the summer of 2022, the grade 2 team will join our building and our current first grade class will be the first group of Blackstone and Millville students to come through MES from grades K to 2. In addition to the move, on July 6th, for six weeks, we hosted the ESY program for grades PK and up. It was so great to see all of the students in the building following the health and safety protocols and building their knowledge through fun learning activities developed by the teachers.

Our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, and making minor repairs. I would like to thank Mr. Walker, Mr. Mayer and Mr. Mullaly for their hard work this summer helping to clean our school, move our furniture, space our desks 3 feet apart and get our building ready for our staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Over the summer, MESPA and BEPO officially joined forces to form the Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (BMEPTO) to support the students at both elementary schools. On August 30th, BMEPTO hosted the annual ice cream social at MES to welcome our students back. Several staff were in attendance and able to meet their students. We had a new twist to the Ice Cream social by using an ice cream truck to help with the safety and ease of following COVID protocols with individually wrapped treats for students, families, and staff. This year, BMEPTO has offered both in-person and virtual meeting options for our families to attend the monthly meetings.

On August 30, approximately, 63 staff (some who work in multiple buildings) returned for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. On September 2, 2021, approximately 115 first graders were welcomed back to school. We also hosted 2 sessions of the Kindergarten Orientation for students to be able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms prior to their first day of school. A huge thanks to Tellstone Bus Company, for allowing us to have a bus during orientation for the students to see what it would be like to get on and have a seat in a school bus. While students were able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms, parents had the time to meet with Mrs. Shafer, several other staff members and the Vice President of BMEPTO, to learn about our school. BMEPTO welcomed all K students and families with a keychain and "Notes to School" notepad. Starting the week of September 7th, all 290 students in Preschool through grade 1 were in the building.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). During our Professional Development days prior to the start of school, we decided to adjust our Schoolwide Instructional Focus to meet the needs of our youngest learners in the district. Our premise of problem solving through academic and social situations remains the same, but the wording is much easier to understand as we changed it to **We Think, We Show. We Grow.** Our students have also continued to use the CUBES mnemonic strategy in math and RACE for writing. This year, we will be adding more tools into our toolbox. 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. We continue to examine and make adjustments to our curriculum in the district to provide the best materials to meet our students' needs. Our teachers

are in year 2 of implementing our literacy program, Wonders. Our preschool team is now using the World of Wonders program. The Math Committee has continued its work in reviewing our current mathematics curriculum for students in Kindergarten through grade 12 and identifying what would best support our students.

At the beginning of the year, we revised our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Our Instructional Leadership Team members assisted with drafting this document. We continue to use a variety of data to adjust our instruction to meet the needs of all learners in front of us.

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Support Team has continued with Choose Love, a K through 12 social emotional program. This year, our school adjustment counselor continues to go into our PK through 1 classrooms to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars 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.

A huge thank you and shout out to our staff here at Millville Elementary School. All teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Stearman are an integral piece in our students' day. I am so excited to be leading a school where the staff are extremely dedicated to the personal and educational well-being of all of the youngest learners in our school district. 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.

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

Christina M. Shafer
Principal, Millville Elementary School

We Think. We Show. We Grow.

BMRSD		
First Name	Last Name	Wages for 2021
Stephanie	Abisla	\$88,903.59
Kathleen	Aicardi	\$19,167.43
Denise	Allard	\$34,382.58
Pamela	Allard	\$35,430.70
Courtney	Allen	\$24,683.08
Jillian	Allen	\$4,164.70
Stacy	Allen	\$57,672.69
Melissa	Alves	\$14,234.50
Denise	Andrade	\$24,732.53
Vivian	Anuforo	\$12,582.65
Joene	Apollon	\$10,409.00
David	Ariel	\$5,409.00
Ann	Arroyas	\$52,320.04
Nickole	Assi	\$18,526.40
Jeremy	Aubin	\$4,493.28
Elizabeth	Azevedo	\$12,820.32
Paul	Bacon	\$45,193.76
Wilfred	Bacon	\$49,658.65
Brooke	Badeau	\$59,956.04
Tracy	Bak	\$16,707.29
Ann	Baldini	\$24,291.64
Mary	Bania	\$30,671.86
Jessica	Barbato	\$27,883.76
Ariana	Barbosa	\$2,030.00
Karen	Bartusek	\$20,380.35
Donna	Beaven	\$9,415.01
Lona	Beech	\$23,779.44
Joanne	Bellacqua	\$16,522.70
Elisabeth	Berard	\$22,596.19
Jennifer	Bergin	\$43,440.92
Bruce	Bernier	\$15,582.77
Rachel	Blomstedt	\$80,236.18
Kathy	Boisvert	\$87,118.27
Lisa	Boisvert	\$74,784.58
Mary	Boratyn	\$61,952.34
Rebecca	Bouley	\$61,457.15
Susan	Bourassa	\$1,888.63
Matthew	Bourgeois	\$51,312.19
Patricia	Bourgery	\$81,532.83
Gustavo	Bravo	\$3,687.50
Sullybeth	Bravo	\$62,073.00
Molly	Breen	\$67,083.00

Kristin	Briar	\$24,664.80
Denise	Brienze	\$61,945.51
Melissa	Brunetti	\$1,995.00
Isabel	Burgess	\$38,898.47
Karen	Buteau	\$24,412.26
John	Capaldi	\$1,890.00
Katherine	Carlson	\$78,481.70
Jamie	Carpentier	\$21,218.19
Glend	Carrasquillo	\$26,811.32
Lauren	Carson	\$93,050.79
Lauren	Chadwick	\$8,428.42
Jenny	Chan-Remka	\$112,063.51
Kayla	Chaplin	\$3,135.00
Victoria	Chaplin	\$23,508.93
Louise	Chase	\$66,220.60
Grace	Chenot	\$10,917.50
Christine	Chesters	\$148.50
David	Chipman	\$18,263.11
Jessica	Civita	\$33,573.38
Lisa	Clark	\$59,374.84
Jill	Cole	\$67,107.09
Susan	Colgan	\$70,906.89
Deanna	Collins	\$47,575.01
Aliyah	Colvin	\$5,830.00
Samual	Conklin	\$69,394.45
Erin	Connolly	\$51,763.50
Ashley	Connor	\$9,571.79
Gina	Conrad	\$24,937.86
Dillan	Constantineau	\$22,869.01
Elizabeth	Constantineau	\$1,035.00
Jaimie	Constantineau	\$11,966.68
Carol	Conti	\$79,004.06
Christopher	Cossuto	\$54,332.76
Maria	Costa	\$83,094.75
Diane	Costello	\$20,732.31
Emilie	Cote	\$44,853.81
Esther	Cote	\$85,468.06
Rebecca	Cotter	\$3,627.76
Kim	Courtemanche	\$20,122.56
Steven	Couture	\$69,164.45
Diane	Covino	\$8,967.32
Charles	Cox	\$8,564.35
Sarah	Crafford	\$18,550.11
Jacob	Crear	\$10,972.50

Sara	Cruz	\$53,791.70
Lyric	Cummings	\$16,259.02
Jeffrey	Curran	\$90,418.28
Tonya	Curt-Hoard	\$111,158.03
Sharon	Cusack	\$22,323.49
Casey	Custer	\$16,543.69
Tara	D'Andrea	\$58,330.98
Nicholas	D'Eletto	\$79,925.50
Erin	Dailey	\$35,712.64
Linda	Dansereau	\$84,977.38
Debra	Davidge	\$20,563.62
Melissa	Day Pelletier	\$3,226.36
Jason	DeFalco	\$176,991.28
Brittany	Degrooth	\$18,015.44
Cassandra	DeMotte	\$4,450.00
Diane	Dery	\$19,671.02
Lisa	Deschamps	\$27,897.41
Stefanie	Descoteaux	\$81,730.40
Susan	Desilets	\$24,522.71
Kim	Desjardins	\$74,357.19
Mark	Dewolf	\$76,577.18
Michelle	Dextraze	\$66,684.30
Dawn	DiCecco	\$79,311.30
Kristie	DiCecco	\$83,319.50
Maura	DiCecco	\$23,930.58
Amy	DiFabio	\$3,000.00
Jacquelyn	Diogo	\$30,401.92
Sarah	Dorfman	\$16,229.60
Cecilia	Doyle	\$79,526.10
Dina	Drackett	\$25,490.20
Katharine	Dubois	\$84,958.75
Jared	Ducharme	\$3,870.00
Keith	Ducharme	\$104,536.85
Tracey	Ducharme	\$86,713.89
Michael	Dudek	\$60,021.59
Tracy	Dullea-Juliano	\$37,076.02
Gerard	Durand	\$73,408.40
Nancy	Dwyer	\$971.44
Abigail	Egan	\$49,426.00
Dianne	Egan	\$25,522.11
Matthew	Ehrenworth	\$124,274.28
Brandon	Elder-Wright	\$330.00
Joshua	Euglow	\$62,680.38
Kylie	Farrell	\$22,383.13

Edie	Faulkner	\$81,953.84
Ian	Faulkner	\$1,020.00
Ashley	Fegan	\$20,463.88
Scott	Felper	\$11,067.12
Amanda	Fenoff	\$10,316.95
Meghan	Ferris	\$31,455.44
Kathryn	Finnegan	\$81,030.68
Margaret	Fitzgerald	\$26,786.23
Avery	Fleck	\$5,467.50
Colleen	Folster	\$31,468.57
Jeffrey	Fontaine	\$30,916.40
Jill	Foulis	\$62,225.34
Lauren	Fraine	\$21,629.57
Katherine	Francisco	\$62,920.71
Tara	Franzosa	\$72,705.13
Kailey	Fusco	\$10,795.00
Amy	Gallagher	\$68,174.21
Jason	Gallagher	\$22,261.00
Rafael	Garcia	\$5,830.00
Emma	Gaskill	\$19,994.86
Damien	Gaudet	\$61,842.30
Kyle	Gauthier	\$16,311.80
Opal	Gayle	\$24,347.20
Lisa	Gervais	\$760.00
Grace	Giacin	\$58,513.46
Felicia	Gilchrest	\$2,362.50
Faith	Gill	\$10,807.50
Kerri	Gilligan	\$5,627.00
Michael	Girard	\$195.00
Maureen	Gonsalves	\$109,972.66
Peter	Goulet	\$43,030.67
Caroline	Grace	\$73,738.48
Lynnell	Grube	\$62,699.88
Ethan	Guevremont	\$54,445.53
Holly	Guilbeault	\$25,169.32
Lindsay	Hadfield	\$32,663.14
David	Hagerman	\$33,089.26
Lory	Haggas	\$28,211.96
Nicole	Haggerty	\$19,827.50
Kate	Hardenbergh	\$270.00
Rebecca	Harpin	\$87,531.40
Julie	Harrison	\$5,445.00
Angela	Hart	\$17,146.28
Angela	Hartz	\$28,321.41

Melanie	Hauer	\$68,292.34
Brendan	Healy	\$66,729.98
Debra	Hebert	\$22,961.73
Ethan	Hebert	\$48,517.80
Scott	Hebert	\$60,556.48
Jennifer	Hernandez	\$54,516.34
Patrick	Hickey	\$51,587.00
Dawn	Highcove	\$84,718.07
Madison	Highcove	\$10,192.50
Amy	Holihen	\$81,126.08
David	Hook	\$68,416.31
Hannah	Howard	\$1,737.57
Ursula	Hunt	\$54,231.28
David	Isenberg	\$87,990.88
Lynnea	Jackson	\$24,567.80
Rebecca	Jackson	\$15,491.19
Richard	Johnson	\$45,251.17
Kathleen	Jones	\$80,066.57
Mark	Juba	\$86,575.28
Danielle	Keane	\$58,919.44
Kevin	Kiely	\$85,145.74
Cassandra	L'Esperance	\$20,026.28
Peter	L'Esperance	\$5,628.04
Lauri	Labrie	\$26,709.21
Tina	Lacroix	\$61,993.00
Judith	Lamarre	\$9,436.00
Melissa	Lanctot	\$20,721.41
Richard	Landry	\$48,498.71
Susan	Landry	\$28,131.83
Kerri	Langone	\$83,381.08
Janis	Laporte	\$103,697.81
Noah	Laren	\$3,080.00
Norma	Laren	\$85,074.70
Dennis	LaRose	\$40,909.70
Cynthia	Laskowski	\$22,311.98
Thien- Phuong	Le-Gagne	\$16,671.87
Jill	LeBallister-Dudka	\$69,883.94
Kelly	LeBlanc	\$23,812.35
Kathleen	Leonard-Waterma	\$88,032.50
Suzanne	Levitre	\$26,278.65
Dana	Lovejoy	\$47,656.79
Mary	Lovely	\$4,750.03
Cherice	Lowe	\$21,646.19
Henry	Lynch	\$30,288.70

Omar	Manzo	\$1,240.00
Nicholas	Marcotte	\$68,078.86
Shawn	Markle	\$12,870.80
Van	Markle	\$5,662.50
Carrie	Marlborough	\$41,142.55
Lori	Marsh	\$16,381.27
Daniel	Marszalkowski	\$26,072.56
Claudia	Martin	\$29,955.56
Erin	Martineau	\$61,358.49
Christine	Martinelli	\$23,832.33
Traci	Martinelli	\$3,065.78
Andrea	Martino-Harms	\$74,750.90
Caitlin	Martufi	\$67,312.76
Jacob	Matthews	\$4,849.60
Jamie	Maurice	\$77,624.86
Lisa	Maxwell-Rounds	\$73,687.82
Thomas	Mayer	\$34,654.44
Robert	McAnulty	\$36,865.76
W John	McCormick	\$82,645.40
Kevin	McCourt	\$92,276.94
Kelly	McCrum	\$62,978.54
Sarah	McKiel	\$17,270.76
Kerry	McLaughlin	\$2,040.00
Jessica	Medeiros	\$72,074.26
Katlyn	Melanson	\$165.00
Mary-Beth	Melanson	\$25,336.84
Jacqueline	Menard	\$21,336.42
Megan	Menard	\$65,994.82
Kiara	Mercado	\$1,665.85
Grace	Merten	\$49,657.90
Ann Marie	Metz	\$2,100.09
Barbara	Mignanelli	\$82,219.24
Emily	Minihane	\$12,723.53
Stephanie	Moniz	\$28,890.69
Enid	Morales	\$3,300.00
Linda	Moreau	\$81,393.18
Joseph	Mullaly	\$17,327.58
William	Munns	\$42,897.70
Eileen	Murphy	\$18,059.29
Meghan	Murray	\$59,843.35
Robin	Najarian	\$76,717.27
Jacob	Northup	\$57,237.50
Andrew	Nowak	\$23,525.75
Maria	Olbrys	\$82,945.85

Rachel	Oliveira	\$35,962.75
Callie	Ostrowski	\$16,652.35
Taralee	Pacheco	\$5,362.50
Ashley	Paine	\$53,155.67
Jennifer	Parenteau	\$61,200.10
Rebecca	Pasceri	\$23,650.28
Madison	Pawela	\$900.00
Maria	Pedorella	\$11,159.93
Michaela	Pelland	\$66,251.95
Stephanie	Peloquin	\$4,618.79
Maria	Penso	\$13,776.41
Eric	Pepple	\$17,764.19
Alanna	Perry	\$2,041.83
Carol	Pilibosian	\$6,460.00
Jill	Pilla-Gallerani	\$114,154.43
Christopher	Pilling	\$43,999.20
Rebecca	Pisano	\$18,040.44
Rae Ann	Poirier	\$37,597.11
Tina	Poirier	\$43,061.43
Melissa	Power	\$22,207.53
Melissa	Poznanski	\$2,805.00
Amanda	Priore	\$10,188.70
Christopher	Pushee	\$13,234.96
Abigail	Putnam	\$5,806.25
Kevin	Racicot	\$13,591.38
Jenica	Racine	\$14,729.20
Mary Katherine	Ragno	\$30,205.47
Lora	Rayos	\$29,474.79
Sheri	Reilly	\$43,192.93
Jena	Remka	\$1,755.00
Christina	Richardson	\$1,149.75
Jean	Riedel	\$57,939.40
Lily	Rielly	\$42,241.63
Melanie	Rielly	\$3,195.00
Susan	Rielly	\$82,916.08
Sarah	Robbins	\$14,325.00
Marc	Robeau	\$11,561.00
Hillary	Roberge	\$62,094.20
Christine	Robertson	\$79,253.68
Katherine	Robinson	\$20,460.88
Lynn	Robinson	\$49,598.08
Laurel	Rodrick	\$17,231.68
Sara	Rodrigues	\$27,384.56
Ethan	Roe	\$89,180.82

Holly	Romanelli	\$7,870.54
Maureen	Rose	\$85,202.50
Katherine	Rosenbaum	\$32,119.09
Danielle	Rotella	\$330.00
Renee	Rousselle	\$87,065.00
Brian	Rutt	\$3,917.03
Paula	Ryan	\$74,576.22
Mikayla	Rypkema	\$1,957.50
Nicole	Sacco	\$59,122.01
Linda	Salome	\$52,321.58
Kathryn	Sanders	\$14,512.22
Dorothy	Santoro	\$7,200.00
Lauren	Savage	\$47,220.55
Christina	Savini	\$19,965.42
Christine	Scoggins	\$17,157.60
Lynne	Scott	\$82,622.18
Christina	Shafer	\$99,840.89
Todd	Shafer	\$99,199.75
Kristine	Shanahan	\$22,093.43
Nicole	Shaughnessy	\$41,874.10
Debra	Shea	\$1,578.10
Angela	Sheerin	\$33,522.86
Amanda	Sheppard	\$660.00
Emily	Sheridan	\$25,089.03
Monique	Simard	\$62,835.59
Nicholas	Simollardes	\$18,981.28
Marie	Smith	\$11,211.67
Noreen	Smith	\$38,780.17
Shyanne	Smith-Lizotte	\$29,622.24
Jennifer	Solari	\$83,551.94
Andrew	St. Gelais	\$3,148.80
Janet	Staples	\$2,783.93
Abigail	Starnes	\$7,247.50
William	Starz	\$29,022.67
Kathy	Stearman	\$37,547.68
Karen	Stefanik	\$25,102.64
Meagan	Sulham	\$51,909.50
Allison	Sullivan	\$63,916.17
Christine	Sullivan	\$1,320.00
Timothy	Sullivan	\$66,947.18
Francine	Swanson	\$12,388.41
Samantha	Swerdlow	\$18,006.24
Jon	Sylvia	\$12,657.15
Mary Beth	Sztabor	\$2,518.00

Brenda	Takessian	\$21,442.31
Lori	Tasick	\$79,948.75
Sara	Tasker	\$26,334.89
Kaylee	Tavares	\$18,165.44
Taylor	Teixeira	\$60,832.47
Jaime	Terenzi	\$31,417.70
Karen	Thompson	\$72,037.56
Sophie	Thorson	\$2,777.50
Haley	Thurber	\$10,519.48
Carrie	Toomey	\$24,492.82
Janice	Torvi	\$57,081.30
Lisa	Trottier	\$82,399.48
Kimberley	Trudeau	\$69,371.24
Emily	Turgeon	\$81,306.72
Evan	Turgeon	\$495.00
Marc	Umumbu	\$14,737.37
Amanda	Vahey	\$53,227.47
Maryalice	Vaughan	\$76,347.20
Martha	Vazquez	\$50,747.06
Felix	Velazquez	\$9,405.00
Devon	Verzillo	\$57,335.67
Katryna	Villandry	\$16,261.20
Amelia	Walcott	\$52,658.27
Matthew	Walker	\$47,335.82
Brigitte	Walsh	\$11,143.89
Stacey	White	\$39,586.44
Sue	Wiegers	\$71,991.56
Jacqueline	Winn	\$59,826.20
Lea	Wolfgang	\$24,105.04
Julianne	Wolford	\$37,660.15
Ashley	Wyndham	\$54,120.57
Karen	Young	\$86,033.31
Juliet	Yurick	\$43,656.55

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

A Message from our Superintendent Director:

It's become our custom to go beyond simply sharing financial and statistical data with you in our annual report. While it is a fundamental part of our operation, our student achievements and District successes truly exemplify the very essence of our mission. Therefore, you will find a variety of those stories in the pages that follow.

Thanks to you and our dedicated District School Committee and our instructional team's harmonious and consistent work, our students receive an outstanding vocational-technical education. We value and appreciate your continued support and investment in your regional vocational-technical school system.

In FY21, we carried out our mission in innovative ways while following all protocols. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, we never stopped striving to achieve our best. Therefore, we have chosen to share with you how our school system worked to return to school and accomplish in-person learning.

Our students, administrators, and staff didn't miss a beat during a year that presented all educators with unprecedented change and challenges beyond expectation. Instead, we embraced the seasons of change by allowing ourselves to grow in all the places we thought we never would. In the process, our students excelled. They even exceeded the statewide average for attendance during the pandemic.

Demonstrating what is achievable with their high-quality education, our students are our best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. With an open mind and skilled hands, they shape our future workforce. I encourage you to read on to learn more.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

COVID-19: Seasons of Change

In FY21, we witnessed and embraced a tremendous amount of change as the pandemic continued to impact our lives, schedules, and routines that we had known prior. As a result, the summer, fall, winter, and spring were seasons of change in which we all had to adapt and modify how we learn, work, and play.

Before we could welcome our students for in-person and distance learning in the fall, our administrative team worked over the summer to develop a comprehensive Return to School Plan that met and addressed all health and safety requirements. In addition to completing our traditional summer projects, we had to prepare our school building and our students for a safe and successful return to school during a pandemic. Some of the preparedness measures in direct response to COVID-19 included:

- Modifying our school nurses' health care suite to reconfigure an isolated care center separate from the designated routine medical care space.
- Installing clear plexiglass barriers in pre-identified areas.
- Replacing air filtration systems with high-efficiency MERV-13 air filters.
- Placing COVID-19 signage designed by our Painting & Design program in the cafeteria, classrooms, and common areas.
- Maximizing usable space to meet the social distancing requirements.

Not Your Average Kind of Summer

With summer camps and programs canceled due to COVID-19, we successfully ran a free Summer Learning Series, which offered 22 online courses specifically designed to motivate our student's minds with a daily dose of creativity, exploration, and shared learning.

With all the camaraderie and social benefits of staying connected with friends and classmates without going to an in-person summer camp, the learning series allowed our STEAM enthusiasts an engaging, fun, and structured experience. There was a little something for everyone, from art-making and language to science, history, and technology tricks and tips. There was even a session for incoming freshmen where members of our National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society shared their perspectives on what it was like being a new student at BVT.

Participation was optional, but students eagerly attended as many one-hour sessions that interested them. Over 460 students and teachers who successfully participated in the series, avoided the summer slide and had a boatload of fun!

Our Return to School Plan

The ongoing pandemic continued to present challenges for all educators. As a result, we were committed to balancing in-person learning, quality of education, and the safety of our students and staff by designing an essential blueprint for our entire 2020-21 school year with our Return to School Plan.

Our dedicated team of administrators developed the plan to include orientation days for our freshmen, a transition week, and a six-tiered operational model. It successfully addressed the message from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey C. Riley, to safely bring back as many students as possible to in-person learning.

The six-tiered operational model would allow our school to move from tier to tier as needed,

which empowered our BVT families with the ability to plan with predictability regardless of the tier status. And by design, it was meant to increase the rigor and expectations of our students to return to a pre-March 2020 system of grading and assessment and focus on "live instruction" utilizing a daily schedule of classes for both academics and shop.

Our Tier Levels

Our six operational tier levels were determined by the most current information from the State of Massachusetts on phased reopening guidelines and by our administration, who continuously monitored the health and safety of our students and staff within our daily operations.

Tiers	BVT	Distance Learning (DL)	Level Notes
Tier 1	No Students at BVT	All Students in DL	
Tier 2	One Grade at BVT	Three Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop
Tier 3	Two Grades at BVT	Two Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 4	Three Grades at BVT	One Grade in DL	Two Grades in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 5	Four Grades at BVT	No Students in DL	Heavy Restrictions on non-classroom activities
Tier 6	All Students at BVT	No Students in DL	Rolling Back Restrictions

Our 'Beavers' Head Back-to-School

After a summer of strategic planning to design our Return to School Plan, our administrators, teachers, instructors, and support staff had to mask their excitement as the new school year began. The mandatory face coverings and hand sanitizing stations at our school entrances were the more noticeable precautions in place as we kicked off the school year with our Freshman Orientation Days on August 27th and 28th.

The in-person orientation was held over two days to reduce capacity, with only half of our freshman class scheduled to attend a full day of school on each of their assigned dates. That allowed students and staff to get to know each other while practicing our Return to School COVID-19 Guidelines and reviewing our transportation procedures as buses ran their scheduled routes. In addition, students met their academic and vocational teachers, enjoyed a complimentary lunch, familiarized themselves with our campus, walked through their academic schedules, and visited their exploratory shops.

The week of August 31st was an in-person transition week designed to help all of our students and staff focus on the latest standards of operations, health procedures, and learning expectations required to attend school during a pandemic. The week began with our seniors attending on Monday, followed by the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes reporting on each consecutive day, which allowed for one transition day per grade level.

Operating under Tier 2, the first day of classes for our students was September 8th. After that, on a rotating two-week basis, one grade level was on campus for in-person learning under safe conditions that were fully compliant with all guidelines, precautions, and protocols. The other three grade levels were in distance learning.

Our COVID-19 Health Guidelines

In FY21, we had to follow numerous guidelines and instructions based on guidance from the MA, DPH, DESE, and the CDC. As a result, health and safety practices were a top priority and

part of our expectations for the opening of school for in-person learning in the fall. It included self-screening responsibilities, masks and face coverings, physical distancing, and proper hand hygiene.

Keeping Our Students Focused on Learning

Thanks to a Remote Learning Technology Essentials grant awarded by the Baker-Polito Administration, we purchased over 100 Dell laptops. This grant was one of several funding sources designed to help Massachusetts school districts address COVID-19 related costs. The supplemental funds ensured our students had access to the technology they needed, strengthen instruction at home and in the classroom.

Drive-Up and Meal Delivery Service

Nutritious meals are vital to the health and well-being of our students, whether they're on campus or in distance learning. To help with that effort, we developed a weekly free drive-up meal service that allowed parents to pre-order breakfast and lunch to have at home when their child was in distance learning. Parents could access the online order form every Thursday morning and submit it by Monday at noon, allowing our foodservice team time to prepare the meals for pick-up each Wednesday. We further expanded access to our school meals with a grant from No Kid Hungry, which took our Drive-Up Meal Service off-campus and on the road. The delivery service was open to all our students and addressed food access issues and economic inequalities many students faced during the pandemic.

Our COVID-19 Dashboard

Our dashboard was a helpful tool created during the pandemic to help keep the lines of communication open with our school community. It allowed for transparency while sharing accurate and timely information regarding COVID-19 cases on campus. The dashboard clearly and concisely reflected statistics outlining weekly data on active cases, transmissions on campus, those in quarantine, a total percentage of positive cases, and the cumulative data since the start of the school year.

Annual Superintendent's Dinner

A Taste of Moscow, A Taste of Success

Each year, our Culinary Arts students look forward to the Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner. Last year, we were excited to host the dinner in March of 2020, but it was just not possible with the state-imposed school closure due to COVID-19.

At the beginning of this school year, we did not know if it would be allowable or even possible to have the annual dinner in 2021 with the ongoing pandemic. But our administrative team and instructors remained committed to exploring all options and finding a way to hold the dinner.

The planning and production of the gourmet dinner give students a taste of what skills are necessary for success in the food, beverage, and hospitality industry. During the pandemic, that also meant learning to follow industry standards and COVID-19 protocols.

From researching themes to planning a menu and testing recipes to plating and serving expertly prepared cuisine - our students and staff demonstrated their adaptability to making modifications that allowed for a smooth, safe, and professional presentation of our 27th Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner on May 12th. Check out all the tasty details that went into making this annual event successful: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/superintendentsdinner.

Get Social With Us!

As part of our continuous commitment to bring school news and time-sensitive information to our community, we enjoy connecting, engaging, and sharing mindfully through BVT's official Twitter and Instagram sites.

We've enjoyed thousands of comments and connections with our students, parents, alumni, and community through our social media channels. We like that you enjoy sharing with us across our social media platforms too.

Whether we are sharing a student success story, posting our Quote of the Day (#QOTD), addressing a concern, or accepting a compliment, we are always pleased to have an opportunity to get social with you.

Follow Us!

www.twitter.com/BVTHighSchool

Share with Us!

www.instagram.com/bvt_highschool

Here are a couple of our social media posts that were liked by our growing community of followers:

#BVTQuoteoftheDay, September 11, 2020 – 101 ❤️

"Today is a reminder that life is fleeting, impermanent, and uncertain. Therefore, we must make use of every moment and nurture it with affection, tenderness, beauty, creativity, and laughter." – Deepak Chopra

#BVTQuoteoftheDay, November 19, 2020 – 74 ❤️

"So often you find that the students you're trying to inspire are the ones that end up inspiring you."

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!, September 2, 2020 – 364 ❤️

Thanks to our Student Council for hosting a fun drive-up t-shirt parade to welcome our freshmen to BVT with a complimentary spirit shirt. Freshmen, wear your new spirit shirt and school colors proudly on your first day as the Class of 2024 at BVT.

Celebrating the Class of 2021

Celebrating Our Seniors on Their Journey to Commencement

Spring can be a bittersweet time for our seniors as they finish their high school careers and prepare to graduate. For the Class of 2021, the journey to commencement was an ideal time to enjoy every last moment that we had together. See how we celebrated our seniors and all of their achievements:

It's A Celebration!

After a year of embracing the unexpected and because life can be full of beautiful moments just waiting to surprise you, we surprised our seniors with a special delivery — Senior Lawn Signs + a little celebration = memories to last throughout the years. Thanks to our teachers, instructors, administrators, and support staff who traveled throughout the District on April 14th to help deliver the lawn signs. A quick hello, a wave, a honk from a safe distance had everyone smiling under their face masks. www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/celebratingourseniors

Marking a Milestone

We celebrated our graduates and said farewell as they embarked on their next great adventure. The Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony was held on our athletic field on the evening of May 27th. We welcomed extended family and friends to view the live stream at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2021.

Scholarships & Awards Ceremony

We were excited to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2021 at their scholarships & awards ceremony on May 25th. The ceremony was held outdoors under a tent at BVT, which allowed for an in-person celebration with immediate family members. Take a peek at the achievements: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2021.

Hi Ho Hi Ho, It's Off to Work They Go!

Congratulations to all of our co-op and career placement students going directly into high-skill, high-wage employment. Our Career Signing Day celebrated future career plans. See where some of our students are going to work at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday.

Class of 2021: Blackstone Graduates

NHS: National Honor Society NTHS: National Technical Honor Society

George Harris Alexandropoulos (NHS), Dental Assisting; Riley Lynn Bourque, Plumbing; Angelo Joseph Cardarelli, Electrical; Jada-Jane Caroline Chapman (NHS/NTHS), Automotive Technology; Carrie Susan Chase (NHS), Culinary Arts; Mario Robert D'Ascenzo Jr., Plumbing; Matthew Jason Desjardins, Electrical; Erin Lucretia Diehl, Cosmetology; Haley Kaye Fitzgerald-Moore, Multimedia Communications; Avry Camille Guilbert, Painting & Design Technology; Briana Lucille Harper, Plumbing; Jenna Olivia Kearnan (NHS), Culinary Arts; Emma Susan Labonte, Automotive Technology; Ava Marchand Lanoue, Business & Entrepreneurship; Jacob Daniel Law, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; Victoria Muriel Lemieux (NHS/NTHS), Health Services; Madison Taylor Magri (NHS), Business & Entrepreneurship; Molly Elizabeth Magri (NHS), Dental Assisting; Matthew David Martinelli, Information Technology; Kaylie Marie McDevitt, Cosmetology; Hailey Lynn Purinton, Culinary Arts; Cassandra Hayley Riordan, Dental Assisting; Catherine Ann Sinko, Cosmetology; Christina Marie Swenson (NHS/NTHS), Cosmetology; Sean Michael Tasker, Electronics & Engineering Technology; Grant Cyr Van Dyke (NHS/NTHS), Engineering & Robotics; Rosa Louise Walrath, Painting & Design Technology; Matteo Eugene Walrath, Plumbing; and Stacey Talunge Wanya, Business & Entrepreneurship.

Career, College & Life Ready

College is a continuation of learning. Many of our students simultaneously pursue a post-secondary education while working in their vocations.

Class of 2021

300 Graduates

Girls: 48 percent (143)

Boys: 52 percent (157)

Apprenticeship Program: 7.00 percent (21)

Military: 1.67 percent (5)

Year off: 2.67 percent (8)

Workforce: 6.33 percent (19)

4 Year College/Tech College: 72.67 percent (218)

2 Year College/Certificate Program: 9.67 percent (29)

Class of 2020

298 Graduates

Girls: 51 percent (152)

Boys: 49 percent (146)

Apprenticeship Program: 9.06 percent (27)

Military: 1.34 percent (4)

Year off: 2.35 percent (7)

Workforce: 8.39 percent (25)

4 Year College/Tech College: 67.45 percent (201)

2 Year College/ Certificate Program: 10.07 percent (30)

Unknown: 1.34 percent (4), due to the pandemic some 2020 data is missing.

Class of 2019

301 Graduates

Girls: 48 percent (144)

Boys: 52 percent (157)

Apprenticeship Program: 10.29 percent (31)

Military: 1.66 percent (5)

Certificate Program: 0.33 percent (1)

Year off: 0.33 percent (1)

Workforce: 5.32 percent (16)

4 Year College/Tech College: 77.42 percent (232)

2 Year College: 5 percent (15)

Off to work they go, building credentials, pursuing industry licenses, certifications, and degrees.

Assumption College, B Luxe Hair & Make-up Studio, Baystate Outdoor Personia, Blackstone Valley Machine, Bridgewater State University, Bryant University, Costal Carolina University, Dean College, Emerson College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Imperial Ford & Chevrolet, JJ Mechanical, Johnson & Wales University, Lincoln Tool & Machine Corporation, Maine College of Art, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Millibar, Inc., MPC Services, New England Institute of Technology, Precision Heating & Cooling, Renaud Electric, Rochester Institute of Technology, Wagner Mercedes-Benz, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Worldband.

FY21 – An Incredible Year of Achievements

Our students continue to display mastery of rigorous academic studies and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies, despite the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic.

Members of the Class of 2021 earned more than 345 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value exceeding **7.9 million**.

A total of **273 juniors and sophomores** participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and early spring PSAT-10 test administrations. The tests designed by the College Board are an early indicator of potential student success on the SATs and in the Advanced Placement program.

We went to great lengths to provide our students with a traditional testing experience despite pandemic obstacles. In May, all Advanced Placement students took their AP College Board Exams in person. These traditional and difficult exams are designed for students to earn college credit for an AP class. In Spring 2021, **359 AP course exams** were given to 232 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Human Geography, Psychology, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, and Spanish Language & Culture.

For the past **22 years**, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played an important role in the achievement level of students in the state. Spring 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) instituted the Next-Gen MCAS, an updated, more rigorous, computer-based exam to determine a student's readiness for career and college. This system of tests also incorporates altered scoring tiers.

As schools throughout Massachusetts struggled to keep student learning on task using hybrid models of remote and in-person instruction, DESE had to alter its fall and spring standardized testing schedule with all MCAS tests administered in person, following COVID-19 restrictions and protocols. In May, our sophomores participated in the Next-Gen MCAS in ELA and Mathematics, and our advanced freshmen took the Legacy MCAS in Science. Also, DESE offered juniors an optional computer-based Legacy MCAS for college admissions and scholarship opportunities, and nearly 100 of our juniors opted to take the ELA and Math tests.

Students are required to achieve a Competency Determination, a graduation requirement, on the Next-Gen MCAS test. Although in FY21, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to waive some of those requirements. Our students, who have a 22-year history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, remained vigilant in their participation and will have an opportunity to continue that trend during the 2021-22 school year as the DESE works to reschedule MCAS for those who still need to meet mandates.

Looking Ahead...

As educators and DESE aim to return to a more traditional classroom learning environment during the 2021-22 school year, students will have to concentrate on meeting standardized testing requirements. Unfortunately, there has been a significant interruption in gathering valid assessment data on Massachusetts enrolled students. However, state officials are confident that because of the dedicated administrators and staff in MA school districts, students will continue to be near the top levels compared to other K-12 students nationally and internationally. BVT is proud to have an enviable history of high student growth and achievement that most certainly will be evident when the new data is available.

Art Heals

Creativity for a Cause

Our Visual Arts Department hosted Arts Heals: The Senior Perspective on May 7th. The sidewalk outside of our school was transformed with color, creativity, and meaning during the event as our senior artists created unique chalk murals on the theme of resilience and showcasing how art heals. The weather cooperated, and our students and faculty were also able to view the finished artwork.

The creative event was open to all seniors, not just those taking an art class. It served as an in-school field trip for 143 seniors and a formative assessment for those enrolled in Honors Art School Prep and Senior Art Studio. Non-art students had to preregister to reserve their chalk and 3'x3' square space to create their masterpiece. All students had to submit a concept for review before participating. The creative process from concept sketches to the final chalk murals emphasized resilience and the healing power of art. Robin Brown, LICSW, a Mental Health Counselor in our School Based Health Center, also spoke with the art classes about the importance of mental health and creativity.

Isabella Pimentel of Uxbridge, a senior in our Painting & Design Technology program, enjoyed participating in the Art Heals fundraiser. She said, "I had many different ideas, but the concept of human connection and the healing power of earth was something I wanted to explore. Each day in this world is a new day to learn, grow, and be resilient. When I'm having a tough day, I go outside to feel the sun on my skin. It brings me peace. I hope my artwork inspires others."

"It is exciting to see a thriving Art program with so many students engaged in creating meaningful artwork," said visiting artist Arielle Gordon, a 2017 graduate of BVT, a senior in her last semester at Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston.

Our Visual Arts Instructors empower students to make a difference by using their creative voices. "We are immensely proud of our seniors who used their creativity for a cause by participating in the event to build awareness and support for teen suicide prevention," said Visual Arts Instructors Ashley Maclure and Kelly Garabadian. "A big thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success, from our staff chaperones, our alumni mentor, and of course, our generous sponsors."

This event raised over seven hundred dollars with all proceeds to benefit the mission of the National Center for the Prevention of Youth Suicide. It was supported in part by grants from the Cummings School Service Fund, the Blackstone, Millville, Northbridge, and Upton Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Our Students Shine at SkillsUSA

The annual SkillsUSA competition series is a showcase for vocational technical education where students test their competency by competing with each other in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts.

In 2021, our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country by earning 190 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

Massachusetts District V Conference

37 Gold, 38 Silver, 26 Bronze

Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference

39 Gold, 18 Silver, 14 Bronze

National Leadership & Skills Conference

8 GOLD

- Gabriel Chaves-Silva of Hopedale
- Myra Dehestani of Millville
- Logan Hampson of Douglas
- Cullen Jacene of Northbridge
- Maggie McCann of Grafton
- Khushi Patel of Uxbridge
- Adam Pratt of Uxbridge
- Mandolin Simpson of Blackstone

2 SILVER

- Catherine Rozanas of Grafton
- Madison Gannon of Uxbridge

8 BRONZE

- Julia Drapeau of Millbury
- Casey Goyette of Uxbridge
- Benjamin Judson of Sutton
- Ashley King of Hopedale
- Andrew Konicki of Blackstone
- Christopher Mason of Milford
- Kyle Penta of Blackstone
- Chloe Terrell of Upton

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES

Carter Beard of Hopedale, Jessica Brown of Douglas, Hunter Claflin of Douglas, Kirsten Dinsmore of Upton, Abby Kelly of Hopedale, Aysia Parent of Douglas, Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, and Samantha Stephens of Mendon.

STATE OFFICER

Elected to serve in the 2021-2022 school year:

- Hunter Claflin

Activities & Clubs

Lions and Beavers, Oh My!

With numerous extracurricular activities and clubs to choose from, our students get to follow their passions, have fun with their classmates, and flex their creative muscles. By joining groups like the LEO Club, National and Technical Honor Societies, Art Club, and Student Council, our students can serve their community and lend their neighbors a helping hand.

Our Leo Club Walk for Sight

The Walk for Sight was held on our track from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 17th. The well-attended event raised \$1,000, benefiting the Mass Lions Eye Research Fund, a great way to end the school year.

Our Leos Roar, Again!

The BVT Leo Club earned impressive recognition, named Lions District 33A Leo Club of the Year for the 2nd year in a row. Additionally, the Club Officers were named Leos of the Year: Emma Conkey, Andrew Corbett, Myra Dehastani, Riley Holt, and Kyle Penta.

A Spooktacular Event!

It was an unseasonably cold Halloween for the young ghouls who dared to join us at our Leo Club Drive-Thru Trick or Treat. Dressed as ghosts, goblins, and witches galore, wearing required face masks, they came in all sorts of creative and colorful costumes hoping for candy, of course.

With the traditional Halloween celebration of trick-or-treating looking a little different due to COVID-19, our Leo Club wanted to offer younger siblings of our students and staff a fun, festive alternative. There were no tricks for those who signed up, just good spirits and sweet treats at this school event. Even Sporty the Beaver stopped by and had a wildly good time.

Accolades & Awards

Celebrating Excellence: The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY21.

MVA Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year

Each year, the Massachusetts Vocational Association award salutes outstanding Career & Technical students from Massachusetts. The award recognizes the student's commitment to their career & technical education program, projects, related work experience, success in academics, character, and leadership involvement in school and community activities. Vivian Staheli of Hopedale, a senior in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, is the 2021 MVA Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year.

Walter J. Markham Award Recipient

This prestigious award is presented to a Massachusetts vocational school senior who has demonstrated excellence in their technical, academic, and personal achievements. Rohit Kaushik of Hopedale, a senior in our Information Technology program, was the sole recipient of the 2021 Walter J. Markham Award. This impressive achievement complements his remarkable resume.

Academic Growth & Student Leadership Award

Meghan Griggs of Northbridge, a senior in our Engineering & Robotics program, and Rohit Kaushik of Hopedale, a senior in our Information Technology program, earned the National School Development Council's Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership. This commendation acknowledges the positive contributions students make to their schools as well as their admirable character and academic accomplishment.

Nationally Recognized Student Council

Our student council was recognized for the third consecutive year as a 2021 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for an exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve their school and community. Even with distance learning, they adapted their efforts to display the highest standards of leadership successfully.

A Perfect Score Earned

Assessments are a powerful tool when used to evaluate and strengthen student learning. The End-of-Course (EoC) Assessment offers our Project Lead the Way students a way to prove their strengths and showcase their potential to teachers, higher education institutions, and employers. The following students earned a perfect score on their EoC exams:

Principles of Engineering Exam

- Katelyn Steele of Upton, a sophomore in Engineering & Robotics

AP Computer Science Principles Exam

- Nathan Dynko of Bellingham, a senior in Information Technology

Civil Engineering and Architecture Exam

- Madison Gannon of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
- Casey Goyette of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
- Matthew Trenholm of Northbridge, a senior in in Engineering & Robotics

Digital Electronics Exam

- Riley Holt of Uxbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics
- Cullen Jacene of Northbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics

MAVA/MVA Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year

Each year, this award is presented 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 the statewide vocational education system. Recipients must have excellent attendance, a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, and vocational-related work experience. In addition, the students must demonstrate leadership qualities, technical competence, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities. Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, a senior in Multimedia Communications, a well-rounded and dedicated student, has earned the 2021 MAVA/MVA Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year award.

Community Investments

Our students participate in community projects each year, which provide a tangible return on investment for District residents and provide our students with invaluable hands-on, real-world experience. Whether it's reconstructing a playground, creating a sign for your business, or remodeling a public building or local landmark, we believe in giving back by using our vocational training and skills to enhance 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 utilizing in-house talent and resources. We're proud to provide additional savings to District residents by welcoming our stakeholders to enjoy discounted services in our student-run restaurant, salon, and design and print center.

In FY21, a total of 230 projects and services resulted in notable savings for our District, with \$122,340 in total savings to District taxpayers.

A few examples of the FY21 community projects include:

American Legion Hall

Members of the Roger L. Wood American Legion Post 355 in Mendon reached out to BVT when major interior improvements were needed. As a result, juniors in our Construction Technology program, under the supervision of their instructor Michael Swanick began the deconstruction process in January FY20 to prepare for a 2020-21 school year rebuild. For every job that involves knocking down a wall, there's another that calls for putting one up. So, in FY21, students returned and worked on putting up interior walls and partitions.

Our Electrical Instructors Craig Allen and John Mitchell, with their sophomore students, installed a new electrical service, meter socket, and panel in June. To move electricity from its source at the service panel to its destination, students had an opportunity to run the interior wiring needed to power up the plugs and lighting. Now the American Legion Hall can shine its lights brightly.

Uxbridge Dog Park Kiosk

When the Uxbridge Dog Park needed an outdoor bulletin board, they reached out to BVT to discuss their needs. Construction Technology instructor Michael Swanick led a team of students excited to use their vocational skills to construct and install a kiosk that not only met the park's requirements but would enhance the visitor experience. Students built the 5'x10' structure with a shingled roof and a 48"x36" plexiglass enclosure to weather-protect a bulletin board. This beautiful new kiosk will keep printed materials protected from the elements. The Uxbridge Dog Park at 375 Sutton Street is open to all responsible dog owners in the Blackstone Valley.

Return on Investment

Our Budget Maximizes Federal and State Funds to Enhance Student-Focused Learning

Our School Committee crafted the District's FY21 budget in a manner that provided diverse skill development opportunities for our students through relationships with local businesses and industry while also adhering to strict state requirements. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to present unique challenges for our administration, faculty, and support staff to find creative ways to deliver education through a combination of distance and hybrid learning. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the operating budget to a 3.90% increase. Additionally, to mitigate the state's continued increase of our member town's minimum contributions (5.59% for FY21), our School Committee authorized the use of \$225,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact.

Our administration, faculty, and students continuously search out ways to streamline processes, reduce waste by recycling, and reduce energy consumption while delivering quality education. Through targeted professional development opportunities, we strive for teacher excellence and continue to promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle with our students and staff alike, which continues to enhance our positive learning environment.

The FY21 operating budget of \$25,602,950 was funded primarily by \$9,415,987 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$15,744,963 in Member Assessments. A dedicated and fiscally responsible partner, BVT remains committed to assisting our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning to present a single, consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Complementing Community Support

BVT complements community support by pursuing non-taxpayer resources through the aggressive pursuit of available public and private grants or donations to enhance learning and support programs and services for its students. In FY21, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

With the support of a two-year MA Skills Capital Grant, BVT planned to implement a new Biotech Chapter 74 Program utilizing its Biotech/Chemistry Labs for the academic sciences to enhance and expand student career education opportunities. To date, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded BVT six out of the seven Workforce Skills Capital Grants offered. In total, this administration has awarded over \$2.46 million to our school through this program.

The District received much needed COVID-19 support in FY21 to prepare and respond to student, faculty, and staff needs related to distance, hybrid, and in-person learning. For example, BVT received a \$279,450 Coronavirus Relief Fund School Reopening (CvRF) grant, which helped provide essential personal protective equipment and supplies to sanitize facilities and fund innovative efforts within academic classrooms and vocational shops to prevent the spread of the virus.

Additionally, we used a portion of the CvRF grant, a competitive \$116,735 Remote Learning Technology Essentials grant, and a \$31,964 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grant to purchase educational technology, hardware, and software to help ease distance and hybrid learning transitions.

To ensure our students in distance learning had access to nutritious meals, the District secured a \$75,000 No Kid Hungry grant to improve food security measures and took its current free Drive-Up Meal Service off-campus to deliver school meals.

In addition to FY21 grants, eleven member towns agreed to donate a portion of their CARES ACT funding to the District with COVID-19 in-kind donations. The \$339,716 contribution allowed us to purchase of laptops to assist with 1:1 technology initiatives and distance learning for students. BVT also received support from several local banks to help with transportation vans, which are essential for educational field trips and community projects where students have an opportunity to apply the skills learned at school out in the community.

Our 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

Business Manager: Lorna M. Mangano

District Treasurer: Barbara A. Auger

Recognition of Retirement and Welcoming New Members*

With sincere appreciation, we thank Mr. Lavin and Mr. Braun for their years of service and dedication as District School Committee members. We offer warm wishes and congratulations on their retirement. On May 20, 2021, the School Committee appointed and welcomed two new members: Mark J. Potter, Douglas, and Edward D. Cray, III, Mendon.

Thank You for Your Support

The success of our mission wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the residents and business partners of our District. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, Massachusetts, proudly serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge.

Thanks to support from District towns, advisory committees, business partners, and local stakeholders, Blackstone Valley Tech offers expert training in the following vocational programs:

- Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication
- Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Business & Entrepreneurship*
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing

**Closing spring of 2022, no longer taking enrollment.*

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:
Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN RATIO SALARY LISTING FOR FY2021

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 0.07005
Abbruzzese	Kerri-Lyn	\$76,667.00	\$ 5,370.52
Al-Haza	Khalid M.	\$97,015.00	\$ 6,795.90
Allain Paul	Courtney L.	\$80,944.00	\$ 5,670.13
Allen	Craig M.	\$94,265.00	\$ 6,603.26
Antonelli	Jennifer B.	\$67,910.50	\$ 4,757.13
Auger	Barbara A.	\$28,474.81	\$ 1,994.66
Aukstikalnis	James A.	\$94,265.00	\$ 6,603.26
Austin	Darrin B.	\$74,058.00	\$ 5,187.76
Awiszus	Molly	\$57,432.80	\$ 4,023.17
Badjo	Deanna J.	\$83,560.00	\$ 5,853.38
Baldwin	Kerry Moynihan	\$80,990.00	\$ 5,673.35
Barrett	Roland	\$55,869.00	\$ 3,913.62
Bates	Christine L.	\$91,768.00	\$ 6,428.35
Beaudreau	David A.	\$89,450.00	\$ 6,265.97
Beaugard	Lindsay L.	\$55,139.63	\$ 3,862.53
Belland	Thomas R.	\$124,209.97	\$ 8,700.91
Bird	James L.	\$100,215.00	\$ 7,020.06
Bisceglia	Shayne M.	\$55,516.37	\$ 3,888.92
Bogdan	Elise T.	\$51,500.00	\$ 3,607.58
Bogere	Sharon P	\$63,661.00	\$ 4,459.45
Boisvert	Russell A.	\$79,260.00	\$ 5,552.16
Bram	Jonathan	\$61,063.00	\$ 4,277.46
Brochu	James A.	\$112,983.40	\$ 7,914.49
Brown	Robert D.	\$55,620.00	\$ 3,896.18
Brown	Stephanie	\$46,350.00	\$ 3,246.82
Buono	Timothy J.	\$55,869.00	\$ 3,913.62
Burke	John M.	\$75,791.00	\$ 5,309.16
Burnett	Keri B.	\$20,597.70	\$ 1,442.87
Calderon	Richard	\$51,800.77	\$ 3,628.64
Caligaris	Steven P.	\$94,265.00	\$ 6,603.26
Campagna	Laura E.	\$66,261.00	\$ 4,641.58
Cann	Danielle N.	\$86,062.00	\$ 6,028.64
Christiansen	Nathalie	\$58,467.00	\$ 4,095.61
Cirignano	George A.	\$43,932.53	\$ 3,077.47
Collamati	Joseph E.	\$1,600.00	\$ 112.08

Collamati	Joseph E.	\$36,276.80	\$	2,541.19
Collins	Timothy S.	\$75,314.16	\$	5,275.76
Colonero	Anne-Marie	\$52,242.57	\$	3,659.59
Conley	Mark L.	\$55,300.70	\$	3,873.81
Connors	Matthew J.	\$119,687.40	\$	8,384.10
Coonan	Barry J.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Corda	Rebecca A.	\$61,708.08	\$	4,322.65
Corriveau Jr.	Joseph E.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Cote	Christine L.	\$80,990.00	\$	5,673.35
Cox	Colton R.	\$72,891.00	\$	5,106.01
Cunningham	Katie E.	\$73,192.00	\$	5,127.10
Cuzzupe	Mary Teresa I.	\$52,413.79	\$	3,671.59
Denise	Michael R.	\$47,586.21	\$	3,333.41
Denise	Michele S.	\$124,932.50	\$	8,751.52
DesRoches	Scott	\$68,863.00	\$	4,823.85
Diesenhaus	Scott M.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Dolegiewicz	Robert L.	\$56,376.00	\$	3,949.14
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Donovan	Meghan R.	\$65,394.00	\$	4,580.85
Donovan	Pamela	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Dunton	Joshua	\$79,260.00	\$	5,552.16
Elder	Kimberly L.	\$61,369.95	\$	4,298.96
Ellis	Adele M.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Evans III	Edward W.	\$112,206.94	\$	7,860.10
Ferrandino-Bedard	Amy E.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Finnell	Jeanette M.	\$25,398.00	\$	1,779.13
Finnell	Thomas F.	\$52,012.08	\$	3,643.45
Fiore	Jonathan M.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Fitzpatrick	Mark J.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Fitzpatrick	Michael F.	\$246,074.73	\$	17,237.53
Flagg	John P.	\$65,735.00	\$	4,604.74
Fleisher	Amy J.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Foley	Erin	\$43,260.00	\$	3,030.36
Forgit	Caitlin M.	\$83,457.00	\$	5,846.16
Garabadian	Kelly	\$67,994.00	\$	4,762.98
Garrison	Jennifer	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Gonzalez	Yakaira	\$63,134.00	\$	4,422.54
Gothier	Brent D.	\$73,192.00	\$	5,127.10
Grabowski	Stephen C.	\$61,034.60	\$	4,275.47
Granger	Gillian E.	\$83,457.00	\$	5,846.16
Greenlaw	Tina M.	\$74,058.00	\$	5,187.76
Gremo	Michele J.	\$71,461.00	\$	5,005.84
Grimes	Elizabeth L.	\$94,371.00	\$	6,610.69
Halacy	Brian	\$46,298.29	\$	3,243.20
Hale	Karen L.	\$75,763.00	\$	5,307.20
Hanington	Cheryl A.	\$101,212.46	\$	7,089.93
Hollingworth	Holly B.	\$86,062.00	\$	6,028.64

Hubbard	Matthew D.	\$88,997.00	\$	6,234.24
Hughes	Tersilia	\$64,992.15	\$	4,552.70
Hughes	Thomas A.	\$38,628.00	\$	2,705.89
Iacovelli	Deanna L.	\$25,317.50	\$	1,773.49
Johnson	Brooke K.	\$80,944.00	\$	5,670.13
Johnson	Kurtis W.	\$25,914.64	\$	1,815.32
Jordan	Robert E.	\$63,661.00	\$	4,459.45
Kahler	James C.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Kehowski	Shaun D.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Khorasani	Barbara L.	\$18,877.82	\$	1,322.39
Koopman	Priscilla T.	\$27,375.70	\$	1,917.67
Lacroix	Philip	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
LaForce	Danielle M.	\$78,264.00	\$	5,482.39
Lajoie	Matthew L.	\$76,667.00	\$	5,370.52
Lamont	Thomas E.	\$81,331.00	\$	5,697.24
Langin	Colleen E.	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Laprade	David M.	\$45,205.20	\$	3,166.62
Lathrop	Alysen M.	\$25,770.55	\$	1,805.23
LeBoeuf-Dubois	Sharon	\$94,649.91	\$	6,630.23
Ledoux	Nicole R.	\$70,589.00	\$	4,944.76
Lehner Jr.	Raymond A.	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Lehtinen	Brian J.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
LeMay	Georgette M.	\$42,293.55	\$	2,962.66
Linfield	Tara M.	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Locwin	Brian F.	\$88,757.00	\$	6,217.43
MacKenzie	Jessica M.	\$86,188.00	\$	6,037.47
MacLure	Ashley S.	\$76,136.00	\$	5,333.33
MacWilliams	Marcia J.	\$103,218.76	\$	7,230.47
Maloney	Nicholas J.	\$65,735.00	\$	4,604.74
Mangano	Lorna M.	\$114,024.98	\$	7,987.45
Manoogian	Kathleen A.	\$66,261.00	\$	4,641.58
Mantoni	Joseph M.	\$68,329.00	\$	4,786.45
Martell	Kristin	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Martin	Yvette Normandin	\$127,919.07	\$	8,960.73
Mayo	Thomas G.	\$49,507.50	\$	3,468.00
McCabe	Monique A.	\$80,957.00	\$	5,671.04
Merchant	Susan L.	\$63,628.29	\$	4,457.16
Miles	Danielle S.	\$83,560.00	\$	5,853.38
Milewski	Susan C.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Millette Jr.	James E.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Mitchell	John T.	\$83,929.00	\$	5,879.23
Morin	Daniel J.	\$81,331.00	\$	5,697.24
Naper	Justine A.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Nigro	Ann	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Norton	Michael A.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
O'Callahan	Michael C.	\$82,400.00	\$	5,772.12
O'Connor	Stephen A.	\$54,288.00	\$	3,802.87

O'Leary	Justin P.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
O'Neil	Leonard P.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
O'Neil	Rosario M.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Odell	Eileen C.	\$44,449.13	\$	3,113.66
Oliveira	Timothy J.	\$91,684.00	\$	6,422.46
Olson	Jessica Ladieu	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Paldino	Jessica	\$68,329.00	\$	4,786.45
Palmateer	Erika	\$49,515.98	\$	3,468.59
Pehl	Luanne	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Pellegrino	Martha M.	\$70,515.90	\$	4,939.64
Perreault	Paul T.	\$89,450.00	\$	6,265.97
Piazza	August	\$68,863.00	\$	4,823.85
Pilger	Rachel S.	\$80,990.00	\$	5,673.35
Pinto	Michelle R.	\$76,667.00	\$	5,370.52
Piraino	Susan	\$34,142.77	\$	2,391.70
PolSELLI	Jerry C.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Potenti	Megan A.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Reynolds	Douglas M.	\$51,239.52	\$	3,589.33
Reynolds	Peter F.	\$50,141.98	\$	3,512.45
Rhodes	Brian K.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Rivera	Daniel	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Rizzo	Jenna	\$65,748.59	\$	4,605.69
Robinson	Emily A.	\$26,183.63	\$	1,834.16
Rogers	Susan E	\$29,662.84	\$	2,077.88
Rose	Donna L.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Savard Jr	Paul D.	\$66,261.00	\$	4,641.58
Sherman	Elizabeth A.	\$76,667.00	\$	5,370.52
Siefert	Lori	\$27,249.63	\$	1,908.84
Smith	Anne M.	\$47,957.47	\$	3,359.42
Smith	Eithne J.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Spino	Rosetta P.	\$112,270.30	\$	7,864.53
St. Germain	Nicole	\$78,697.15	\$	5,512.74
St. Hilaire	Nicole N.	\$83,457.00	\$	5,846.16
Stanley	Richard E.	\$51,621.05	\$	3,616.05
Steele II	Anthony E.	\$163,874.13	\$	11,479.38
Stienstra	Derek J.	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Swan	Chelsea A.	\$68,329.00	\$	4,786.45
Swanick	Michael S.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Taft	Yajaila	\$60,840.00	\$	4,261.84
Tandy	Jodie L.	\$32,895.00	\$	2,304.29
Tellier	Michelle A.	\$18,193.02	\$	1,274.42
Theroux	David O.	\$64,101.60	\$	4,490.32
Theroux	Jon N.	\$39,179.60	\$	2,744.53
Toulouse	Christopher W.	\$91,768.00	\$	6,428.35
Turner	Alexander P.	\$34,992.00	\$	2,451.19
Turner	Alyson M.	\$56,693.00	\$	3,971.34
Urquhart	Matthew P.	\$116,297.58	\$	8,146.65

Ursoleo	Joseph M.	\$78,264.00	\$	5,482.39
VanKeuren	Michael J.	\$42,783.12	\$	2,996.96
Walker	Matthew W.	\$13,608.00	\$	953.24
Walsh	Lisamarie A.	\$19,008.28	\$	1,331.53
Ward	Constance A.	\$78,734.00	\$	5,515.32
Wentworth	Kristina J.	\$97,015.00	\$	6,795.90
Wersted	Shaun G.	\$94,265.00	\$	6,603.26
Whetstone	Ryan L.	\$86,062.00	\$	6,028.64
Williams	Matthew D.	\$100,215.00	\$	7,020.06
Winske	Alicia J.	\$80,990.00	\$	5,673.35
Wissler	Joanna E.	\$88,659.00	\$	6,210.56
Wood	Elizabeth B.	\$37,496.55	\$	2,626.63
Woodward	James T.	\$89,450.00	\$	6,265.97
		\$14,092,524.18	\$	987,181.32

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2021

Fiscal Year 2022 begins July 1, 2021 and continues to June 30, 2022. The values for Fiscal 2022 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed January 1, 2022.

Fiscal 2022 was an “Interim” year and so the Board of Assessors together with Vision Government Solutions and 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, 2021. We received notification of approval of the Tax Rate and level of Assessment on November 22, 2021. The FISCAL 2022 Tax Rate is 17.90. approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services. Fiscal 2022 is an “Interim” year requiring valuation studies but not as extensive as a “Revaluation Year”. The next full “Revaluation Year” is scheduled for Fiscal 2026, beginning July 1, 2025.

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.

Jessika Andreas was elected for an unexpired 3year term in April 2019.

All three of the Board of Assessors have completed the educational requirements of the Department of Revenue and all are certified to sign related DOR forms. The Office of the Assessors’ employees wish to thank the Board of Assessors for their dedication and diligent work for the Town of Blackstone. It is greatly appreciated.

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 15 years.

The Administrative Assistant Assessor position was vacated in April due to the pandemic. The position has been filled by Miriah Gilbert. Miriah is a graduate of Providence College with a Bachelors’ degree in Liberal Arts. Miriah has completed her educational requirements for her Appraisal Trainee license and has completed and passed the required DOR 101 course and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices course. She is a valuable addition to our staff.

The entire Board of Assessors and the Assistant Assessor and Administrative Assistant Assessor are all committed to serving the Town of Blackstone residents and hope to keep

the residents informed of the assessing process. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors or the Assistant 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, the Senior Tax Work-off program, or any other exemptions, please contact our office. Exemption forms are available online. Our website address is www.townofblackstone.org.

At the Annual Town Meeting held 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 held 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.

At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 25, 2021 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town change and reduce the Residency Requirement for Veterans seeking local property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c.59, Section 5, Clauses 22,22A,22B,22C, 22D, 22E, and 22F to one year.

Also at the same Town Meeting held on May 25, 2021 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clause 22H, a local option, granting full property tax exemption to surviving parents or guardians of (1) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) who went missing in action during active duty and are presumed to have died, or (2) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) or veterans who dies as a proximate result of injuries sustained or illnesses contracted during active duty service.

Fiscal year 2022 began on July 1, 2021 and continues to June 30, 2022. 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, 2021. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2020 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, 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 typically reviewed “in house” while the commercial, industrial, and personal property valuations are sub-contracted to experts in the field. Fiscal 2022 residential values were reviewed by the Assessors’ Office. To ensure the information on file concerning sales from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021 is accurate, the Assistant Assessor has inspected all 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 Ratio is studied on all sales to insure they are within acceptable Department of Revenue standards. The Department of Revenue requires our department to do multiple 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 January 1, 2022, reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2022 is 1,164,864,930. This reflects a positive 8.34% change from Fiscal 2021. The average single family residential home in Blackstone for Fiscal 2022 is 329,729. This is a 9.9% increase from Fiscal 2021 when the average single family residential property was 300,116.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on November 16, 2021 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, and Personal Property. The Board of Selectmen voted on maintaining a single tax rate.

The Fiscal 2022 tax rate is \$17.90 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 ¼ 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 15 years and this is the 14th 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 call the Assessors' Office.

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

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman
Jeremiah Carey, Vice-Chairman
Jessika Andreas, Member
Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor
Miriah Gilbert, Administrative Assistant Assessor

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2021 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2021 there were 436 building permits issued as follows:

New Single-Family Homes	08	
Additions/Garages	11	
Roofs	83	
Sheds	05	
Porches/Decks	37	
Replacement Windows/Doors	61	
Vinyl Siding	16	
Pools/ Spas	21	
Demolition	04	
Foundation/Footings	08	
Repairs/Renovations	15	
Remodel	36	
Pellet and Wood Stoves	07	
Insulation	63	
Awnings/Signs	01	
Solar Panels	43	
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	20	
Cell Tower	03	
Temp. Trailer	03	
Total Estimated Cost of Construction		\$11,756,078.00

Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department	\$ 267,113.00
Liens on Property Outstanding	\$ 46,458.00
Plumbing/Gas Department	\$ 16,301.00
Electrical Department	\$ 157,050.00
Recycling Center	\$ 142,159.00
Board of Health	\$ 65,301.00
Total Fees and Liens Inspectional Services Department	\$ 694,382.00

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 individual property taxes totaling \$44,927.00.

I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Code Enforcement Officer, 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,
Timothy J. Aicardi
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2021 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2021 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We logged 275 electrical inspections and we issued 237 electrical permits, as follows:

New Single-Family Homes	08
Additions/Garages	11
Service Entrance/Panel	30
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	09
Fire/Security Alarm	20
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	21
Vinyl Siding	16
Generators/AC	11
Meters	14
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	18
Fixtures/Outlets	32
Solar Panels	43
Demolition	04

All electrical work performed at commercial properties shall be wired by a licensed electrician. An electrical permit may be applied for by the owner of a single-family owner-occupied home.

I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Code Enforcement Officer, Timothy J. Aicardi, Building Commissioner, 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 \$157,050.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Craig Casavant
Electrical Inspector

Capital Outlay Committee 2021 Report

Ross Nicol Chairman, Expires 06/30/2022
Owen Bebeau Vice Chairman, Expires 06/30/2022
Robert Kluchevitz Member, Expires 06/30/2022
Anthony Catalano Member, Expires 06/30/2022
Robert Dubois Member, Expires 06/30/2022
Brad Weisman Member, Expires 06/30/2022
Kasey Bik Collector/Treasurer, Expires ATE of 2022

The Capital Outlay Committee was established to review and make recommendations on all Capital projects that have greater than a fifteen thousand dollar value with a life expectancy of five years or greater. 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 the following recommendations for the 2022 Fiscal year:

Article 11. The Capital Outlay Committee recommended for the Town to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital Outlay recommended to approve 4-0-1.

Article 12. The Capital Outlay Committee recommended for the Town to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital Outlay recommended to approve 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Nicol, Chairman
Capital Outlay Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

Fiscal Year 2021

Real Estate billed = \$17,092,067.25 – Collected \$16,867,837.04

Collection Rate = 98.70%

Tax Lien = \$120,794.06 – Collected \$8279.64 (1)

Collection Rate = 6.85% (1)

Personal Property billed = \$2,982,498.15 – Collected \$2,981,400.75

Collection Rate = 99.95%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,220,271.98 – Collected \$1,089,629.55

Collection Rate = 89.31%

Water Sewer Bills = \$1,088,093.70 – Collected \$1,088,298.20 (2)

Collection Rate = 100.02% (2)

Total billed \$22,276,613.74 – Total Collected \$22,063,031.83

Total Collection Rate = 98.59%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

- (1) Unpaid FY 2021 Real Estate Taxes were lienied and moved to the Tax Title Receivables category on October 25th, 2021. The collection rate on the FY2021 tax titles reflects only the collection time from the date of the lien (10/25/2021) through the end of the calendar year (12/31/2021). Unpaid Real Estate Taxes from the prior fiscal year are typically advertised and lienied in the fall.
- (2) Collections include overpayments of \$5,960.95 which will be applied to future billings.

Message From The Collector/Treasurer

A Note on Fiscal Year 2021 Bills

The billing and collection cycles returned to pre-COVID dates. The Collector/Treasurer's Office continues to monitor any legislation regarding municipal government operations and COVID-19.

Staff

As you may know, Kasey Bik left to pursue another direction and we wish her good luck. Many thanks to the staff of the Collector/Treasurer's and Town Accountant's Offices who have worked to keep operations flowing smoothly after Kasey's departure. I appreciate all the assistance they have provided while I fill out her term prior to the next election.

Residents

Thank you for your patience with staffing shortages and renewed mask mandates. We are all in this together.

Joanne L. Savignac, CMMC CMMT
Interim Collector | Treasurer
Town of Blackstone

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30th, 2021

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$ 975.00
INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$ 3,966,522.51
STABILIZATION	\$ 3,265,945.25
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 6,354,375.46
TRUST FUNDS	\$11,905,389.59
TOTAL: Cash and Investments	\$25,493,207.81

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
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CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

**Please note that total earnings include non-base pay wages such as stipends, longevity, and clothing allowances.*

SELECTMEN

		Total Earnings
BULSO, MARY	SELECTMEN	\$750.00
CHAMBERLAND, RYAN	SELECTMEN	\$750.00
DUBOIS ROBERT	SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN	\$900.00
KLUCHEVITZ, ROBERT	SELECTMEN	\$750.00
POLAK, TANYA	SELECTMEN	\$750.00

ADMINISTRATION

		Total Earnings
BINETTE, DENISE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$7,349.36
VECCHIO, DORI	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$65,846.57
KEYES, DANIEL M	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$47,826.63
MCGEOUGH, ELIZABETH	RECORDING SECRETARY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$2,280.00
NADEAU-LEMOINE SANDRA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$65,345.10

DPW

		Contracted Wages	Wages From Overtime & Details	Total Earnings
SULLIVAN JAMES	DPW DIRECTOR	\$102,012.87	\$0.00	\$102,012.87
PATERSON, KELLY	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$44,994.69	\$0.00	\$44,994.69
DUBOIS, PATRICIA	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$38,542.72	\$0.00	\$38,542.72
VARIEUR, ROBERT	LEADMAN	\$75,941.95	\$18,584.65	\$94,526.60
MARCHAND, THOMAS	LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	\$69,595.94	\$10,719.57	\$80,315.51
FANEUF, RANDALL	LABORER	\$47,072.55	\$686.58	\$47,759.13
GLAISTER, KOLE	LABORER	\$18,764.66	\$572.85	\$19,337.51
MARTELLO, DOMINIC	LABORER	\$46,037.97	\$2,934.47	\$48,972.44
MOWRY, BEAU	LABORER	\$56,181.32	\$6,504.57	\$62,685.89
ROBIDOUX, ADAM	LABORER	\$52,779.53	\$5,377.35	\$58,156.88
ROBINSON III, MARK	LABORER	\$21,129.53	\$842.28	\$21,971.81
STAPLES, JOSHUA	LABORER	\$46,143.05	\$1,282.81	\$47,425.86
SULLIVAN JR, JAMES	LABORER	\$48,736.87	\$1,743.96	\$50,480.83
PATERSON, DONALD	MECHANIC	\$57,895.58	\$8,213.82	\$66,109.40
VALASTRO, PAUL	TRUCK DRIVER	\$50,144.67	\$5,216.34	\$55,361.01

PARKS & RECREATION

		Total Earnings
BISSONNETTE, DEBRA	PARKS SECRETARY	\$1,496.40

FINANCE

		Total Earnings
TAYLOR, LAUREN	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$86,638.33
GILBERT, MIRIAH	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ASSESSORS	\$37,090.85
BIK, KASEY	COLLECTOR / TREASURER	\$62,337.85
LEMOINE, KELSEY	ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$38,243.28
LUSSIER, CHRISTINA	OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$27,193.43
SALAMONE, PATRICIA	ASSESSOR	\$73,950.63

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

		Contracted Wages	Wages From Overtime & Details	Total Earnings
GILMORE GREGORY	POLICE CHIEF	\$128,595.80	\$1,152.24	\$129,748.04
BRODEUR, SHAWN M.	POLICE LIEUTENANT	\$115,793.89	\$16,070.62	\$131,864.51
LOETHER, TRAVIS	DETECTIVE	\$83,947.54	\$8,247.70	\$92,195.24
HURWITZ, MAXWELL	POLICE SERGEANT	\$104,583.16	\$13,291.85	\$117,875.01
LUIS, KEVIN	POLICE SERGEANT	\$100,000.92	\$25,248.11	\$125,249.03
MANTONI MATTHEW	POLICE SERGEANT	\$110,067.50	\$27,264.83	\$137,332.33
BLANCHETTE DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$73,993.20	\$29,115.02	\$103,108.22
DAIGLE, PATRICK	POLICE OFFICER	\$70,420.73	\$11,427.52	\$81,848.25
HAYNES GREGGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$84,739.21	\$7,185.28	\$91,924.49
JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE OFFICER	\$75,238.67	\$11,258.58	\$86,497.25
LAUDON, DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$83,906.33	\$12,320.78	\$96,227.11
LUNGARINI, ANTHONY	POLICE OFFICER	\$83,953.40	\$27,233.62	\$111,187.02
MACKEY, DEREK	POLICE OFFICER	\$61,937.72	\$6,746.82	\$68,684.54
METZ,CRAIG	POLICE OFFICER	\$76,480.69	\$14,082.44	\$90,563.13
NIEMCZYK JOSEPH	POLICE OFFICER	\$74,326.61	\$25,357.90	\$99,684.51
PAVONE, MICHAEL	POLICE OFFICER	\$76,817.82	\$6,720.90	\$83,538.72
SAVOIE, JONATHAN	POLICE OFFICER	\$70,531.88	\$18,624.08	\$89,155.96
TAPPAN, GREGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$67,829.40	\$0.00	\$67,829.40
DUGAS, ALBERT	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$54,887.13	\$14,008.16	\$68,895.29
GILL, RYAN	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$51,268.52	\$11,331.53	\$62,600.05
LAWLER, ERIC	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$45,963.04	\$9,134.23	\$55,097.27
SILVA, SCOTT	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$1,116.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.00
TROWBRIDGE, KYLE	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$49,253.00	\$11,966.12	\$61,219.12
WEBER, BETTINA	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$6,462.00	\$0.00	\$6,462.00
Total Earnings				
SULLIVAN, KEVIN	ANIMAL CONTROL		\$21,360.98	
BANNER, SUSAN	ANIMAL CONTROL		\$2,900.00	
CERVANTES, HARRY	POLICE DETAIL		\$6,605.00	
CORRIVEAU, GERARD	POLICE DETAIL		\$864.00	
COSTELLO, BARRY	POLICE DETAIL		\$232.00	
COUPE, WILLIAM	POLICE DETAIL		\$9,620.00	
CUSACK II, JAMES	POLICE DETAIL		\$1,160.00	
DEAN, JEFFREY	POLICE DETAIL		\$4,147.00	
DION, SCOTT	POLICE DETAIL		\$864.00	
DULCHINOS, NICHOLAS	POLICE DETAIL		\$464.00	
DUNLAVEY, PHILIP	POLICE DETAIL		\$3,422.00	
GALLERANI, PETER	POLICE DETAIL		\$3,978.00	
GASPARRINI, JOHN	POLICE DETAIL		\$232.00	
HANSON, TAYLOR	POLICE DETAIL		\$864.00	
LACAVA, STEVEN	POLICE DETAIL		\$4,412.00	
LIMA, RICARDO	POLICE DETAIL		\$1,120.00	
MELANSON, JOHN	POLICE DETAIL		\$928.00	
PACITTO, ANTHONY	POLICE DETAIL		\$232.00	
PADULA, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE DETAIL		\$464.00	
ROLLS, JULIUS	POLICE DETAIL		\$1,328.00	
RYAN, RICHARD	POLICE DETAIL		\$17,500.25	
SANDELL, NICOLE	POLICE DETAIL		\$638.00	

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

		Contracted Wages	Wages From Overtime	Total Earnings
SWEENEY, MICHAEL	FIRE CHIEF	\$108,959.13	\$0.00	\$108,959.13
COTNOIR, KENNETH	LIEUTENANT	\$75,137.37	\$10,005.06	\$85,142.43
FRADE, PAUL	LIEUTENANT	\$74,168.13	\$20,228.63	\$94,396.76
IANNETTI, ANTHONY	LIEUTENANT	\$74,766.55	\$21,535.83	\$96,302.38
ROY, KEVIN	LIEUTENANT	\$75,703.98	\$19,102.09	\$94,806.07
BLAKE, SAMUEL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$72,630.87	\$32,317.94	\$104,948.81
CALBO, GREGORY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$70,145.07	\$5,072.53	\$75,217.60
COTNOIR II, KENNETH	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$69,881.61	\$11,307.14	\$81,188.75
DAIGLE, CHRISTINE	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$70,513.54	\$2,462.03	\$72,975.57
DUMICAN, MICHAEL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$38,235.92	\$531.67	\$38,767.59
GILMORE, MARY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$19,747.45	\$6,654.62	\$26,402.07
HAGGERTY, EVAN	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$6,178.14	\$937.02	\$7,115.16
VIENS, CONNOR	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$38,795.23	\$1,771.97	\$40,567.20
KACHANIS, MOLLY	FIREFIGHTER	\$63,061.11	\$8,608.97	\$71,670.08
Total Earnings				
BEAULIEU, GREGORY	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$221.00	
BEAULIEU, KAITLIN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$34.00	
BILLINGS, MICHAEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,343.00	
BLAKE, GRIFFIN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,207.00	
CUNNINGHAM, JAMES	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,258.00	
DUNAYESKI II, THOMAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$629.00	
FOSTER, JAMES	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$391.00	
LANCTOT, CHRISTOPHER	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$578.00	
RAINVILLE, DANIEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$221.00	
RAINVILLE, EDWARD	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$204.00	
RAINVILLE, LUCIEN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$513.00	
SWEENEY, MICHAEL JR	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,156.00	
TROIILA-KELLIHER, NICHOLAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$612.00	

LIBRARY

		Total Earnings
CHEEVER, LISA	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	\$71,145.04
COLLIER, TRESSY	ASST. DIRECTOR / CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN	\$44,959.30
ANSELL DONNA	SENIOR LIBRARY TECHNICIAN / HEAD CIRCULATION	\$40,874.86
DIAS, ROBIN	LIBRARY AID	\$1,587.21
FOSTER, DONNA	LIBRARY AID	\$9,357.31
GOUDREAU, ELLEN	LIBRARY AID	\$14,468.77
GUZINSKI, KATARINA	LIBRARY AID	\$3,586.30
MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL	LIBRARY AID	\$4,103.64
MARVELLE, SAMANTHA	LIBRARY AID	\$10,423.48
MILLIKEN, RENEE	LIBRARY AID	\$12,917.59
PAVLIS, CURTNEY	LIBRARY AID	\$10,063.20
PIECHOCKI, JEAN	LIBRARY AID	\$4,222.08
ROWANHEART, BETHANY	LIBRARY AID	\$12,323.19
TIBBETTS, DENISE	LIBRARY AID	\$9,314.34
WHIPPLE, MANDI	LIBRARY AID	\$14,686.03
MARVELLE, SR., ROGER	SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN	\$3,108.90
MARVELLE, RUSSELL	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN	\$37,488.51

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

TOWN CLERK

		Total Earnings
SULLIVAN, TARA	TOWN CLERK	\$61,337.60
VAILLANCOURT, ALISON	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$35,901.53
STAFFORD, SHEILA	TOWN CLERK OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$30,349.90
DOYLE, DANIEL	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$250.00
GREENWALD, MARC	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$200.00

ELECTIONS

AUGER, JEANNINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$102.00
BARRETT, LAUREN	ELECTION WORKER	\$71.25
CASTONGUAY, ANDRE	ELECTION WORKER	\$232.50
CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$1,277.41
CROTEAU, IRENE	ELECTION WORKER	\$175.31
CROTEAU, LESLIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$95.63
JARRET, AMANDA	ELECTION WORKER	\$343.75
KELLY, SUZANNE	ELECTION WORKER	\$130.69
LODGE, JANET	ELECTION WORKER	\$86.25
LOZEAU, JEANNE	ELECTION WORKER	\$175.31
MARTINELLI, CECILE	ELECTION WORKER	\$178.50
MOORE-MCNAMARA, ELAINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$54.19
ST. JOHN, LORRAINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$178.50
SULLIVAN, PAULA	ELECTION WORKER	\$202.25
WALSH, SARAH	ELECTION WORKER	\$116.63
WINGATE, JULIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$175.31
WOODMAN, ROSEMARIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$175.31

COUNCIL ON AGING

		Total Earnings
KEEFE, LAURIE	COA DIRECTOR	\$53,966.52
BROPHY, ROBIN	OUTREACH COORDINATOR	\$11,085.07
MEDEIROS, ERIN	OUTREACH COORDINATOR	\$31,959.16
LECLAIR, GAIL	NUTRITION/FITNESS COORDINATOR	\$12,954.03
PIMENTA, DENNIS	TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR	\$28,176.31
ALTEMUS, BLAIR	VAN DRIVER	\$829.31
BRISSETTE, MARK	VAN DRIVER	\$485.40
COLLETTE, JOSEPH	VAN DRIVER	\$11,819.06
FLYNN, TIMOTHY	VAN DRIVER	\$13,606.34
GAGNON, ROGER	VAN DRIVER	\$131.97
JILLSON, JOEL	VAN DRIVER	\$11,250.40
KANZ, WALTER	VAN DRIVER	\$4,455.56
PERRAULT, ROBERT	VAN DRIVER	\$748.20
STUART, JOHN	VAN DRIVER	\$1,666.37

BUILDING

		Total Earnings
STRAPPONI, COLLEEN	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/RECYCLING COORD.	\$68,755.25
DIEFENBACH, ELIZABETH	BUILDING SECRETARY	\$11,110.36
LARIVIERE, STACIA	BUILDING ADMISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$11,999.10
SPERONI, ROBERT	BUILDING COMMISSIONER	\$46,372.98
VATER, EARL	BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$9,935.82
CASAVANT, CRAIG	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	\$15,765.00
PAIGE, JAMES	PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR	\$15,765.00
PATERSON, KURTIS	ASSISTANT PULMUBING/GAS INSPECTOR	\$1,236.00

RECYCLING

		Total Earnings
RYAN, KEVIN	RECYCLING FOREMAN	\$54,959.11
KEEFE JR, DANIEL	RECYCLING LABORER	\$30,729.71
BEDLION, DELBERT	RECYCLING	\$16,861.79
GUILLEMETTE, GERARD	RECYCLING	\$26,414.39
JOHNSON, DEBORAH	RECYCLING	\$863.48

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Total Earnings
BRODERICK, JOSEPH	\$1,500.00
ANDREAS, JESSIKA	\$900.00
CAREY, JEREMIAH	\$900.00
SCHANDELMAYER-DAVIS, FRANS	\$1,000.00
BROWN, TIMOTHY	\$450.00
RYAN, JOSHUA	\$900.00
RYAN, KEVIN J	\$1,000.00
RYAN, PETER	\$1,500.00
LARUE, LISA	\$3,592.14
CATALANO, DENISE	\$180.00
VILLEMAIRE, MICHELLE	\$1,377.00
MARVELLE-RING, PATRICIA	\$60.00
POIRIER, MARK	\$300.00
BELROSE, JOSEPH	\$1,000.00
BEBEAU, OWEN	\$1,000.00
CATALANO, ANTHONY	\$1,000.00
MARVELLE, PAUL	\$1,200.00
VAN DYKE, KIRK	\$1,000.00
MARCOTTE, KENNETH	\$2,800.00

BLACKSTONE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Blackstone Council on Aging is the focal point of access and outreach for older adults (60+) in the Blackstone community. The Senior Center is a reminder that information and referral and services are available when seniors need them.

The Senior Center is a gathering place where seniors can go to remedy problems of isolation, renew old acquaintances, make new friendships, volunteer, and become involved in their community. In addition, the Senior Center is a resource for family members to access information and/or services to care for their loved one.

The COVID-19 pandemic closed the Senior Center for the majority of 2021. The staff continued to provide necessary outreach services to the senior community. Outdoor programs were conducted to provide limited outdoor programs and fitness classes.

The BCOA and Senior Center staff worked closely with the Board of Health staff to host several COVID-19 clinics for the seniors under the direction of the Board of Health.

Wearing masks, washing hands, and socially distancing a minimum of 6 ft. became the normal at the Senior Center.

STAFF:

The staff consists of a full-time Director, full-time Outreach Coordinator, a full-time Nutrition Coordinator (due to the pandemic this position was not needed), a part-time Transportation Coordinator, three (3) per diem van drivers funded by the Town of Blackstone and through state and federal programs.

OUTREACH/SUPPORT SERVICES:

Providing outreach and support services allows the residents of Blackstone the opportunity to remain safely in their homes by advocating for the types of services that will enhance their dignity, support their independence, and promote their general health and well-being. The Outreach Coordinator was available to assist with information and referrals for a variety of services available to the senior population. Examples of these programs and services are: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Senior Health Insurance for Everyone (S.H.I.N.E.), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) (fuel assistance), Housing, Caregiver programs, Meals on Wheels, protective services and elders-at risk and many others. The Outreach Coordinator also connects seniors with other agencies who provide assistance to seniors also. The Outreach Coordinator participates in ongoing continued education through classes, certifications and conferences and serves as a liaison between the police, fire, EMT's and Senior Center.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

The Senior Center continued to provide transportation services to Blackstone residents aged 60 and over and certified disabled residents who have no other means of transportation for medical appointments, pharmacy, grocery shopping, hairdresser, library and other essential needs. In addition, transportation is provided to the Senior Center to allow residents to attend activities, lunches, and special events, as well as to the polls to vote, flu clinics, COVID-19 clinics, nursing homes and town meetings. All appointments are scheduled through the Senior Center’s Transportation Department which runs 8:00AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Mass DOT has mandated that all drivers under the Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) receive proper training. Our van drivers are certified in the following required training courses: coaching the van driver/defensive driving, wheelchair lift and securement and safe transportation of the public under the ADA or passenger sensitivity training, and CPR certified through the training of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney.

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the BCOA has three (3) volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers use their own personal vehicle to drive elders to their long-distance medical appointments.

Transportation services continued during the pandemic and were offered in a safe and reliable environment to residents.

The Transportation Department has five (5) vehicles in its fleet:

YEAR	MAKE	MILEAGE (as of 1/31/22)
2011	Ford Escape	102,000 miles
2012	Ford	69,000 miles
2016	Ford	42,000 miles
2017	Dodge	40,181 miles
2021	Ford	20,520 miles

NUTRITION PROGRAM:

The Nutrition Coordinator oversees the Nutrition Program. Due to the pandemic, this position was not utilized.

NEWSLETTER:

The Blackstone-Millville School District’s high school students publish the monthly newsletter at a minimal cost to the Senior Center. The newsletter provides information about Senior Center programs, events, classes, nutrition program and scheduled trips. Newsletters are printed monthly and distributed to local businesses, pharmacies, Town departments and at the senior center for pick up. Also, the newsletter is made available on-line at the Town of Blackstone’s website (www.townofblackstone.org). The newsletter is funded in part by the EOEA.

RECREATION/SOCIAL EVENTS:

Prior to the pandemic, seniors took part in a variety of programs, including knitting & crocheting, tai chi, chair yoga, strength training and a host of exercise classes, arts & craft classes, cookouts, annual volunteer recognition dinner, shopping trips, recreational trips, BCOA Christmas party, Yankee swap and more.

During the pandemic, some programs and services were offered virtually.

GRANT:

The BCOA 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 stipends, supplies and the annual volunteer recognition luncheon.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers assist in the office, answer phones, assemble the monthly newsletter, serve lunches, deliver meals to homebound elders, serve as board members, drive seniors to medical appointments, teach arts & crafts, call weekly Bingo games, and knit baby blankets.

PRIORITY AREAS & SENIOR CENTER NEEDS:

Additional Space Needed: The lack of space has a direct impact on the growth and success of programs, events and special functions offered at the Senior Center. Currently, we are limited to two rooms to offer all daily activities, programs, and special presentations. In order to accommodate program needs, staff is required to setup and breakdown tables and chairs 1-2 times per day. We are unable to include specialized programs for men (pool table, card leagues, etc.) due to the lack of space. Additional space needs will continue to increase as the population in the community continues to age in place.

TRANSPORTATION:

The BCOA transportation service has provided an average of 7,000 rides to residents of our community over the past five (5) years. The needs for transportation services has had a direct impact on our fleet. We are in DESPERATE need, and it is a high priority to purchase two (2) new vehicles to replace the 2011 Ford Escape (102,000 miles) and the 2012 Ford 12-passenger van with wheelchair accessibility (69,000 miles) if we are expected to continue to meet the demands of providing transportation services to the seniors in our community.

It is recommended that we replace the following vehicles at our earliest convenience:

CURRENT VEHICLES:

YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	NO. OF PASSENGERS	WHEELCHAIR LIFT/RAMP
2011	Ford/Escape	4	No
2012	Ford	12	Yes

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT VEHICLES:

YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	NO. OF PASSENGERS	WHEELCHAIR LIFT/RAMP	APPROXIMATE COST
2021	Ford/Mini Van	7	Yes	\$55,000 (NEW) or \$30,000 (PRE- OWNED)
2021	Ford	12	Yes	\$75,000

Please note that this Annual Report was completed by BCOA’s newly hired Director being in this role for three (3) weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Testa
Senior Center Director



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

15 SAINT PAUL STREET
BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS 01504
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SMOKE
DETECTORS
SAVE
LIVES

2021 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2021 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 have three fire medics on duty. Each shift works 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.

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 started our programs in the school system in January of 2021 and continue them throughout the school year. Lt. Paul Frade heads up the entire S.A.F.E. program and does an excellent job. Lt. Frade was also certified as a S.A.F.E. educator this past year after completing a 40- hour program. I would like to thank the townspeople, businesses, and school system for their continued support of these programs.

I would like to encourage all 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.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

The department took in \$7,365.00 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 \$23,492.00 in 2021.

Fred Tiberio trust fund	\$ 1000.00
S.A.F.E. Grant	\$ 7,172.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$ 2,900.00
DFS State Grant	\$ 12,420.00

Ambulance receipts for fiscal year 2021 were approximately \$378,093.00. 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.

In May of 2021 the town residents voted to approve the purchases of a new fire pumper, ambulance and 7 sets of structural firefighting gear. The ambulance and pumper are ordered and should be delivered sometime during the summer months. The structural gear will be here in April. In addition, we were approved to purchase a Stryker Stretcher, Zoll monitor and Lucas CPR device. It is important to note that these purchases were reimbursed by the cares act.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2021

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....	921	Landmark Medical Center.....	300
Transports.....	712	Milford Regional.....	368
No Service.....	25	Fatima.....	2
Refusals.....	105	Rhode Island Trauma.....	21
Fire Assist Calls.....	2	Hasbro Children's.....	10
Cancelled	22	Providence Veterans.....	1
Treat/No Transport.....	0	Roger Williams.....	0
Assistance.....	55	Woman & Infants.....	0
False Calls.....	0	Miriam.....	1

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2021

Rescue.....	921
Building Fire.....	12
Appliance Fire.....	8
Brush Fire.....	11
Outside Fire.....	15
Vehicle Fire.....	3
Fire Alarms.....	116

Investigations.....	38
Accidents.....	32
Gas Leaks.....	16
Co Calls.....	14
Rescue Assists.....	140
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	2
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	30
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	80
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	103
Service Calls.....	23
Drills.....	13
Meetings.....	29
Burning Permits.....	238
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	246

On a final note, this will be the 30th annual report I have done for the fire department and sadly for me it will be my last. As many of you are aware I am on my final year of a three- year State approved extension and I will be retiring in July. (I am told that somewhere there is a rule, regulation or law that states that at 65 years old you are too old to be a Fire Chief.)

First and fore most I would like to thank the members of my department past and present for their dedication to this department and their loyalty to me. I was once told by a very wise Fire Chief (Chief Greene) and I quote “your only as good as the people that work for you, and I have a lot of great people”. How true that has been for me over the past thirty years and I thank each and every one of you for your support.

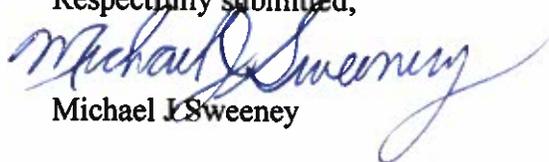
Over the years I have worked for nine administrators and many members of the Board of Selectmen and with very few exceptions it has been a great experience. I would like to thank them for their support. I would also like to thank the many employees of the town from the school department, highway department, police department, all the boards, commissions and committees, and municipal employees. I don’t like to single individuals out but there are a handful of employees that I had the privilege of working with on a daily basis that made my life easier. I would like to acknowledge Lauren Taylor, Kasey Bik, Mariah Gilbert, Tara Sullivan, Sandy Nadeau- Lemoine, Kelsey Lemoine, Colleen Strapponi, Laurie Keefe, James Sullivan, Donald Paterson, Bill Walsh, Chief Greg Gilmore and the entire police department (need to stay in good with them) and former Chief Ross Atstupenas. There are so many more, but these are a few that I worked with daily.

I would like to thank the Townspeople and business owners for all their support to me and this department.

Finally, and most importantly I would like to thank my immediate family (Tim, Christine, and Michael) and my extended family members for tolerating all the missed vacations, family gatherings, interrupted holidays, and any other inconvenience I may have caused. I would especially like to thank my wife Kathy for her tolerance and patience for well over forty years while I did something I truly enjoyed doing. I have been asked many times in recent month what I would be doing next. It is quite simple, I have three priorities going forward, they are Aubrey, Aaliyah,, and Patrick.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Sweeney

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected Kevin J. Ryan, Chairman, Josh J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman and Peter C. Ryan, Sr., member.

We have worked tirelessly to keep our community informed with the progress and impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic to our community, through Board meetings, clinics, advisories, the town website and outreach to our residents and business establishments. The Board of Health partnered with surrounding towns to create the Blackstone Valley Partnership. Through this Partnership we were able to use the McCloskey School in Uxbridge as a regional vaccine site, in addition to our local Covid Clinics and scheduled them in accordance with the Massachusetts' COVID-19 vaccination plan, which was launched in October. The plan was broken down into three phases, focusing on the priorities of protecting our most vulnerable population, maintaining health care system capacity, and addressing inequities in health care access and COVID-19 burden. Governor Baker, through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, began the vaccination plan in phases. Phase 1 of the plan began in December, and prioritized health care workers, first responders, and vulnerable populations like those in congregate care settings and residents and staff of long-term care facilities.

We moved to Phase 2 in February, which continued to focus on vaccinating the oldest and most vulnerable in our community. Phase 2 also included workers in certain categories and people with certain medical conditions.

We entered Phase 3 in April, which included everyone 12 and older. Phase 4 began in November with children ages 5-11 eligible for the vaccine.

The Town of Blackstone has been successful with our vaccine efforts. The following are the percentages of fully vaccinated residents in Blackstone by age group: 5-11 years equals 06%; 12-15 years equals 49%; 16-19 years equals 55%; 20-29 years equals 47%; 30-49 years equals 61%; 50-64 years equals 72%; 65-74 years equals 89% and 75 plus equals 86%. This data tells us that we have very effectively reached the senior high-risk age group (60 plus) in our community. We will continue to provide vaccine/booster clinics to our residents with the goal of increasing our percentages in the remaining age groups.

We are very thankful for the assistance of Patricia Parent, RN, the Police and Fire Departments and all the municipal departments who assisted the Board of Health through this past year. The collaboration with these departments enabled the Board of Health to maintain the level of service to our residents.

The Board of Health would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Stacia Lariviere, Sheila Stafford and Timothy J. Aicardi for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the residents of Blackstone and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. Ryan, Chairman
Josh Ryan, Vice-Chairman
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Member

Blackstone Historical Commission
2021 Annual Report

The year began with COVID restrictions still in place. Although the museum remained closed, the Commission members continued working hard planning for the future, organizing, merging, and purging. We missed having visitors, but it allowed us to get a lot of work done that we could not do otherwise.

We were able to open the museum towards the end of March with some restrictions still in effect. By the end of the year, we had over 100 visitors.

In May we brought Paul Revere to the Pavilion at Roosevelt Park to discuss his life, times, and his famous ride, as commemorated by Longfellow. This was well-received by those who attended.

During this year's Memorial Day Celebrations, Former Selectman Charles Sawyer, on behalf of the former Blackstone VFW Post, presented the group's original charter and a framed copy of the names of all the Blackstone men who served in the Civil War to Commission members Rick Guilbeault and Mark Lemay. Both will be on display in the museum Veteran's Room.

We awarded the Boston Post Cane to Blackstone's eldest resident, Mrs. Rita Menard, who was born in Blackstone on June 13, 1921, in the home where she still resides with her daughter, Violet. Her family held a birthday celebration June 12th of this year and invited the Commission members to attend and present Mrs. Menard with a plaque of recognition. Members of the Board of Selectmen were also in attendance to present Rita with citations and good wishes. Police Chief Gilmore conveyed congratulations on behalf of the Blackstone Police Department. Photos were taken with Rita holding the Boston Post Cane which will be on display at the museum. At 100 years of age, she was very much aware and seemed to be having the time of her life.

By August, all COVID restrictions were lifted, and the Commission celebrated by holding a "Grand Re-Opening" and Dedication of our recently obtained wheelwright's form. The large, granite form was on the property of Blackstone blacksmith and wheelwright Micajah Fuller. Fuller resided at 99 Main Street and ran his business from a barn and shed behind his home. The wheel-bending form was donated to the museum by Renee Bolin and Ann LaRoch.

State Representative Mike Soter came in for a tour of the museum and to record a segment about it, which can be seen on his website and on the Commission's Facebook page. We are grateful to the Representative for this positive promotion of our local museum. Representative Soter also expressed an interest in setting up a meeting between the school Superintendents and the Commission to discuss the possibility of including the museum as part of their curriculum. Meetings have taken place since then and plans are underway to make this happen.

We brought Karen Antonowicz of Spirits of Fashion back to present, "Bewitched – Styles and Customs of the Salem Witch trials" in October. Various types of clothing worn by the people of Salem, Massachusetts in the 1690s were explained, and how clothing worn by the citizens of Salem differed from that of their counter parts in Europe and were influenced by their social standing and occupations.

On a sad note, the Commission received the resignation of long-time board member Dick Ryan. With the threat of COVID still in the air, he felt it best for health reasons. Commission members have profited from Dick's knowledge of our town through the years and there are no words to describe how much he will be missed. We do anticipate future visits from Dick and hope they will continue for many years to come.

Finally, we closed out the year with our 16th Annual Christmas Open House and the Holiday Victorian Carolers. The museum looked very festive with our vintage decorations on display. The turnout was good, and a fun time was had by all.

One of the duties of the Historical Commission is to preserve and promote Blackstone's history. The museum continues to grow and improve due to the generous donations of our residents and former residents. We would like to thank all those who support our efforts and look forward to seeing you next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Wingate, Chairperson
Helen Murray, Vice Chairperson
Richard Guilbeault
Carolyn Powers
Elizabeth Mcgeough
Paulette Boyko, Alternate
Susan Tenerowicz, Alternate

2021 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

The Blackstone Public Library was closed to visitors due to COVID restrictions at the start of 2021. The staff continued to offer circulation through curbside delivery, home delivery, virtual programming, as well as service by phone, email, and chat. On March 15, the Library welcomed patrons back into the building via appointment-only visits with 532 patrons coming back in person from March to May. On May 24, 2021 appointments were no longer required and the Library was open to visitors with a mask mandate and social distancing in place. Through all of these changes, the director, staff, and Trustees' main focus was to provide thoughtful and accessible resources to patrons, while simultaneously maintaining the safety of employees and patrons.

The Library remains fully compliant in the requirements for State Aid, and is certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Certified libraries are eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the MBLC, and are eligible to apply for other state grants.

The Library was a recipient of the MBLC Hotspot Lending Program. This program has made 10 new hotspots available for patron use and allows us to reach the underserved in our community and those affected by the digital equity gap. Paired with the Library's laptop lending program, this Internet access allow patrons to access much needed data and information for school and work, and also alleviates the isolation individuals are still experiencing during the pandemic.

Denise Binette retired as a library aide after many years of service. We thank her for her commitment to our patrons and wish her the very best in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Cheever, Library Director



Photo by Dianne Buehler

Blackstone Public Library Board of Trustees

Jean Alexandrowicz
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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:

Mandi Whipple

Repair Lead & Shift

Supervisor:

Donna Foster

Tech Room Assistant & Shift Supervisor:

Ellen Goudreau

Shift Supervisors:

Renee Milliken

Bethany Rowanheart

Cheryl Marino-Page

Display Coordinator:

Courtney Pavlis

Library Aides:

Katarina Guzinski

Samantha Marvelle

Jean Piechocki

Denise Tibbets

Custodians:

Russell Marvelle

Roger Marvelle (substitute)

The Blackstone Public Library has a collection of 70,410 items. As a member of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS), the Library benefits from sharing among member libraries. The Blackstone Public Library supports an annual membership to Central Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (CW MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of materials from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

CIRCULATION

General 2021 Statistics

There are 6,024 registered borrowers.

Interlibrary loan in the 2021 calendar year

ILLs received = 4,047

ILLs sent = 11,107

Circulation in the 2021 calendar year

26,058

Overdrive Statistics 2021

Total number of items in the shared collection:

171,635

eBooks borrowed 3,347

eAudio borrowed 3,485

Curbside Delivery 2021

January 308

February 269

March 238

April 138

May 124

June 14

Total 1,091



Hoopla

1,097 circulations

Brainfuse Tutoring

Total usage 273

Wireless Hotspots Connections 1,274

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

Grants/Gifts	
District Attorney Joseph D. Early - Young Adult Program	\$ 350.00
Local Cultural Council Grants - Blackstone	\$ 4,725.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries	\$ 16,736.85
Cookie Walk Fundraiser	\$ 2,125.00
Friends of the Blackstone Public Library	\$ 1,500.00
Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle	\$ 450.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 25.00
Patron Donations	\$ 2,430.00
Other Donations	
Bears Tree Farm	Greens
BZ Leaf Lifters LLC	Landscaping
Dionne Electric	Supplies
Dunkin Donuts—Blackstone	Coffee
Great Scapes LLC	Landscaping
Patron Donations	Craft supplies
Wright’s Dairy Farm	Refreshments
YMCA Family & Community Partnership	STEM Program
MBLC Hotspot Lending Program	10 Hotspots fully funded for 12 months



ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the fantastic resources below, 24 hours a day, without ever leaving home by visiting the Library's web page.

- ◆ 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 - Recipes
- ◆ ArtistWorks - learn to play an instrument
- ◆ Boston Library eCard
- ◆ Brainfuse Homework help
- ◆ Chilton Library - automobile repair
- ◆ Cypress Resume
- ◆ Digital Newspapers
- ◆ eBooks, eAudio, & eVideo
- ◆ Hoopla
- ◆ Infobase Learning Cloud
- ◆ Just for Kids Access Video
- ◆ Legal Forms Library
- ◆ Mango Languages
- ◆ MA Statewide databases
- ◆ Price It! - Antiques
- ◆ Qello Concerts
- ◆ Testing & Education Reference Center
- ◆ Tix Keeper Museum Passes
- ◆ Universal Class - free online classes
- ◆ Valueline
- ◆ World Almanac & World Religions
- ◆ Writer's Reference Center



*There's a **LOT** to love!*

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
- Pop Up Library Device
- Monthly craft class at the Senior Center

PROGRAMMING

In 2021, Library programming consisted of a combination of virtual and in person events. Library staff conducted & organized book groups, lectures, classes, and entertainers through Zoom and Facebook live platforms from January until June, when in person programming kicked off again. The 2021 Summer Reading Program was in person with the option to participate using Beanstack! In-person, Zoom and Facebook Live events were held for all ages.



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



Programs 2021

Age Group	In-Person Programs	Total Attendance	Live Virtual	Total Attendance	Hybrid (In-person & Zoom)	Total Attendance
Children	62	652	7	43	0	0
Young Adults	15	115	7	49	0	0
Adults	36	343	26	223	4	17

Parks and Recreation

In 2021 the Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission welcomed Matt Bourgeois as committee member. We have been impressed with and appreciative of his enthusiasm and engagement.

As in 2020 the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic remained a concern and led to the cancellation of the annual Tags and Trout. However, using precautions we held:

- Easter Egg hunt held at Roosevelt Park. We also initiated our first Easter Eggstravaganza Scavenger Hunt in which residents painted large wooden eggs and “hid” them at their home. The winners for the best eggs were:
 - Blackstone Library Front – First Place
 - 299 Blackstone Street – Second Place
 - 74 Harkness Road West – Third Place

We also awarded prizes to three families that had the most pictures of the “hidden” eggs. They were the McKiel, Williams, and Bernier Families. They each received a gift certificate donated by the Roast House Restaurant and Rube N. Costa.



- Water Balloon Wars event at the A.F. Maloney soccer field included two water slides, jumbo bubble wands, a fire engine demonstration by the Fire Dept., and of course thousands of water balloons!



- Sixth annual Fall Fest at Roosevelt Park. The event featured area craft and other merchants, kids’ games and pumpkin decorating, and pie contests. Huge thanks to the Blackstone Cultural Council for sponsoring music for this event.

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- We held a clean-up of Turbesi Park on two weekend days in the Fall. The pavilion, basketball court posts, streetside fence, and trash receptacle bins were painted. In addition to this the parking lot curb stones were resituated, and decorative stones added to the memorial and park sign areas.
- We partnered with the Memorial Day Committee in holding their first Veteran's Day Celebration at Roosevelt Park. We constructed an extensive obstacle course and provided food at the concession stand. Betty's Donuts provided free coffee, hot chocolate, and confectionary treats.



- Third annual Christmas tree lighting held at the town common supported by the high school band playing Christmas Carols. The Norway Spruce tree and gazebo were holiday decorated and illuminated throughout December.
- Selfie Elfie returned. Ms. Elfie traveled throughout town during the month of December. Photos taken by individuals and families were posted by participants on a Facebook page.



- Third annual Hometown Christmas Celebration co-sponsored with the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club and supported by the Blackstone Fire Department. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via firetruck. Special thanks to the many businesses and organizations that made the event a success such as ADC Septic for sponsoring face painting and a caricature artist, Attorney John Wozniak, Betty's Donuts, Blackstone Lions Club, Dean Bank, Marchand Environmental, Michael & Sullivan Real Estate, LLC, Studio 25 Dance, Studio M Fitness, and Unibank! We also had Santa and Mrs. Claus photos, cookie decorating, and crafts. A band sponsored by a grant from the Blackstone Cultural Council played music.



- We partnered with the Blackstone Fire Department for their annual Santa and Mrs. Claus firetruck parade. For the second year, community businesses joined in a parade of vehicles. Selectman also

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participated. It is always a joy to see the many happy faces enjoying the parade, especially the children and our seniors.

- Our second “Bling up Blackstone” holiday lighting contest was held. Over sixty houses participated. Community members voted online and selected these winners:
 - 194 Farm Street – First Place
 - 11 Edgewater Drive – Second Place
 - 20 Ives Street – Third Place
 - Farm Street – Best Decorated Street for 2022 Bling Up Blackstone
- In addition, we participated in Daniels Farmstead’s opening of their annual Farmer’s Market with a Fourth at the Farm Event. We hosted games and prizes for this event and it was well received.

Our athletic Fields continued to be professionally maintained by our Head Groundskeeper Adam Robidoux and have added Kole Glaister to our department as a full-time employee. We are grateful each year for the help of the Blackstone Department of Public Works with different projects.

New Park signs were put in place at Turbesi and Roosevelt Parks in a continuing effort to mark each of our parks. We also worked to put cameras at Valati Park in an effort to keep that park safe and open all year.



We were active in review of the soon to be completed Open Space and Recreation Plan authored by Gino Carlucci of PGC Associates, LLC. In response to the survey results calling for recreational use of open space, we initiated an objective to utilize town-owned property for walking, hiking, and bicycling. Two initial properties of over a combined 140 acres were identified and explored. We requested and received approval from the Board of Selectman on December 7, 2021, to designate the former McCooey land off of Old Lincoln Street and land around Harris Pond Estates for conservation and passive recreation.



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Our activities would not be possible without the support of volunteers and town businesses. The BMR, BVT, Hartnett Middle School National Honor Society members, as well as the Boy Scouts were outstanding. Members of the Lions Club are always helping in some way. The High School Band is always open to joining activities. We have several new volunteers helping us get our Trails project moving. Betty's Donuts provides ongoing support as does ADC Septic.

More volunteers are needed! You can help in many ways including joining an effort to reestablish the Friends of Blackstone Parks and Recreation group. Al Bousquet has stepped forward to lead this group. It is anticipated the group members will support preparation and the running of activities and raise funds to support projects. Visit Friends of Blackstone Parks and Recreation on Facebook for more information or to join.

As we move into 2022, we will continue to bring and expand great programs to Blackstone and will look for additional ways to bring our community together!

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule is posted at the Town Hall and are generally held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the John Eldridge meeting room. Meetings are shown live on the public cable channel and recorded for playback on the town website under Government On-Demand.

Find us on:

Facebook: Blackstone-Parks-and-Recreation
Town Website: Parks and Recreation
Website: BlackstoneParksRec.com
Email: BlackstonePandR@yahoo.com

Respectfully submitted by:

Celeste Langlois, Chairperson
Bob Gilbert, Vice Chairperson
Don Cox, Treasurer
Matt Bourgeois
Kim Briggs

Deb Bissonnette, Secretary



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE 2021 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members:

In 2021, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke who served as Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Owen Bebeau and Tony Catalano. Robert Ring served as alternate member.

Stacia Lariviere began her service as the Board's Planning Coordinator in May after the position remained vacant for several months.

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

Meetings:

The Planning Board generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. However, 2021 was different due to COVID-19 as most meetings were held either partially or completely remotely until protocols updated to allow in-person meetings. All meetings are recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel and available through the Government Access on Demand web page on the Town website.

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

Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2021 are as follows:

- Endorsed several Approval Not Required Plans.
- Reviewed and approved special permit projects for 2 multifamily projects in the Village Overlay District.
- Reviewed and approved a special permit for a marijuana dispensary
- Continued to monitor progress at The Meadows at Harris Pond and signed the plans for street acceptance.
- Continued review of the Town's solar photovoltaic facilities, including responding to recent drainage issues in the area of the construction sites.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Marvelle
Chairman

Blackstone Police Department

2021 Annual Report

I would like to begin by taking a moment to thank all the men and women of the Blackstone Police department for their efforts in 2021. It has been another challenging year for the members of our department. It's been a great test to keep our community and our department safe, and I want to thank all those officers and dispatchers that dutifully came to work every day during these trying times. I am hopeful that 2022 will bring much needed relief from the stress that these past two years has seen. I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen and newly appointed Town Administrator Vecchio for all their support during these difficult times. On behalf of myself and all the men and women of the Blackstone Police department, good luck and be safe in 2022.

With that in mind, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2021.

The Blackstone Police Department is currently staffed with 18 full-time police officers and 4 full-time dispatchers and 2 part-time dispatchers. Our command structure consists of the chief of police, a lieutenant, 3 sergeants, a detective, a school resource officer, and 11 patrolmen. We had a relatively stable year in our personnel department. We added a second part-time dispatcher, Scott Silva, who is also a full-time dispatcher in another community. After her retirement, Bettina Weber continues to work in a part-time capacity when needed as well.

During 2021, 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	\$ 1,196.00
3.	Bullet Proof Vest Replacement Grant	\$ 4,816.00
4.	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. This is a revolving, open access grant. The state also provides reimbursement to minimize the cost to the town. The 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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	11622	11797	+2
Arrests:	76	77	+1%
Protective Custody	6	4	-33%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	88	112	+3%
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	46	53	+2%
Domestic Violence Calls:	38	38	0%
Incident Reports Investigated:	452	368	-20%
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	1	2	+100%
	1	2	stolen
	0	0	recovered
Field Interviews:	45	51	+1%
Missing/Runaways:	3	0	-300%
Accidents Investigated:	109	106	-3%
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	711	443	-40%
- Civil	174	46	-70%
- Complaint App	46	45	-2%
- Warnings	87	48	-40%
- Arrests	61	32	-48%
- Verbal Warnings	397	289	-27%
Parking Tickets Issued:	19	38	+100%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	256	211	-2%
- License to Carry	251	206	-2%
- FID Card	5	5	0%

SOCIAL MEDIA: 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.

DRUG INTERDICTION: After renewing our long-time relationship with the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crimes Task Force, Lieutenant Shawn Brodeur and Detective Travis Loether successfully investigated dozens of drug cases. These investigations led to other crimes, including prostitution and solicitation cases. We continue to work closely with our local, state and federal partners and will aggressively enforce narcotics violations here in Blackstone.

PROMOTIONS: We saw stability in our ranks this year, with no new promotions to announce. Officer Johnathan Savoie completed his probationary period and has impressed us with his hard work, his productivity and his professionalism as he performs this difficult job.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION: 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.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: 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. The school administration and I are 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Our department enjoyed working closely with members of the town hall to assist in community outreach to our citizens, most notably the seniors and members of the Blackstone Senior Center. Several members of the department helped with Thanksgiving and Christmas events and we look forward to expanding our presence in these wonderful events.

THANK YOU: As I present my department's 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

2021 Annual Report **Department of Public Works**

Highway Division:

In 2021, the streets were swept, catch basins were cleaned, repaired and/or rebuilt. The town's highway division repaved portions of Canal Street, Summer Street, Butler Street, County Street, Lloyd Street and Shore Drive. The paving of St. Paul Street, Florence Drive, Austin Street, Cheney Street, Liberty Hill Drive, Freeman Street and Westminster Street was completed. 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. 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 seven wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The meters in all wells were calibrated. The water distribution system includes four water storage standpipes and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of our population. Well 6 pump was cleaned and repaired. The water department has continued the annual water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons. 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, PFAS, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese and asbestos. Lead and Copper samples were taken twice in 2021. 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. In September, construction began on the Water Treatment Plant.

Sewer Division:

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) wastewater pump stations throughout the town. These pump stations were checked daily by DPW employees. All the sewer stations were cleaned. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated. Sewer pumps were rebuilt, and many electronic components replaced at various sewer stations.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Sullivan
Superintendent of Public Works



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE 2021 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.

The 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals was led by Chairman Paul Marvelle, and ably assisted by Vice Chairman Marc Gregoire. Other Members included Gary Jolicoeur, James Pitler, and Joe Belrose. Jeannine Castonguay and Michael Savard served as Alternate Members.

Stacia Lariviere began her service as the Board's Zoning Coordinator in May after the position remained vacant for several months.

During 2021, the Zoning Board of Appeals had several public hearings on special permits, as well as on variances regarding various dimensional requirements such as setbacks, frontage and area. The Board was also involved with the application for a proposed 40B project on Blackstone Street.

The applications were reviewed and decisions rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws, and Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The current application fee remains at \$300, which became effective in September 2001. All meetings are open to the public, and we cordially invite residents of the Town to attend. Meetings are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. 2021 was different due to COVID-19 as most meetings were held either partially or completely remotely until protocol changes allowed in-person meetings starting in the spring. 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 web site.

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,

Paul Marvelle
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING 2021

I am pleased to submit the 2021 Annual Report for the Town Clerk's Office. As we continued to navigate the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, we were able to learn to adapt to the ever-changing circumstances, and still able to have a successful and productive year. I am very grateful to be able to continue to serve the town in this capacity, and as always, am incredibly appreciative and thankful for the support we receive. I am happy to share some of what the Town Clerk's Office has accomplished this year.

The 2021 Annual Town Census was sent out in mid-January. As a result of the Annual Town Census, the population of Blackstone is 9,213. 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, 18,994; Marriages, 10,369; and Deaths, 11,630. The Town Clerk's office receives birth and death information via the state's computerized software database program. This year, the town processed 68 Birth Records, 55 Death Records, and 43 Marriage Records.

The first and only Election of 2021 was the April 5, 2021 Annual Town Election. There were 13 positions available; 1,259 voters cast their ballots for this election. As a result of the pandemic, the legislation for no-excuse voting by mail continued. For the 2021 Annual Town Election, 98 voters chose to cast their ballot by mail.

The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 25, 2021. The Board of Selectmen voted to hold the Special and Annual Town Meetings outside of the BMR High School to allow for the Town to meet safely under the social distancing guidelines. Like last year's meeting, it was a coordinated effort between this office, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Moderator, Town Administrator, Town Accountant, DPW, Fire Department and Police Department to have another safe and successful outdoor Town Meeting. 163 voters attended, acting on 35 Articles. There were 8 Articles voted on that same evening at the Special Town Meeting.

On November 9, 2021 the town held a Special Town Meeting. The town voted on 14 Articles; there were 82 voters in attendance.

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. In 2021, the Town Clerk's Office registered 411 dogs.

As always, I would like to extend a thank you 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. I would also like to thank the volunteers from the Senior Work-Off Program who volunteered over 240 hours in the Town Clerk's Office. And of course, I would like thank the Assistant Town Clerk, Alison Vaillancourt, and the Office Assistant, Sheila Stafford, for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 5, 2021

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 5th day of April, 2021.

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 member of the Board of Assessors for a 3-Year Term

One member BMR District School Committee for a 4-Year Term (Blackstone Representative)

One member BMR District School Committee to fill an Unexpired 4-Year Term (Blackstone Representative) to expire Annual Town Election 2022

One member BMR District School Committee to fill an Unexpired 4-Year Term (Blackstone Representative) to expire Annual Town Election 2024

One member BMR District School Committee for a 4-Year Term (Millville Representative)

One member Board of Health for a 3-Year Term

One Moderator to fill an Unexpired 3-Year Term to expire Annual Town Election 2023

Two members Parks & Recreation Commission for 3-Year Terms

One member Parks & Recreation Commission to fill an Unexpired 3-Year Term to expire Annual Town Election 2023

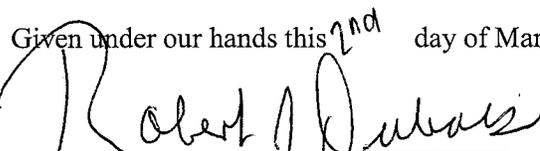
One member Planning Board for a 5-Year Term

One member Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year Term

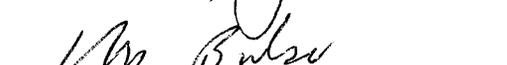
One member Board of Selectmen to fill an Unexpired 3-Year Term to expire Annual Town Election 2022.

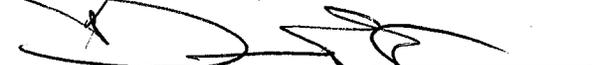
Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

Given under our hands this 2nd day of March, 2021


Robert J. Dubois, Chairman


Robert Kluehevitz, Vice Chairman


Mary Bulso, Clerk


Daniel P. Keefe

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 3rd day of March, 2021, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**Town of Blackstone
Official Results - Annual Town Election
Monday, April 5, 2021**

The polls opened at 7AM and closed at 8PM.

The votes were recorded as follows: *denotes winner for Blackstone

Precinct 1 406
Precinct 2 454
Precinct 3 399
Total 1259

Assessor of Taxes	I	II	III	Total
Franscena B. Schandelmayer-Davis*	294	322	284	900
Blanks	110	128	109	347
All Others	2	4	6	12
	406	454	399	1259

BMR District Sch Comm (Blackstone Representative) 4-YR Term	I	II	III	Total
Keri Lynn Gaudette*	268	313	257	838
Timothy Wayne Howell	85	101	98	284
Blanks	53	40	42	135
All Others	0	0	2	2
	406	454	399	1259

BMR District Sch Comm (Blackstone Representative) UNEXPIRED 4-YR Term expires ATE 2022	I	II	III	Total
Blanks	378	414	372	1164
Timothy Howell*	16	20	15	51
Gerry Rivet	2	0	0	2
Jeffrey Highcove	1	0	0	1
Melissa Desilets	1	0	0	1
John Eldridge	1	0	0	1
Normand Bergeron	1	0	0	1
James Pitler	1	0	0	1
Keri Gaudette	1	8	2	11
Michael Clifford	1	0	0	1
Wendy Greenstein	1	0	0	1
Jeff Alves	1	0	0	1
Will Galvin	1	0	0	1
Elyse Gesmondi	0	1	0	1
Michael Andrade	0	3	0	3
Toni Harvey	0	3	0	3
John Christina	0	2	0	2
Jenn Holmes	0	1	0	1
Ben Burgess	0	1	0	1
Skye Sullivan	0	1	0	1
Paul Haughey	0	0	1	1
Rubin Costa	0	0	1	1
Connie Perreault	0	0	1	1
Daniel Keefe	0	0	1	1
Jean Nerbonne	0	0	1	1
Tracie Trudeau	0	0	1	1
Jeremy Folster	0	0	2	2
Julie Lussier	0	0	1	1
Jeff Highcove	0	0	1	1
	406	454	399	1259

BMR District Sch Comm (Blackstone Representative) UNEXPIRED 4-YR Term expires ATE 2024	I	II	III	Total
Sarah Williams*	293	359	288	940
Blank	111	95	107	313
All Others	2	0	4	6
	406	454	399	1259

BMR District Sch. Comm (Millville Representative)	I	II	III	Total
Amanda Guilmain*	264	323	251	838
Blanks	141	129	145	415
All Others	1	2	3	6
	406	454	399	1259

Board of Health	I	II	III	Total
Peter C. Ryan, Sr.*	301	354	294	949
Blanks	104	97	100	301
All Others	1	3	5	9
	406	454	399	1259

Moderator UNEXPIRED 3-YR Term expires ATE 2023	I	II	III	Total
John Matthew Wozniak*	280	312	265	857
Blanks	123	137	130	390
All Others	3	5	4	12
	406	454	399	1259

Parks & Recreation Commission (2)	I	II	III	Total
Donald C. Cox*	283	315	270	868
Robert D. Gilbert*	287	319	266	872
Blanks	242	274	261	777
All Others	0	0	1	1
	812	908	798	2518

Parks & Recreation Commission UNEXPIRED 3-YR Term expires ATE 2023	I	II	III	Total
Blanks	396	437	390	1223
Matthew Bourgeois*	0	4	0	4
Jeff Highcove	2	0	0	2
Tara Schoube	0	0	2	2
Celeste Langlois	1	1	0	2
Gerry Rivet	2	0	0	2
Mark Robertson	1	0	0	1
Will Gavin	1	0	0	1
Autumn Schandelmayer-Davis	1	0	0	1
Michael Clifford	1	0	0	1
Robert Dubois	1	0	0	1
Matt Catalano	0	1	0	1
Shanning Li	0	1	0	1
David Bryant	0	1	0	1
Kristin Pereia	0	1	0	1
Linda Dillen	0	1	0	1
Rick Morse	0	1	0	1
Sara Peters	0	2	0	2
Michael Andrade	0	1	0	1
Ryan Barry	0	1	0	1
Nolan Griffiths	0	1	0	1
Carolyn Sullivan	0	1	0	1
John Wozniak	0	0	1	1

Rubin Costa	0	0	1	1
Daniel Keefe	0	0	1	1
Paul Foster	0	0	2	2
Caitlyn Edwards	0	0	1	1
Larry Danello	0	0	1	1
	406	454	399	1259

Planning Board	I	II	III	Total
Anthony M. Catalano*	284	340	290	914
All Others	3	1	5	9
	406	454	399	1259

Board of Selectmen (3-Year Term)	I	II	III	Total
Daniel Patrick Keefe	163	181	157	501
Ryan Chamberland*	236	269	237	742
All Others	3	0	0	3
	406	454	399	1259

Board of Selectmen UNEXPIRED 3-YR Term expires ATE 2022	I	II	III	Total
Ryan James Barry	109	144	119	372
Tanya Mourato Polak*	273	293	256	822
All Others	2	2	2	6
	406	454	399	1259

The polls were closed 8PM.

Eligible Voters	6776	
Total Voters	1259	19%



Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 25, 2021
7:00 PM

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 25, 2021 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 available funds a sum of \$159.60 to pay prior year bill to Automatic Alarm Systems 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 available funds a sum of \$2,357.74 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems, Inc. 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 \$114 to pay prior year bill to Leeway Ace Hardware 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 \$2,448 to pay prior year bill to Tellstone & Son, Inc. 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 a sum of \$208.25 to pay prior year bill to Worldband 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 up to \$50,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$99,000 to pay vocational tuition and transportation or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$194.09 to pay prior year bill to Sprint or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Hereof, fail not and make do 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 20th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-one.

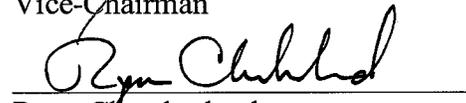
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


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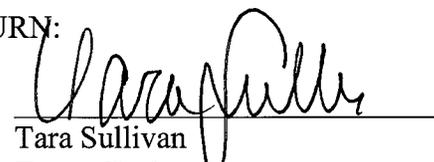

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 21st day of April 2021 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 Sullivan
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator John Wozniak, who declared a quorum. There were 163 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 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 Taylor, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, Millville Representatives of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District; Samuel Kenney and Jeffrey McClure, PE, Associates Weston & Sampson, Greg Balukonis, Acting Town Administrator, and Wendy Timmons, Union Representative.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$99,000 to pay vocational tuition and transportation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$194.09 to pay prior year bill to Sprint.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.



Tara Sullivan
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 25, 2021 (7:30 PM)

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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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 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 FY2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$110,000 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$120,000 to fund FY2022 expenses of the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, as established by the vote under Article 29 of the May 28, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Mass General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F 3/4, said appropriation to be funded by fees received pursuant to the Town's cable licensing agreement and cable franchise agreement, with the fund to begin operation for FY2022 effective July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds 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 said 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 13. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise, and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$340,000 to complete repair and maintenance to the Police Department sally port, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise, or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$210,000 to complete repair and maintenance to the Historical Museum, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise, or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$300,000 for repair and maintenance to the JFK/AF Maloney Elementary School parking lot, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the warrant for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, by increasing the appropriation for the design and construction of a Water Treatment Plant at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, including all costs incidental or related thereto, from Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000), as required to comply with the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCL) promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and, to determine whether this revised appropriation shall be met by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Water and Sewer Commission to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other grants, including the USDA Rural Development Program or the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, that may be available for this purpose and to enter into agreements for the acceptance of any such grants which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized by this vote, all of such funds to be expended under the direction of the Water and Sewer Commission for the purposes of this vote; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for the purchase of a utility tractor with a side boom mower/brush cutter, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of a 1 ton 4 x 4 F350 dump truck, 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 \$110,000 for the cleaning of 13 sewer pump stations, 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 a sum of money to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of the existing bridge carrying Elm Street over Quick Stream; work includes the rehabilitation of the existing stone masonry headwalls with new crash-rated guard walls and standard approach railings, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise, transfer, or borrow from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to purchase one 2021 1500 GPM Pumper Fire Truck and related equipment, 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 \$300,000 to purchase a new ambulance, or take and other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise, transfer, or borrow from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$108,896.40 to purchase and install: (1) A Stryker Power-Pro XT ambulance cot and Power-Load cot fastener system and (2) An X series monitor/defibrillator AND (3) ONE Lucas automatic CPR device, 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, transfer, or borrow from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 to purchase 7 complete sets of structural firefighting gear, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a skid steer for the Recycling Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$150,000 of the remaining \$200,000 balance of the \$310,000 appropriation approved under Article 18 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the completion of the design and construction of Well #9 and to renovate Wells ## 2, 4 and 7, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of land on Milk Street, containing 20 acres, more or less, as more particularly described in the deed recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 60431, Page 163 and shown on Blackstone Assessors Map 24 as Parcel 26 to be held for conservation purposes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to vote to amend **Section 123-17, Signs**, Subsection D, Permitted accessory signs in Business and Industrial Districts, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by change the word "Business" to "Commercial" such that it reads as follows, with deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ and added text in **bold**:

D. Permitted accessory signs in ~~Business~~ **Commercial** and Industrial Districts

Or take any other 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 petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Blackstone Home Rule Charter ("Charter") as follows: Delete the fourth sentence of Article V, Section C5-1 of the Charter, which provides that if the Town Administrator is not a resident of the Town he shall be required to establish residence within one year from the date of his appointment; said Charter amendment to become effective immediately upon enactment of the special legislation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued balance of the borrowing authorization approved under Article 1 of the April 30, 2001 Special Town Meeting for the design, construction, and original equipping of a new library facility at 86 Main Street, Blackstone in the amount of \$1,918,676, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to change and reduce the Residency Requirement for Veterans seeking local property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, and 22F to one year. The current residency requirement is 2 consecutive years before the tax year begins. This

warrant article requests authorization, by local option, to reduce the “2-year residency requirement” to 1 year prior to the date of filing for exemptions pursuant to the applicable clause, or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clause 22H, a local option, granting full property tax exemption to surviving parents or guardians of (1) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) who went missing in action during active duty and are presumed to have died, or (2) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) or veterans who dies as a proximate result of injuries sustained or illnesses contracted during active duty service. A surviving parent or guardian must have lived in Massachusetts for at least 5 consecutive years before the tax year begins. If not, the deceased military or guard member or veteran had to have been domiciled in Massachusetts for at least 6 consecutive months before entering the service, or take any other actin related thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 35. 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.

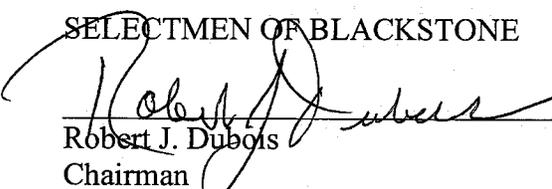
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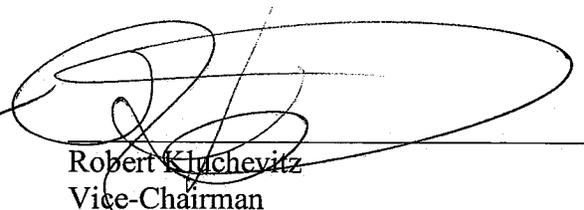
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Given under our hands this 20th day of April 2021.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


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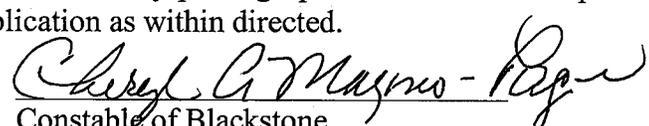

Tanya Polak
Member

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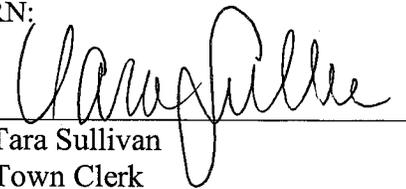

Cheryl A. Marino-Pape
Constable of Blackstone

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 21st day of April 2021 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Cheryl A. Marino-Pape
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Tara Sullivan
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
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MAY 25, 2021**

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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 Taylor, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, Millville Representatives of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District; Samuel Kenney and Jeffrey McClure, PE, Associates Weston & Sampson, Greg Balukonis, Acting Town Administrator, and Wendy Timmons, Union Representative.

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 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 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

Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, read all department salary and expense totals for Article 3. The following department totals were held: Town Accountant, Assessor, Collector/Treasurer, Town Clerk, Police Dispatchers, Public Works- Highway Labor, Council on Aging, Library Department, Water & Sewer Enterprise Sewer Salaries, Water & Sewer Enterprise – Water Administration, and BMR Education.

Mr. Joseph Gatchell, 194 Blackstone Street, Finance Committee member, stated that most department heads are not in the union and are not entitled to union benefits, and further stated that they were here every day though COVID, and giving them the 3% raises they have gotten historically would have only costed about \$10,000.

Mr. Jeff Silverstein, 300 Main Street, Finance Committee member, stated that the Board of Selectmen approved, without discussion, contracts for two of the unions, and there may be additional ones that could be approved. He further stated that no town officials have made any

attempt to explain what obligations are for the town for the next fiscal years, and that the Finance Committee has not seen any details about these contracts.

Mr. Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, Board of Selectmen member, stated that the department heads are getting the same raise as the unions are getting. He stated that Acting Town Administrator has been acting diligently to negotiate the union contracts. He stated that the 2% raises are the best value that the Board of Selectmen could offer for the taxpayers.

Mr. Robert Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, Board of Selectmen member, stated that the unions and departments always got the same raises. He credited the Acting Town Administrator for negotiating the union contracts. He further stated that the figures were provided to the Finance Committee, and that they do not have to provide them with the contracts.

01114	MODERATOR			
	Salary Total		900	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	900	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01122	SELECTMEN			
	Salary Total		33,212	
	Expense Total		60,100	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	93,312	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01123	ADMINISTRATION			
	Salary Total		204,892	
	Expense Total		15,250	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	220,142	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total		2,000	
	Expense Total		5,100	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	7,100	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01132	RESERVE FUND			
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	100,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01133	CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total		1,000	
	Expense Total		600	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,600	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01151	TOWN COUNSEL			
	Expense Total		150,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	150,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01155	DATA PROCESSING			
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	162,800	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1158	COPIER			
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	38,750	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1159	BONDS & INSURANCE			
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	260,621	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1162	ELECTIONS			
	Salary Total		9,500	
	Expense Total		6,250	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	15,750	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

1163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
	Salary Total		2,250	
	Expense Total		4,550	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		6,800	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1171	CONSERVATION COMM			
	Salary Total		4,000	
	Expense Total		480	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		4,480	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Salary Total		15,400	
	Expense Total		18,011	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		33,411	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1176	ZONING BOARD			
	Salary Total		8,466	
	Expense Total		3,707	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		12,173	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1182	ECONO DEVELOP			
	Salary Total		1,500	
	Expense Total		1,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		2,500	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1184	CENTRAL MASS PLANNING			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		2,716	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1190	GENERAL			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		154,500	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1192	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT.			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		393,525	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1195	TOWN REPORT			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		3,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Total Salary		1,720,813	
	Expense Total		223,926	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		1,944,739	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total		1,126,598	
	Expense Total		60,650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		1,187,248	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1231	AMBULANCE SERVICE			
	Salary Total		5,869	
	Expense Total		54,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		59,869	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1241	MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		77,212	
	Expense Total		3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		80,712	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1243	PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		17,001	

	Expense Total	1,133	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	18,134	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,750	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
	Salary Total	17,001	
	Expense Total	650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	17,651	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
	Salary Total	500	
	Expense Total	18,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	19,250	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1292	ANIMAL CONTROL		
	Salary Total	24,216	
	Expense Total	8,050	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	32,266	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1294	TREE WARDEN		
	Salary Total	7,050	
	Expense Total	18,200	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	25,250	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1301	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	846,746	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	848,246	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1303	VOCATIONAL TUITION		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	888,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1412	ENGINEERING		
	Expense Total	15,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	15,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1420	PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	33,141	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1422	HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	47,064	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
	Salary Total	27,500	
	Expense Total	83,175	
	DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	110,675	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1424	STREET LIGHTING		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	109,375	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1428	MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
	Expense Total	95,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	95,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1429	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		

	Expense Total	630,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	630,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1432	STREET CLEANING		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,500	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1433	WASTE COLLECTION		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	660,480	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1434	RECYCLING		
	Salary Total	175,301	
	Expense Total	58,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	233,801	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1510	BOARD OF HEALTH		
	Salary Total	10,213	
	Expense Total	80,680	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	90,893	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1543	VETERANS		
	Salary Total	20,000	
	Expense Total	181,920	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	201,920	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1650	PARKS		
	Salary Total	86,920	
	Expense Total	46,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	133,420	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1692	MEMORIAL DAY		
	Salary Total	1,800	
	Expense Total	16,600	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	18,400	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	710,005	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1751	LONG TERM DEBT/ INTEREST		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	174,330	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1752	SHORT TERM DEBT/ INTEREST		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	7,915	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1810	CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	46,323	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1911	COUNTY RETIREMENT		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	920,201	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	50,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1914	HEALTH INSURANCE		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	878,652	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1915	LIFE INSURANCE		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,000	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

1916	MATCHING MEDICARE			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	80,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1918	COMPENSATED BALANCES			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1919	COMPENSATED ABSENCE			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	7,500		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
1960	CAPITAL TRUST			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,466,450		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	26,632,309		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE

60132	SEWER RESERVE FUND			
	TOTAL TRANSFER	100,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60442	SEWER MAINTENANCE			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	260,383		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	48,102		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
60443	SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	571,932		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL SEWER	1,155,489		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

61132	WATER RESERVE FUND			
	TOTAL TRANSFER	100,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61450	WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	191,160		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61452	WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	609,534		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	62,942		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61710	WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	105,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61751	WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	5,775		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61752	WATER SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,650		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
61820	MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT			
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL WATER	1,164,418		MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

WATER / SEWER ENTERPRISE TOTAL	2,319,907	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
TOTAL GENERAL FUND / WATER & SEWER	28,952,216	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NON-HELD ITEMS

Ms. Anita Robertson, 61 Edgewater Drive, asked for an explanation for the 4% increase to the BMR Education budget.

Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, explained that the largest chunk of the increase came from the minimum contributions which is set by the state.

1300	EDUCATION - B.M.R.		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,226,689	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
			MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion to amend one amount shown in the department salary for Town Accountant (#01135) to \$114,129 and the total budget amount to \$129,389. The motion was seconded.

Mrs. Katie Trottier, 110 Harris Pond Road, inquired as to why the increases are 3%.

Mr. Greg Balukonis, Acting Town Administrator, stated that the amounts represented here are reflective of a 2%, and also take into consideration step increases.

Mr. James Watson stated that he did not have the updated figures for the raises.

Mr. Greg Balukonis clarified that the increases that are over 2% are reflective of possible step increases. He further stated that the union negotiations were only completed several hours prior to the meeting.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the department salary for Town Accountant (#01135) to \$114,129 and the total budget amount to \$129,389. The motion was seconded.

01135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
	Salary Total	114,129	
	Expense Total	15,260	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	129,389	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
			MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for Assessor's (#01141) to \$119,241 and the total budget amount to \$170,571. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for Assessor's (#01141) to \$119,241 and the total budget amount to \$170,571. The motion was seconded

01141	ASSESSORS		
	Salary Total		119,241
	Expense Total		51,330
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		170,571
	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE		

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for Collector/Treasurer (#01145) to \$120, 536 and the total budget amount to \$148,286. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for Collector/Treasurer (#01145) to \$120, 536 and the total budget amount to \$148,286. The motion was seconded.

01145	COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
	Salary Total		120,536
	Expense Total		27,750
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		148,286
	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE		

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for the Town Clerk (#01161) to \$123,864 and the total budget to \$145,239. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for the Town Clerk (#01161) to \$123,864 and the total budget to \$145,239. The motion was seconded.

01161	TOWN CLERK		
	Salary Total		123,864
	Expense Total		21,375
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		145,239
	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE		

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for the Police Dispatchers (#01211) to \$253,257 and the total budget amount to \$256,757. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for the Police Dispatchers (#01211) to \$253,257 and the total budget amount to \$256,757. The motion was seconded.

1211	POLICE DISPATCHERS		
	Salary Total		253,257
	Expense Total		3,500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 256,757
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for the Public Works – Highway Labor (#01421) to \$312,387 and the total budget to \$312,387. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for the Public Works – Highway Labor (#01421) to \$312,387 and the total budget to \$312,387. The motion was seconded.

1421 HIGHWAY LABOR
DEPARTMENT TOTAL 312,387
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for Council on Aging (#01541) to \$166,021 and the total budget to \$179,541. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for Council on Aging (#01541) to \$166,021 and the total budget to \$179,541. The motion was seconded.

1541 COUNCIL ON AGING
Salary Total 166,021
Expense Total 13,520
DEPARTMENT TOTAL 179,541
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for the Library Department (#01610) to \$309,780 and the total budget to \$536,210. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for the Library Department (#01610) to \$309,780 and the total budget to \$536,210. The motion was seconded.

1610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
Salary Total 309,780
Expense Total 226,430
DEPARTMENT TOTAL 536,210
MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for Water & Sewer Enterprise Sewer salaries (#60441) to \$175,072 and the total budget to \$175,072. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for Water & Sewer Enterprise Sewer salaries (#60441) to \$175,072 and the total budget to \$175,072. The motion was seconded.

60441 SEWER SALARIES

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 175,072

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to amend the amount shown in the departmental salary for Water & Sewer Enterprise – Water Administration (#61451) to \$84,357 and the total budget to \$84,357. The motion was seconded.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz made a motion to approve the amended amount shown in the departmental salary for Water & Sewer Enterprise – Water Administration (#61451) to \$84,357 and the total budget to \$84,357. The motion was seconded.

61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 84,357

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mrs. Susan Dowrey, 9 Dorena Drive, thanked Mr. Watson for giving people the opportunity to ask questions about the budget.

Mr. Paul Robinson, 12 Meadow Lane, inquired about the dues and subscription line items.

Mr. Greg Balukonis clarified that the dues and subscriptions vary by department; dues have all been thoroughly reviewed as part of the budget and there are no substantial increases.

Ms. Kasey Bik, 95 Elm Street, Collector/Treasurer, stated that for her budget there are subscriptions due to the Worcester County Collector/Treasurer Association, and those costs include classes that can be attended.

ARTICLE 3 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$28,952,216.00 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

That	\$20,643,672	raised from FY '22 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$1,929,703	raised from FY '22 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$1,621,500	raised from FY '22 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$1,284,764	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$375,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$538	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$2,319,907	raised from FY '22 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	\$-	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$111,044	transfer from Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds Indirect Cost Reimbursement
That	\$-	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$406,067	use of Free Cash
That	\$-	use of Overlay

That \$260,021 use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

And further, to fund the first year of the collective bargaining agreements between the Town of Blackstone and the Blackstone Police Union -Local 442, the Department of Public Works Union-Local 1709, and the Blackstone Police Dispatchers- Chapter of Local 1709A and the Blackstone Clerical Workers- Local 1709.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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 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 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 a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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 FY2022.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$110,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate \$120,000 to fund FY2022 expenses of the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, as established by the vote under Article 29 of the May 28, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Mass General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾, said appropriation to be funded by fees received pursuant to the Town's cable licensing agreement and cable franchise agreement, with the fund to begin operation for FY2022 effective July 1, 2021.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash a sum of money in the amount of \$230,750 and from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$19,250, 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

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 13.

Tanya Polak, 10 Meadow Lane, explained the ongoing issues with the Sally Port in the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and borrow the sum of \$340,000 to complete repair and maintenance to the Police Department sally port, provided that all debt service payments are to be paid through a transfer from the Capital Trust.

114 YES 33 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 14.

Tanya Polak, explained that this Article was originally on the Warrant for \$210,000, but it was reduced to allow for engineering to evaluate what is in need of repair at the Historical Museum.

Julie Wingate, 1 St, Paul Street, Chairman of the Historical Commission, asked if there is a timeframe of when the engineering will take place, because there are some safety issues that need to be addressed. It was stated that it would be done as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 14 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 to complete repair and maintenance to the Historical Museum.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 15.

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz, described the disrepair of the driveway of the JFK/AFM Elementary School and the need for the repairs.

ARTICLE 15 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and borrow the sum of \$300,000 for repair and maintenance to the JFK/AF Maloney Elementary School parking lot, provided that all debt service payments are to be paid through a transfer from the Capital Trust.

124 YES 20 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 16 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the warrant for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, by increasing the appropriation for the design and construction of a Water Treatment Plant at the existing Corrosion Control Facility located at 53 Elm Street, including all costs incidental or related thereto, from Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000), as required to comply with the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCL) promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(4) or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by the amount of any such premium so applied, and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Water and Sewer Commission are authorized to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other grants, including the USDA Rural Development program or the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, that may be available for this purpose and to enter into agreements for the acceptance of any such grants which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized by this vote, all of such funds to be expended under the direction of the Water and Sewer Commission for the purposes of this vote.

118 YES 25 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion to NOT APPROVE Article 17.

Mrs. Tanya Polak moved to amend the motion under Article 17 to read:

That the Town vote TO APPROVE the Blackstone Home Rule Charter amendment as printed in Article 17 of the Warrant.

The motion to amend was seconded.

Mr. James Watson expressed his opinion against the amendment; he stated that an elected Collector/Treasurer is important to the functioning of the town.

Mrs. Tanya Polak stated her concerns regarding the financial controls within that position, and stated that it should be more uniform with how other parts of town government is set up.

Mrs. Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, asked why this article keeps being placed on the Warrant after continually being voted down year after year. Further, she stated that the position becoming appointment could create a problem with safeguards in place.

Mr. Joseph Gatchell expressed his concerns with a Town Administrator becoming the appointing authority for this position, and also stated that it was implied that the voters are not intelligent enough to vote somebody into this position.

Mrs. Tanya Polak clarified that there needs to be controls in place for financial management. She also inquired about the financial support that the Finance Committee has as to why this position should remain elected.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

36 YES 90 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE NOT IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 17 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that Town NOT APPROVE this article.

Original Article:

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.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 18.

Mr. Ryan Barry, 3 Willow Brook Lane, asked for detail on the price of the machine that will be purchased.

Mr. James Sullivan, 77 Florence Drive, Superintendent of Public Works, clarified that it is a tractor that comes with a boom mower.

Mr. Thomas Tenerowicz, 5 Handy Road, asked how much was in the Capital Trust fund.

Mrs. Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, stated that there is \$5,974,574.56 in the Capital Trust.

ARTICLE 18 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Capital Trust the sum of \$149,999 for the purchase of a utility tractor with a side boom mower/brush cutter.

TWO-THIRDS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 19 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Capital Trust the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of a 1-ton 4x4 F350 dump truck.

TWO-THIRDS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 20 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$110,000 for the cleaning of 13 sewer pump stations.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. James Watson read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 21.

Mr. Keith Harlow, 32 Bellingham Road, asked what the \$25,000 was going to pay for.

Mr. Ryan Chamberland stated that the Board of Selectmen wanted to do their due diligence on this project, and voted this amount of money to pay for engineering of this project.

Mrs. Mary Bulso, explained that the engineer will make sure the project is done correctly.

ARTICLE 21 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of existing bridge carrying Elm Street over Quick Stream; work includes the rehabilitation of the existing stone masonry headwalls with new crash-rated guard walls and standard approach railings.

87 YES 20 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 23 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and borrow the sum of \$500,000 to purchase one 2021 1500 GPM Pumper Fire Truck and related equipment, provided that all debt service payments are to be made by a transfer from the Capital Trust.

81 YES 19 NO
TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 24 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer \$200,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund and \$100,000 from Free Cash totaling \$300,000 to purchase a new ambulance.

101 YES 10 NO
TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 25 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$108,896.40 to purchase and install: (1) A Stryker Power-Pro XT ambulance cot and Power-Load cot fastener system and (2) An X series monitor/defibrillator AND (3) ONE Lucas automatic CPR device.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund the sum of \$17,000 to purchase 7 complete sets of structural firefighting gear.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Ross Nicol, 39 Glenside Drive, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 21.

Katie Trottier, 110 Harris Pond Road, stated that she thought that the town already owned a skid steer, and asked if this purchase was for a new one.

Mr. Kevin Ryan, 146 Elm Street, clarified that the current skid steer is about 10 years old and is in poor condition.

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz stated that the town has one licensed operator at the Recycling Center. He suggested that if the current skid steer breaks, one could be rented while it is being repaired. He also stated that the Recycling Center is losing money.

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow Colleen Strapponi, Health Agent, to address the Annual Town Meeting as a non-resident.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mrs. Colleen Strapponi, Health Agent, clarified that the Recycling Center was not losing money, and that it was not an Enterprise Fund. She also stated the need for the skid steer and the need for 2 operators at the Recycling Center.

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz clarified that the Recycling Center has been in the negative for the last 6 years.

Mrs. Colleen Strapponi also clarified that the previous year's negative balances has not been in the negative as high as Mr. Kluchevitz had suggested. She further explained that they are taking action to increase receipts and increase revenues at the Recycling Center.

Mr. Robert Dubois stated that the Capital Outlay Committee voted 6-1 to approve this. He further stated that although there are issues with the Recycling Center, the Town still has an

obligation to continue to operate it.

ARTICLE 27 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Capital Trust the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a skid steer for the Recycling Center.

TWO-THIRDS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 28 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town transfer \$150,000 of the remaining \$200,000 balance of the \$310,000 appropriation approved under Article 18 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the completion of the design and construction of Well #9 and to renovate Wells # 2, #4 and #7.

99 YES 2 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 29 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of land on Milk Street, containing 20 acres, more or less, as more particularly described in the deed recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 60431, Page 163 and shown on Blackstone Assessors Map 24 as Parcel 26 to be held for conservation purposes.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 30 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend **Section 123-17, Signs**, Subsection D, Permitted accessory signs in Business and Industrial Districts, of the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws by changing the word “Business” to “Commercial” such that it reads as follows, with deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ and added text in **bold**:

D. Permitted accessory signs in ~~Business~~**Commercial** and Industrial Districts

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Ross Nicol, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, read the Finance Committee’s recommendation and motion NOT TO APPROVE Article 31.

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz moved to amend the motion under Article 31 to read:

That the Town vote TO AUTHORIZE the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Blackstone Home Rule Charter as set forth in Article 31 of the Warrant.

The motion to amend was seconded.

Mr. Robert Dubois explained the history of the last 7 Town Administrators and their challenges with the residency requirement.

Mr. Ryan Chamberland stated that the new Town Administrator will still move to town whether or not this article passes. He also stated that out of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, only 15 still have a residency requirement. He expressed his support of passing this article as amended.

Mr. Brian Scanlan, 6 Reilly Ave, Finance Committee member, stated that this rule is super archaic and expressed his support of passing this article.

Mrs. Mary Bulso stated that she agrees with her colleagues in regards to changing the residency requirement and be able to hire the best candidate.

Mrs. Kate Donovan, 292 Lincoln Street, stated that this is a very specialized skill and that the pool of qualified candidates within town is limited.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 31

Mr. Robert Kluchevitz explained that a yes vote for this amended article would allow the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to abolish this requirement.

Mr. Joseph Gatchell explained that he voted against this because he feels as though this article should be tabled. He further stated that it should be amended to have a radius requirement.

Mr. Ryan Chamberland stated that the issue Mr. Gatchell raised would be negotiated in a contract.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 31 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town APPROVE this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Blackstone Home Rule Charter ("Charter") as follows: Delete the fourth sentence of Article V, Section C5-1 of the Charter, which provides that if the Town Administrator is not a resident of the Town he shall be required to establish residence within one year from the date of his appointment; said Charter amendment to become effective immediately upon enactment of the special legislation.

TWO-THIRDS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 32 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town rescind the unissued balance of the borrowing authorization approved under Article 1 of the April 30, 2001 Special Town Meeting for the design, construction, and original equipping of a new library facility at 86 Main Street, Blackstone in the amount of \$1,918,676.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 33 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town change and reduce the Residency Requirement for Veterans seeking local property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, and 22F to one year.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 34 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clause 22H, a local option, granting full property tax exemption to surviving parents or guardians of (1) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) who went missing in action during active duty and are presumed to have died, or (2) military personnel (including members of the National Guard on active duty) or veterans who dies as a proximate result of injuries sustained or illnesses contracted during active duty service.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 35 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

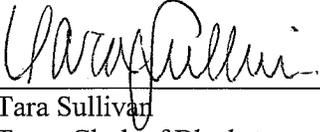
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ross Nicol	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2024
Katherine Sweeney	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2024



Tara Sullivan
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 9, 2021

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 November 9, 2021, at 6:00 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 available funds a sum of \$9.55 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Amazon 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 available funds a sum of \$2357.66 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems 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 \$615.00 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bill to Traffic Safety Warehouse 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 \$64.43 to pay prior year Town Clerk's bills to Staples 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 a sum of \$112.68 to pay prior year Fire Department bills to Comcast 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 \$398.50 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bills to Microbac 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 a sum of \$1547.85 to pay prior year Police Department bills to MHQ or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$2,032.07 to pay prior year bills to Advance Auto Parts or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. Town Operating Budget Adjustments

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the funding of appropriations made under Article 3 of the May 25, 2021, Annual Town Meeting by rescinding the vote of the Town authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the sum of \$260,021.00 and by authorizing the sum of \$260,021.00 to be raised from FY22 Estimated Receipts or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. Amending Town Meeting, Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws to Permit Electronic Voting

To see if the Town will amend Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws, Manner of Voting by adding after the words "determined by" in the first sentence, the phrase "electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by" and by adding after the words "the vote by" in the second sentence, the words "electronic voting", and by deleting the final sentence reading "All capital appropriations of \$150,000 or more shall be voted on by a written ballot" .or take any action thereto, such that the bylaw as amended, shall read as follows:

§ 5-15

Manner of voting.

[Amended by 2-13-1989 STM, Art. IV]

When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by the voices of the voters, and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by electronic voting, sound by the volume of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, the Moderator shall determine the vote either by ordering a show of hands or by a standing vote and he shall appoint tellers to make and return the count, or the meeting itself may specifically order, by proper motion in due order, that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" written ballot which shall be prepared by the Clerk in printed or mimeographed

form in two divisible sections, one section with the word "yes" and the other with the word "no." The section showing the desired vote shall be detached by the voter and handed to the teller, and the unused section shall be retained by the voter.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to accept Glenside Drive, Willow Brook Lane and Meadow Lane as public ways or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Blackstone and the Blackstone Local 4139 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and adopt any necessary changes to the Compensation Schedules or take any other action in relation thereto.

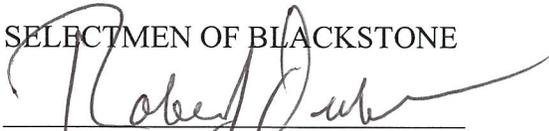
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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 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.

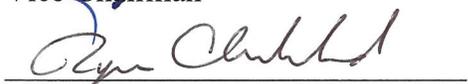
Given under our hands this 5th day of October 2021.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois, Chairman
Chairman


Robert Kluchevitz
Vice-Chairman


Mary Bulso
Clerk


Ryan Chamberland
Member

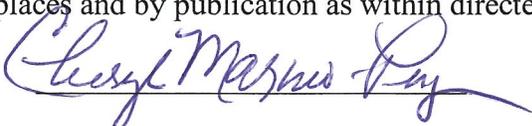

Tanya Polak
Member

A true copy attest:


Cheryl Marnes Day
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 6th day of October 2021 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 Marnes Day
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator John Wozniak, 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 Special Town Meeting: Christopher Brown, Esq., Petrini & Associates, P.C., Amanda Zuretti, Esq., Petrini & Associates, P.C., Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor, Lisa Cheever, Library Director, Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police, Colleen Strapponi, Inspectional Services, Gino Carlucci, Planning/Zoning, John McTernan, Onyx Corporation, Howard Bailey, Onyx Corporation, Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent/Director Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, Jason Defalco, Superintendent of Schools, Millville Representatives 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 appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9.55 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Amazon.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,357.66 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$615.00 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bill to Traffic Safety Warehouse.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$64.43 to pay prior year Town Clerk's bills to Staples.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$112.68 to pay prior year Fire Department bills to Comcast.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,547.85 to pay prior year Police Department bills to MHQ.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,032.07 to pay prior year bills to Advance Auto Parts.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the funding appropriations made under Article 3 of the May 25, 2021, Annual Town Meeting by rescinding the vote of the Town authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the sum of \$260,021.00 and by authorizing the sum of \$260,021.00 to be raised from FY22 Estimated Receipts.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws, Manner of Voting by adding after the words "determined by" in the first sentence, the phrase "electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by" and by adding after the words "the vote by" in the second sentence, the words "electronic voting", and by deleting the final sentence reading "All capital appropriations of \$150,000 or more shall be voted on by a written ballot" . Such that the bylaw as amended, shall read as follows:

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road.

71 YES 3 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 12 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept Glenside Drive, Willow Brook Lane and Meadow Lane as public ways.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Brian Scanlan read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 14.

Mr. Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, Finance Committee Member, inquired about the total cost of the contract is for this fiscal year.

Mrs. Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, explained that the Article is just for the agreement, not the funding, and then further explained that the funding was already approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Robert Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, stated that the money was already appropriated in this line item at the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Blackstone and the Blackstone Local 4139 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and adopt any necessary changes to the Compensation Schedules.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:28 p.m. There were 82 voters who attended the meeting.



Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk of Blackstone

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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

I would like to express my appreciation to all the Town of Blackstone department heads, employees, committees, and boards. Thank you 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 Kelsey Lemoine, Assistant Town Accountant, for her support and hard work in maintaining a professional and efficient environment within the Town Accountant's office.

The following reports provide combining balance sheets and fund activity for the Fiscal Year 2021 ending June 30, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Lauren Taylor
Town Accountant

Town of Blackstone
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2021

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue				
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	6,982,042.59	2,219,328.57	2,266,173.01	13,409,809.41		25,587,470.44
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	8,570.39					8,570.39
Real estate taxes	216,499.95					216,499.95
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(637,825.63)					(637,825.63)
Tax liens	786,733.54					786,733.54
Deferred taxes						0.00
Motor vehicle excise	335,896.18					335,896.18
Other excises						0.00
User fees			140,779.17			140,779.17
Utility liens added to taxes			14,135.55			14,135.55
Departmental		188,826.71				188,826.71
Special assessments						0.00
Due from other governments						0.00
Other receivables						0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	520,061.80					520,061.80
Prepays						0.00
Due to/from other funds						0.00
Working deposit						0.00
Inventory						0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation						0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					4,617,071.00	4,617,071.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave						0.00
Total Assets	8,211,978.82	2,408,155.28	2,421,087.73	13,409,809.41	4,617,071.00	31,778,219.10

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable							0.00
Accounts payable	821,770.21	32,919.62	19,598.00	102,863.73			977,151.56
Accrued payroll							0.00
Withholdings	60,885.42						60,885.42
Accrued claims payable							0.00
Due to/from other funds							0.00
Due to other governments							0.00
Other liabilities							0.00
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	(412,751.29)						(412,751.29)
Tax liens	786,733.54						786,733.54
Deferred taxes							0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	520,061.80						520,061.80
Motor vehicle excise	335,896.18						335,896.18
Other excises							0.00
User fees				140,779.17			140,779.17
Utility liens added to taxes				14,135.10			14,135.10
Departmental		188,826.71					188,826.71
Special assessments							0.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Other receivables							0.00
Deposits receivable							0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees							0.00
Tailings							0.00
Agency Funds					16,081.00		16,081.00
Notes payable			1,141,918.00				1,141,918.00
Bonds payable						4,617,071.00	4,617,071.00
Vacation and sick leave liability							0.00
Total Liabilities	2,112,595.86	221,746.33	1,161,516.00	257,778.00	16,081.00	4,617,071.00	8,386,788.19
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	131,991.31						484,483.92
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,017,609.13			352,492.61			1,112,109.89
Reserved for expenditures	1,610,713.40			94,500.76			1,739,963.40
Reserved for petty cash				129,250.00			0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit							0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit							0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit							(16,741.19)
Reserved for debt service							0.00
Reserved for premiums							0.00
Undesignated fund balance	3,355,810.31	2,186,408.95	(451,399.14)	1,587,066.36	13,393,728.41		20,071,614.89
Unreserved retained earnings	6,099,382.96	2,186,408.95	(451,399.14)	2,163,309.73	13,393,728.41	0.00	23,391,430.91
Total Fund Equity	8,211,978.82	2,408,155.28	710,116.86	2,421,087.73	13,409,809.41	4,617,071.00	31,778,219.10
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity							

Town of Blackstone
Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward
as of June 30, 2021

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance		\$ 2,771,564.79
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<u>Add:</u>		
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrance	\$	410,371.74
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures	\$	634,667.00
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	\$	1,085,565.14
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
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<u>Less:</u>		
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits		
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits		
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Prior Year Total Fund Balance	\$	4,902,168.67
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<u>Deduct:</u>		
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrance	\$	131,991.31
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures	\$	1,610,713.40
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	\$	1,017,609.13
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash		
Current Year Reserved for Snow & Ice Deficits	\$	(16,741.19)
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<u>Add:</u>		
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits		
Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits		
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<u>Add:</u>		
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	\$	26,353,040.25
Other Financing Sources		
Audit Adjustments	\$	143,449.37
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<u>Less:</u>		
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	\$	25,281,572.47
Other Financing Uses		
Audit Adjustments	\$	17,702.86
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Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	3,355,810.31
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Town of Blackstone
FY2021 Cherry Sheet (General Fund)
as of June 30, 2021

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
Receipts:				
School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 211,400.00	\$ 211,400.00	\$ -	0.00%
School Transportation	\$ -	\$ 6,808.00	\$ 6,808.00	100.00%
	<u>\$ 211,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 218,208.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,808.00</u>	<u>3.22%</u>
Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	\$ 1,453,444.00	\$ 1,453,444.00	\$ -	0.00%
Highway Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Police Carrer Incentive			\$ -	
Veterans Benefits	\$ 93,625.00	\$ 118,039.00	\$ 24,414.00	26.08%
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	\$ 45,393.00	\$ 13,052.00	\$ (32,341.00)	-71.25%
Exemptions: Elderly	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
State-Owned Land	\$ 26,184.00	\$ 27,057.00	\$ 873.00	3.33%
Additional State Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
	<u>\$ 1,618,646.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,611,592.00</u>	<u>\$ (7,054.00)</u>	<u>-0.44%</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,830,046.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,829,800.00</u>	<u>\$ (246.00)</u>	<u>-0.01%</u>
Charges:				
County Assessment, County Tax			\$ -	
Mosquito Control	\$ 33,818.00	\$ 33,818.00	\$ -	0.00%
Air Pollution Districts	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 2,494.00	\$ -	0.00%
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -	0.00%
	<u>\$ 46,712.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,712.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

FY 2021 Local Receipts (General Fund)

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
Local Receipts:				
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	\$ 1,064,250.00	\$ 1,356,802.00	\$ 292,552.00	27.49%
MEALS TAX	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 55,640.00	\$ 25,640.00	100.00%
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 141,705.00	\$ 66,705.00	88.94%
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,425.00	\$ 3,425.00	28.54%
FEES:	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 39,944.00	\$ 9,944.00	33.15%
LICENSES & PERMITS:	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 543,569.00	\$ 383,569.00	239.73%
FINES & FORFEITS:	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 9,333.00	\$ (9,667.00)	-50.88%
INVESTMENT INCOME:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,937.00	\$ 6,937.00	138.74%
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 138,262.00	\$ 15,262.00	12.41%
MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	\$ -	\$ 91,216.00	\$ 91,216.00	0.00%
	<u>\$ 1,518,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,403,833.00</u>	<u>\$ 885,583.00</u>	<u>58.33%</u>

Town of Blackstone
FY2021 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2021

DEPARTMENT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	APPROP. TRANSFERS	ENCUMBRANCES/ARTICLES	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENDED	ARTICLE EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CLOSED TO FUND BALANCE
MODERATOR	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00			\$ -
SELECTMEN	\$ 85,226.00	\$ (4,702.00)	\$ 250,312.00	\$ 330,836.00	\$ 75,471.86	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,356.90	\$ 245,007.24
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 219,096.00	\$ -		\$ 251,196.00	\$ 230,572.00		\$ 53.75	\$ 20,570.25
FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$ 10,100.00	\$ -		\$ 10,100.00	\$ 1,380.00			\$ 8,720.00
RESERVE FUND	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (30,000.00)		\$ 70,000.00				\$ 70,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -		\$ 3,100.00	\$ 574.00			\$ 2,526.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$ 125,308.00	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ 124,308.00	\$ 113,788.00			\$ 10,520.00
ASSESSORS	\$ 164,957.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 220,957.00	\$ 171,835.93			\$ 49,121.07
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	\$ 151,153.00	\$ (10,680.00)		\$ 140,473.00	\$ 123,619.00		\$ 244.00	\$ 16,610.00
TOWN COUNSEL	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 111,351.00			\$ 38,649.00
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 160,000.00	\$ 140,089.00		\$ 236.00	\$ 19,675.00
COPIER	\$ 27,687.00	\$ 13,580.00		\$ 41,267.00	\$ 41,019.00			\$ 248.00
BONDS & INSURANCE	\$ 260,621.00	\$ (35,000.00)		\$ 225,621.00	\$ 214,459.00			\$ 11,162.00
TOWN CLERK	\$ 138,052.00	\$ (1,450.00)		\$ 136,602.00	\$ 120,812.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 15,780.00
ELECTIONS	\$ 29,150.00	\$ 15,450.00		\$ 44,600.00	\$ 44,536.00			\$ 64.00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$ 6,800.00	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,185.00		\$ 1,115.00	\$ 500.00
CONSERVATION COMM	\$ 4,480.00	\$ -		\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,465.00			\$ 15.00
OPEN SPACE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,915.00	\$ 84,915.00				\$ 84,915.00
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 33,211.00	\$ -		\$ 33,211.00	\$ 20,038.00			\$ 12,507.34
ZONING BOARD	\$ 12,007.00	\$ -		\$ 12,007.00	\$ 5,360.00		\$ 665.66	\$ 6,647.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 120.00			\$ 2,380.00
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -		\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,649.00			\$ 1.00
GENERAL	\$ 154,500.00	\$ -		\$ 154,500.00	\$ 137,847.00			\$ 16,653.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	\$ 393,525.00	\$ -	\$ 6,530.00	\$ 400,055.00	\$ 348,705.00	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 5,392.27	\$ 43,047.73
TOWN REPORT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (45.00)		\$ 2,955.00	\$ 2,593.00			\$ 362.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,223,023.00	\$ 9,253.00	\$ 381,757.00	\$ 2,614,033.00	\$ 1,917,368.79	\$ 10,910.00	\$ 10,073.58	\$ 675,680.63
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,926,134.00	\$ -	\$ 9,254.00	\$ 1,935,388.00	\$ 1,823,548.26	\$ 4,206.00		\$ 107,633.74
POLICE DISPATCHERS	\$ 239,317.00	\$ -		\$ 238,529.00	\$ 238,529.00			\$ 788.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,060,341.00	\$ -	\$ 4,766.00	\$ 1,065,107.00	\$ 947,763.45	\$ 194.00	\$ 212.98	\$ 116,936.57
AMBULANCE	\$ 59,869.00	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ 54,869.00	\$ 47,100.00			\$ 7,769.00
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	\$ 74,593.00	\$ 4,702.00		\$ 79,295.00	\$ 73,444.00		\$ 54.00	\$ 5,797.00
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	\$ 18,134.00	\$ -		\$ 18,134.00	\$ 17,161.00			\$ 973.00
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00			\$ 1,750.00	\$ 250.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	\$ 17,651.00	\$ -		\$ 17,651.00	\$ 15,765.00			\$ 1,886.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 19,250.00	\$ -		\$ 19,250.00	\$ 11,954.00			\$ 7,296.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 31,893.00	\$ -		\$ 31,893.00	\$ 29,693.00			\$ 2,200.00
FORESTRY	\$ 25,250.00	\$ -		\$ 25,250.00	\$ 14,410.00			\$ 10,840.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 3,474,432.00	\$ (298.00)	\$ 14,020.00	\$ 3,488,154.00	\$ 3,219,367.71	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,016.98	\$ 262,369.31
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	\$ 9,845,306.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 9,920,306.00	\$ 9,845,306.00			\$ 75,000.00
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	\$ 934,889.00	\$ -		\$ 934,889.00	\$ 934,889.00			\$ -
VOCATIONAL TUITION	\$ 685,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 2,448.00	\$ 786,448.00	\$ 741,987.00	\$ 2,448.00		\$ 42,013.00
EDUCATION	\$ 11,465,195.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 77,448.00	\$ 11,641,643.00	\$ 11,522,182.00	\$ 2,448.00	\$ -	\$ 119,461.00
ENGINEERING	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,316.00			\$ 12,684.00
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 32,424.00	\$ -		\$ 32,424.00	\$ 32,419.00			\$ 5.00
HIGHWAY LABOR	\$ 308,781.00	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 315,781.00	\$ 303,103.00			\$ 12,678.00
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	\$ 46,989.00	\$ -	\$ 690,408.00	\$ 737,397.00	\$ 23,217.00	\$ 126,057.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 588,066.00
SNOW & ICE	\$ 110,674.00	\$ 29,053.00		\$ 139,727.00	\$ 156,468.00			\$ (16,741.00)
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 109,375.00	\$ -		\$ 109,375.00	\$ 101,323.00			\$ 8,052.00
MECHANICAL REPAIR	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -		\$ 85,000.00	\$ 73,238.00		\$ 42.00	\$ 11,720.00
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	\$ 330,000.00	\$ -		\$ 330,000.00	\$ 149,729.00			\$ 87,918.00
STREET CLEANING	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,321.00		\$ 92,353.00	\$ 179.00
WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 640,071.00	\$ -		\$ 640,071.00	\$ 632,417.00			\$ 7,654.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 1,681,814.00	\$ 36,053.00	\$ 690,408.00	\$ 2,408,275.00	\$ 1,477,551.00	\$ 126,057.00	\$ 92,452.00	\$ 712,215.00

Town of Blackstone
FY2021 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2021

DEPARTMENT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	APPROP. TRANSFERS	ENCUMBRANCES/ARTICLES	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENDED	ARTICLE EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CLOSED TO FUND BALANCE
RECYCLING	\$ 230,498.00		\$ 2,373.00	\$ 232,871.00	\$ 191,132.00			\$ 41,739.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 81,720.00			\$ 81,720.00	\$ 58,683.00			\$ 23,037.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 179,915.00			\$ 179,915.00	\$ 166,567.00			\$ 13,348.00
VETERANS	\$ 184,420.00			\$ 184,420.00	\$ 180,930.00			\$ 3,490.00
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 676,553.00	\$ -	\$ 2,373.00	\$ 678,926.00	\$ 597,312.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,614.00
LIBRARY	\$ 522,061.00		\$ 25,040.00	\$ 547,101.00	\$ 486,096.61	\$ 12,087.00	\$ 17,521.67	\$ 31,395.72
PARKS	\$ 133,232.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 134,232.00	\$ 113,908.00		\$ 9,460.00	\$ 10,864.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00			\$ -
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 10,100.00	\$ (7,000.00)		\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,191.00			\$ 909.00
CULTURAL COUNCIL								\$ -
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 667,393.00	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 25,040.00	\$ 686,433.00	\$ 604,195.61	\$ 12,087.00	\$ 26,981.67	\$ 43,168.72
PRINCIPAL	\$ 820,001.00			\$ 820,001.00	\$ 820,001.00			\$ -
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	\$ 204,360.00			\$ 204,360.00	\$ 204,352.00			\$ 8.00
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	\$ 8,619.00			\$ 8,619.00	\$ 8,618.00			\$ 1.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,032,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,032,980.00	\$ 1,032,971.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 45,271.00	\$ 45.00		\$ 45,316.00	\$ 45,316.00			\$ -
COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$ 928,294.00			\$ 928,294.00	\$ 928,294.00			\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPANSTN	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 9,138.00		\$ 467.00	\$ 30,395.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	\$ 866,652.00			\$ 866,652.00	\$ 634,935.00			\$ 231,717.00
LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,219.00			\$ 2,781.00
MATCHING MEDICARE	\$ 80,000.00			\$ 80,000.00	\$ 64,573.00			\$ 15,427.00
COMPENSATED BALANCES	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	\$ 7,500.00			\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,272.00			\$ 5,228.00
COURT JUDGMENT								\$ -
MISC EXPENSE								\$ -
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 1,991,717.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,981,762.00	\$ 1,685,747.00	\$ -	\$ 467.00	\$ 295,548.00
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	\$ 23,213,107.00	\$ 128,008.00	\$ 1,191,046.00	\$ 24,532,206.00	\$ 22,056,695.11	\$ 155,902.00	\$ 131,991.23	\$ 2,190,065.66
TRANS TO STABILIZATION				\$ -				\$ -
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE				\$ -				\$ -
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE				\$ -				\$ -
TRANS TO OPEB TRUST	\$ 228,600.00			\$ 228,600.00	\$ 228,600.00			\$ -
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	\$ 2,430,000.00			\$ 2,430,000.00	\$ 2,430,000.00			\$ -
	\$ 2,658,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,658,600.00	\$ 2,658,600.00			\$ -
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT				\$ -				\$ -
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY				\$ -				\$ -
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS				\$ -				\$ -
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION				\$ -				\$ -
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL				\$ -				\$ -
GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS	\$ 25,871,707.00	\$ 128,008.00	\$ 1,191,046.00	\$ 27,190,806.00	\$ 24,715,295.11	\$ 155,902.00	\$ 131,991.23	\$ 2,190,065.66

Town of Blackstone
Combining Balance Sheet- Special Revenue Funds
as of June 30, 2021

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ -	\$ 756,586.36	\$ 1,462,742.21	\$ 2,219,328.57
Accounts receivable	\$ -		\$ 188,826.71	\$ 188,826.71
Due from Commonwealth	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Due from Federal Government			\$ -	\$ -
Due from other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 756,586.36	\$ 1,651,568.92	\$ 2,408,155.28

Liabilities & Fund Bal.				
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	22,752.62	10,167.00	32,919.62
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	188,826.71	188,826.71
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-		-
Fund balance - reserved		-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	-	733,833.74	1,452,575.21	2,186,408.95
	-	756,586.36	1,651,568.92	2,408,155.28

Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
as of June 30,2021

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Federal & State Grants	447,504.68	812,432.32	702,209.02	1,962,146.02
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	447,504.68	812,432.32	702,209.02	1,962,146.02
Expenditures				
General Government	-	76,681.59	184,765.19	261,446.78
Public Safety	-	12,692.80	28,579.19	41,271.99
Education	-	-	57,938.36	57,938.36
Public works	447,504.68	-	3,594.00	451,098.68
Human services	-	42,492.13	8,622.29	51,114.42
Culture & recreation	-	5,500.00	7,612.23	13,112.23
Insurance & other	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
	447,504.68	137,366.52	291,111.26	875,982.46
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	675,065.80	411,097.76	1,086,163.56
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	(71,264.92)	(376,145.00)	(447,409.92)
	-	(71,264.92)	(376,145.00)	(447,409.92)
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	603,800.88	34,952.76	638,753.64
Fund Balance, 6/30/20	-	130,032.86	1,417,622.45	1,547,655.31
Fund Balance, 6/30/21	-	733,833.74	1,452,575.21	2,186,408.95

**Town of Blackstone
Special Revenue Funds
as of June 30,2021**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2020	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2021
Fund 13 Highway Fund						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	0.00	447,504.68	447,504.68	0.00	0.00
Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund						
Federal Grants:						
021-100-122-35000	ARPA Funding	0.00	486,080.77			486,080.77
021-200-210-35000	OCDETF National Heroin Initiative	0.00	1,580.00	1,580.00	0.00	0.00
021-500-510-35000	FEMA- Covid-19	0.00	34,232.46	1,475.88	-32,756.58	0.00
Total Federal Grants:		0.00	521,893.23	3,055.88	-32,756.58	486,080.77
State Grants:						
020-100-121-35000	CARES Act- Covid-19	0.00	169,562.00	53,008.00	-33,420.00	83,134.00
020-100-161-35000	CTCL Election Covid Grant	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	0.00	3,546.50	3,546.50	0.00	0.00
020-100-163-35000	Early Voting Grant	0.00	2,082.61	0.00	-2,082.61	0.00
020-100-182-35000	Mass Housing	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	3,080.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,080.61
020-100-193-35000	Green Communities Grant	0.00	9,585.00	0.00	0.00	9,585.00
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	10,819.26	2,874.04	516.00	0.00	13,177.30
020-200-213-35000	Underage Drinking Grant	1,128.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,128.72
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests	0.00	1,827.73	1,221.00	-606.73	0.00
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	24,669.54	34,197.96	6,650.00	0.00	52,217.50
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	47.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.32
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	11,254.30	7,172.00	4,305.80	0.00	14,120.50
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	0.00	2,399.00	0.00	-2,399.00	0.00
020-200-233-35000	Washer Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-400-453-46000	Bridge Construction Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-500-439-35000	Recycling Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-500-511-35000	COVID-19 Grant	7,036.46	5,034.75	12,071.21	0.00	0.00
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	56.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.76
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant	4,777.68	18,096.00	21,461.90	0.00	1,411.78
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	39,902.49	16,736.85	8,321.37	0.00	48,317.97
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	124.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.74
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	678.29	421.00	822.30	0.00	276.99
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	3,223.87	12,000.00	11,886.56	0.00	3,337.31
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	590.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.20
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	367.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.05
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	7,275.57	3.65	5,500.00	0.00	1,779.22
Total State Grants:		130,032.86	290,539.09	134,310.64	-38,508.34	247,752.97
Total Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund		130,032.86	812,432.32	137,366.52	-71,264.92	733,833.74
Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue						
Receipts Reserved:						
029-000-299-35600	TNC Surcharge	771.10	212.70	0.00	0.00	983.80
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,548.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,548.52
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	17,638.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,638.12
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	74,905.00	12,961.93	68,036.93	0.00	19,830.00
029-100-123-35600	EODD Recaptured Funds	208,752.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	208,752.97
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,148.05
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,500.00
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	63,263.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,263.76
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise	133,299.95	117,716.98	107,972.36	0.00	143,044.57
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	823.07	6,398.19	1,116.51	0.00	6,104.75
029-100-172-35600	Milk St Review Fees	2,885.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,885.00
029-100-173-35600	0 Main St Review Fees	0.00	6,300.00	3,465.00	0.00	2,835.00
029-100-174-35600	307 Blackstone Review Fees	2,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00
029-100-175-35603	Meadow Harris Review Fees	265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.00
029-100-175-35602	Canal St Review Fees	425.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	918.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	918.00
029-100-176-35600	Sycamore Estate Review Fees	5,011.25	0.00	4,174.39	0.00	836.86
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	351.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	351.98
029-100-178-35600	142 Blackstone Review Fees	1,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,850.00
029-100-179-35600	315 Blackstone Review Fees	2,019.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,019.44
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,020.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.97
029-100-182-35600	Clean Trust Gift	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	10,537.13	2,525.00	0.00	0.00	13,062.13
029-200-220-35000	Fire Dept Gift	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	696,273.26	372,711.73	0.00	-375,000.00	693,984.99
029-200-292-35600	Animal Control Donations	40,802.13	19,861.00	28,579.19	0.00	32,083.94
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	188.08
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.23
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	36,962.56	20,975.80	57,938.36	0.00	0.00
029-200-440-35600	Sewer Onyx Peer Review	173.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	173.75
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	334.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.55
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center Gift	791.31	2,983.00	3,594.00	0.00	180.31
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	1,145.12	538.50	0.00	-1,145.00	538.62
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	1,548.17	1,544.19	1,586.17	0.00	1,506.19
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	11,375.64	1,171.00	110.28	0.00	12,436.36
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	18,781.39	6,563.44	6,925.84	0.00	18,418.99
029-500-545-35600	COA & BOH Health Fair Gift	2,895.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,895.69
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	20,534.79	28,020.56	7,515.39	0.00	41,039.96
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission Gift	8,750.61	725.00	96.84	0.00	9,378.77
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	6,393.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,393.61
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	601.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	601.61
029-600-695-35600	Veterans Memorial Donations	477.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	477.64
Total Fund 29 Other Special Revenue Funds		1,417,622.45	702,209.02	291,111.26	-376,145.00	1,452,575.21
Total All Special Revenue Funds		1,547,655.31	1,962,146.02	875,982.46	-447,409.92	2,186,408.95

Town of Blackstone
Combining Balance Sheet- Capital Projects Fund
as of June 30, 2021

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Library Repairs ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Police Cells ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Fire Station 2&3 ATM 5/19 Fund 33	TownHall Roof Fund 30	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Water Filtration Plant Fund 37	Stormwater Retro Fund 38	Well #9 Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Assets												
Cash and investments	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 9,518.00	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 44,601.89	\$ 90.31	\$ 217,805.02	\$ 710,116.86
Accounts receivable												
Due from Commonwealth												
Due from Federal Government												
Due from other funds												
Liabilities & Fund Bal.												
Warrants/Accounts payable				\$ 19,598.00								\$ 19,598.00
Due to other funds												
Deferred revenue												
Notes payable				\$ 85,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 461,418.00		\$ 405,500.00			\$ 1,141,918.00
Fund balance - designated												
Fund balance - reserved	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (19,598.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ (360,898.11)	\$ 90.31	\$ 217,805.02	\$ (451,399.14)
Unreserved fund balance	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 9,518.00	\$ 17,993.07	\$ 44,601.89	\$ 90.31	\$ 217,805.02	\$ 710,116.86

Capital Projects Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
as of June 30, 2021

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Library Repairs ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Police Cells ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Fire Station 2&3 ATM 5/19 Fund 33	TownHall Roof Fund 30	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Water Filtration Plant Fund 37	Stormwater Retro Fund 38	Well #9 Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Intergovernmental												
Charges for Services												
Other												
Expenditures												
Personal Services												
Purchase of Services				\$ 19,598.00					\$ 360,898.11		\$ 98,979.00	\$ 479,475.11
Supplies											\$ 107.50	107.50
Other Charges & Expenditures												
Capital Outlay												
Prior Year Encumbrances												
Debt Service												
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures				\$ (19,598.00)					\$ 360,898.11		\$ (99,086.50)	\$ (479,582.61)
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	\$ 316,891.52	\$ 28,183.47
Fund Balance, 6/30/20	\$ 1,692.65	\$ 129,275.90	\$ 14,140.02	\$ (19,598.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (451,900.00)	\$ 17,993.07	\$ (360,898.11)	\$ 90.31	\$ 217,805.02	\$ (451,399.14)
Fund Balance, 6/30/21												

Town of Blackstone
Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds
as of June 30, 2021

	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	996,112.19	1,270,060.82	2,266,173.01
Investments			0.00
Receivables:			
User Fees	77,315.61	63,463.56	140,779.17
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	7,429.53	6,706.02	14,135.55
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Prepays			0.00
Inventory			0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			0.00
Total Assets	1,080,857.33	1,340,230.40	2,421,087.73
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	12,345.98	90,517.75	102,863.73
Warrants payable			0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings			0.00
Other liabilities			0.00
Deferred revenue:			
User Charges	77,315.61	63,463.56	140,779.17
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	7,429.08	6,706.02	14,135.10
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability			0.00
Total Liabilities	97,090.67	160,687.33	257,778.00
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	347,432.48	5,060.13	352,492.61
Reserved for expenditures	110,000.00	19,250.00	129,250.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	62,509.63	31,991.13	94,500.76
Reserved for petty cash			0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit			0.00
Reserved for debt service			0.00
Unreserved retained earnings	463,824.55	1,123,241.81	1,587,066.36
Investment in capital assets			0.00
Total Fund Equity	983,766.66	1,179,543.07	2,163,309.73
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,080,857.33	1,340,230.40	2,421,087.73

Town of Blackstone
FY 2021 Enterprise Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2021

DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$ 173,512.00			\$ 173,512.00	\$ 151,877.93		\$ 21,634.07
SEWER MAINTENANCE	\$ 240,383.00			\$ 240,383.00	\$ 160,110.64	\$ 57.48	\$ 80,214.88
SEWER WOONSOCKET MAINT	\$ 571,932.00			\$ 571,932.00	\$ 222,804.69	\$ 347,375.00	\$ 1,752.31
SEWER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	\$ 36,591.00			\$ 36,591.00	\$ 36,591.00		\$ -
	\$ 1,022,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,022,418.00	\$ 571,384.26	\$ 347,432.48	\$ 103,601.26
SEWER ARTICLES							
98217 STM 5/19 #3 MONITOR	\$ 12,000.00			\$ 12,000.00			\$ 12,000.00
98218 ATM 5/19 #21 I & I	\$ 124,164.25			\$ 124,164.25	\$ 73,654.62		\$ 50,509.63
Total Sewer Articles	\$ 136,164.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,164.25	\$ 73,654.62	\$ -	\$ 62,509.63
TOTAL SEWER	\$ 1,158,582.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,158,582.25	\$ 645,038.88	\$ 347,432.48	\$ 166,110.89
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00
RESERVE FUND-WATER	\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00
RESERVE FUND	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
WATER LABOR	\$ 181,690.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 186,690.00	\$ 181,409.36		\$ 5,280.64
WATER ADMINISTRATION	\$ 82,369.00			\$ 82,369.00	\$ 71,100.10		\$ 11,268.90
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	\$ 546,634.00	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ 541,634.00	\$ 433,946.60	\$ 5,060.13	\$ 102,627.27
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00		\$ -
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	\$ 9,600.00			\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00		\$ -
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST				\$ -			\$ -
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,785.18		\$ 214.82
WATER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	\$ 52,105.00			\$ 52,105.00	\$ 52,105.00		\$ -
	\$ 1,024,398.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,024,398.00	\$ 899,946.24	\$ 5,060.13	\$ 119,391.63
WATER ARTICLES							
90801 ATM 5/18 #23 GENERATOR	\$ 67,765.13			\$ 67,765.13	\$ 39,474.00		\$ 28,291.13
98003 ATM 5/17 ART 18 WATER FILT	\$ 3,700.00			\$ 3,700.00			\$ 3,700.00
Total Water Articles	\$ 71,465.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,465.13	\$ 39,474.00	\$ -	\$ 31,991.13
TOTAL WATER	\$ 1,095,863.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,095,863.13	\$ 939,420.24	\$ 5,060.13	\$ 151,382.76
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$ 2,454,445.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,454,445.38	\$ 1,584,459.12	\$ 352,492.61	\$ 517,493.65

**Town of Blackstone
Trust & Agency Funds
as of June 30, 2021**

Trust Funds

	Fund Balance July 1, 2019	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2020
Expendable Trusts:						
#70 - OPEB Trust Fund	\$ 1,487,896.72		\$ 505,039.66	\$ 9,798.43	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 2,233,137.95
Total Fund #70:	\$ 1,209,651.69	\$ -	\$ 505,039.66	\$ 9,798.43	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 2,233,137.95
#84 - Stabilization Fund	\$ 3,211,924.64		\$ 54,020.61			\$ 3,265,945.25
#84 - Law Enforcement	\$ 17,392.76			\$ 600.00		\$ 16,792.76
Total Fund #84:	\$ 3,156,938.81	\$ -	\$ 54,020.61	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 3,282,738.01
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	\$ 5,190,737.64		\$ 94,222.69		\$ 1,060,279.00	\$ 6,345,239.33
Total Fund #85:	\$ 4,515,503.53	\$ -	\$ 94,222.69	\$ -	\$ 1,060,279.00	\$ 6,345,239.33
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	\$ 8,882,094.03	\$ -	\$ 653,282.96	\$ 10,398.43	\$ 1,310,279.00	\$ 11,861,115.29

Agency Funds

	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Deductions	Transfer	Balance June 30, 2021
89122 ANP Escrow	\$ 797,082.55	\$ 959.42			\$ 798,041.97
89123 83 Federal St Decomm	\$ -	\$ 151,139.07			\$ 151,139.07
89124 142 Blackstone Decomm	\$ -	\$ 174,644.78			\$ 174,644.78
89125 307 Blackstone Decomm	\$ -	\$ 212,515.37			\$ 212,515.37
89145 Deputy Fees	\$ -	\$ 25,255.50	\$ 25,383.50		\$ (128.00)
89175 Performance Bonds	\$ 56,345.68	\$ 26.27			\$ 56,371.95
89177 142 Blackstone Performance Guar	\$ -	\$ 50,016.44			\$ 50,016.44
89210 Police Outside Detail	\$ (44,981.20)	\$ 150,049.02	\$ 113,209.02		\$ (8,141.20)
89211 Police FID	\$ 3,293.75	\$ 22,762.50	\$ 21,475.00		\$ 4,581.25
89241 Guarantee Gravel Bonds	\$ 2,535.29				\$ 2,535.29
89442 ANP Sewer Charges	\$ -	\$ 194,813.34	\$ 155,027.53		\$ 39,785.81
89439 May Street Road Bond	\$ 300.07	\$ 0.12			\$ 300.19
89440 Onyx Road Bond	\$ 25,400.60	\$ 15.98	\$ 25,416.58		\$ -
89422 76 Elm Street Road Bond	\$ 506.50	\$ 0.72			\$ 507.22
89443 Canal Street Road Bond	\$ 1,138.46	\$ 1.74			\$ 1,140.20
89444 Federal Hill Road Bond	\$ 213.59	\$ 42.86			\$ 256.45
89445 Farm Street Road Bond	\$ 5,538.16	\$ 6.94	\$ 5,545.10		\$ -
89447 Sycamore Estates	\$ 5,822.59	\$ 8.73			\$ 5,831.32
89448 Austin St Road Bond	\$ 1,887.51	\$ 2.82			\$ 1,890.33
89449 Mill River Road Bond	\$ 502.57	\$ 0.72			\$ 503.29
89450 T & S Surety Sycamore	\$ 24,161.63	\$ 13.14	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 11,174.77
89451 Blackstone St Near #301	\$ 1,755.48	\$ 0.84			\$ 1,756.32
89452 Champlain Ave Road Bond	\$ 1,500.77	\$ 0.30	\$ 1,125.00		\$ 376.07
89453 83 Federal St Road Bond	\$ -	\$ 10,006.99			\$ 10,006.99
89454 142 Blackstone St Road Bond	\$ -	\$ 2,500.74			\$ 2,500.74
89455 307 Blackstone Road Bond	\$ -	\$ 10,005.81			\$ 10,005.81
89456 Summer St Road Bond	\$ -	\$ 5,000.69			\$ 5,000.69
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$ 883,004.00	\$ 1,004,790.16	\$ 360,181.73		\$ 1,532,613.12

Total Trust & Agency Funds \$ 13,393,728.41