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## THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles  
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845  
COUNTY: Worcester  
POPULATION: 9283  
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 2022 TAX RATE: \$17.90. 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  
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Blackstone-Millville Regional School District-  
Blackstone Representative  
Blackstone-Millville Regional School District-  
Millville Representative  
Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District  
School  
Collector/Treasurer  
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  
Board of Selectmen  
Town Clerk

Franscena B. Schandelmayer-Davis  
Jeremiah Carey  
Jacquelyn Robinson  
  
Tammy Lemieux  
  
Daniel Keefe  
  
Keri Lynn Gaudette  
  
Charles Dunton  
  
Tara Larkin  
  
Erin Vinacco  
  
Edward Novio  
  
Erin Zimmerman  
  
Joeseph Broderick  
Matthew Ryan  
Joshua Benjamin  
James Cunningham  
Thomas Dunayeski, II  
Cheryl Marino-Page  
Kevin Ryan  
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  
Joseph Emidy  
Ryan Chamberland  
Robert Kluchevitz  
Tanya Polak  
Mary Bulso  
Brian Scanlan  
Tara Sullivan

**Appointed**

Animal Control Officer	Gregory Gilmore
Assistant Animal Control Officer	Kevin Sullivan
Assistant Assessor	Patricia Salamone
Administrative Assistant- Assessors	Miriah Gilbert
Assistant Town Clerk	Alison Vaillancourt
Assistant Inspector of Buildings	Timothy Aicardi
Burial Agent	Tara Sullivan
Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Agent	Colleen Strapponi
Custodian of Tax Possession Property	Matthew Ryan
Special Officer Deputy of Taxes	James Brodeur
Assistant Collector	Christina Lussier
Assistant Treasurer	Erin Pelletier
Delegate to CMRPC	Joseph Belrose
Delegate to CMRPC	Mary Bulso
Emergency Management Communications Coordinator	Kevin Roy
Emergency Management Director	William Kessler
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	William Kessler
Health Agent	Colleen Strapponi
Health Inspector	William Fisher
Librarian	Lisa Cheever
Municipal Coordinator.Right to Know Legislation	William Kessler
Parking Clerk	Gregory Gilmore
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	James Paige
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Kurtis Paterson
Police Chief	Gregory Gilmore
Police Lieutenant	Shawn Brodeur
Police Sergeant	Matthew Manton
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	Christopher Johnson
Police Patrolman	Jonathan Savoie
Police Patrolman	Harry Cervantes
Superintendent of Public Works	James Sullivan
Town Accountant	Lauren Taylor
Assistant Town Accountant	Kelsey Lemoine
Town Administrator	Dori Vecchio
Town Counsel	Christopher Brown, esq.

Tree Warden/Moth Superintendent	Kenneth Marcotte
Director of Veterans Services	Dennis Pimenta
Wiring Inspector	Craig Casavant
Assistant Wiring Inspector	David Dionne

**Appointed Board/Committee/Commission**

Capital Outlay Committee	Matthew Ryan, Sr.
Capital Outlay Committee	Brian Scanlan
Capital Outlay Committee	Robert Kluchevitz
Capital Outlay Committee	Joseph Emidy
Capital Outlay Committee	Robert Ring
Conservation Commission	James Pitler
Conservation Commission	John Christina
Conservation Commission	Bill Capen
Conservation Commission	Ryan Casey
Conservation Commission	Allan Baillie
Council on Aging	James Dilibero
Council on Aging	Julie Wingate
Council on Aging	J. Edward Collette
Council on Aging	Jill Anderson
Council on Aging	Gail Stokes
Cultural Council	Linda McGilvray
Cultural Council	Judith Gittleson
Cultural Council	Joyce St. Jean
Cultural Council	Luisa DaCosta
Cultural Council	Carolyn Sullivan
Economic Development Committee	Kevin Cuttilo
Economic Development Committee	Bernard Hannon
Economic Development Committee	Ryan Chamberland
Finance Committee	Ross Nicol
Finance Committee	Kathryn Sweeney
Finance Committee	Braid Weissman
Finance Committee	Ryan Barry
Finance Committee	Zachary Zielinski
Finance Committee	Mary Noble
Finance Committee	James Watson
Finance Committee	Jeffrey Silverstein
Finance Committee	Kasey Bik
Historical Commission	Helen Murray
Historical Commission	Richard Guilbeault
Historical Commission	Julie Wingate
Historical Commission	Susan Tenerowicz
Historical Commission	Carolyn Sullivan
Historical Commission	Michael Buckley
Historical Commission	Elizabeth Bellairs-Roy
Historical Commission	Robert Slack
Blackstone Housing Authority	Lori Poirier

Blackstone Housing Authority  
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Board of Library Trustees  
Memorial Day Parade Committee  
Board of Registrars  
Board of Registrars  
Board of Registrars  
Water and Sewer Commission  
Water and Sewer Commission  
Water and Sewer Commission  
Water and Sewer Commission  
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Jacquelyn Robinson  
Edward Pelleetier  
Diane Robin  
Mary Lou Branchaud  
Kate Ellen Renaud  
Jean Alexandrowicz  
Patricia Guzinski  
Kelly Gillis  
Maryann Dobeck  
Robert Gilbert  
Donald Cox  
Catherine Norcross-Melson  
Thomas Dunayeski, II  
Stephanie Mourkakos-Wilkinson  
Daniel Doyle  
Marc J. W. Greenwald  
Tara Sullivan  
Robert Bruce Paterson  
Rob Paterson  
Thomas Devlin  
Andrew Plante  
Jacob Standley

## 2022 Resignations

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date of Resignation</b>
Elizabeth McGeough	Historical Commission	1/24/2022
Anthony Catalano	Planning Board	2/4/2022
	Economic Development Committee	
Sarah Williams	BMRSD School Committee	2/11/2022
Linda McGilvray	Council on Aging	3/10/2022
William Walsh	Finance Committee	3/21/2022
Brian Scanlan	Finance Committee	4/5/2022
Marc Gregoire	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/15/2022
Joseph Belrose	Zoning Board of Appeals	7/20/2022
Jeannine Castonguay	Zoning Board of Appeals	7/20/2022
Julie Wingate	Conservation Commission	7/21/2022
James Pitler	Zoning Board of Appeals	8/18/2022
Matthew Bourgeois	Parks & Recreation Commission	10/14/2022

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of Blackstone:

April 2022 to April 2023 was the year of Streamlined and Realigned Priorities within our town government focused on better serving you! The Board of Selectmen (BOS) welcomed reelected member Tanya Polak and new member Brian Scanlan to their 3-year terms on the Board. The Board voted on new rules and procedures to conduct the board meetings and revamped the Board and Commissions appointment process. The Board of Selectmen authorized the execution of an Operational Assessment of the Town which uncovered hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal contracts the Town entered into over the past 6 years. We terminated and renegotiated every one of these illegal contracts.

The Town Administrator implemented new hiring procedures and processes to ensure we are hiring people based on their qualifications and experience. They put new policies in place to make sure we reined in the unchecked and unnecessary spending by having departments do purchase orders before purchasing.

We also posted all Town contracts online; started to add performance metrics to all Town employee contracts as they expired and cut out over-the-top benefits; and completed the long-overdue construction of the police station sally port and entrance which is now ADA compliance and accessible to those visiting the police department.

At our Annual Town Meeting the residents supported \$25,000 for implementation of an online permitting and licensing program that will complement the \$96,720 dollar grant awarded to the town. They also supported the purchase of a new transportation vehicle and new equipment for the senior center which is seeing a surge in attendance, and they have maxed out their space. The residents supported a \$241,000 warrant article to upgrade the technology and servers in town hall to help keep your personal and important information safe. The town's financial operation continues to be strong with the Standard and Poor's rating of AA+ credit assigned to the town's general obligation fund.

With the Retirement of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney, the Board hired new Fire Chief Bill Kessler by partnering with the Town of Mendon on a shared services agreement, which saved our Town money and enhanced our department's capacity and capabilities. After years of discussion, Town Administrator Vecchio successfully negotiated removing the Deputy Fire Chief position out of the union and the Board hired Deputy Chief Kevin Roy.

At the request of the Town Administrator and new Fire Chief, the Board of Selectmen authorized the assessment of the Fire Department to ensure topnotch training, processes, and equipment were in place to keep both employees and our community safe. The Board put every item identified as a deficiency on the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting warrant and we hope the townspeople will agree and vote to fund these warrant articles.

The Town received a violation from DEP that necessitated a need for corrective measures on deficiencies within the recycling department. We have taken action on addressing the issues

identified by DEP. The Board welcomed and appointed Vincenzo Tirone as the Building Commissioner who comes with an impressive resume of credentials and experience.

The Town was awarded the Community Compact Grant – Capital Planning for \$25,000 to begin process of a 5-year capital plan. The Town was also awarded the Complete Streets Grant of \$400,000 and started the process of fixing and revitalizing Canal Street. We also worked with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Blackstone Corridor to facilitate a necessary easement to complete the \$11 million dollar viaduct and bike path funded by the Commonwealth.

The town applied for and received over \$1.5 million in grants that saved the Town money and helped move us forward. The Board voted to use APRA funds for every eligible item to fund the Water Filtration project and voted to use Capital money to fund the loan for construction. Construction is continuing with likely date of completion in November 2023.

The Board would like to thank Dori Vecchio and Michael Sweeney for their public service to the Town of Blackstone! We would also like to thank all the residents, Town employees and businesses who make up our great town and we are all honored to serve you on the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you,

Ryan Chamberland, Chairman  
Bob Kluchevitz, Vice Chairman  
Tanya Polak, Clerk  
Mary Bulso, Member  
Brian Scanlan, Member

## Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of the Town of Blackstone:

I am honored to have worked for the Town of Blackstone for the last 18 months. During that time, I have met so many wonderful Blackstone residents that are dedicated to and love their town. Thank you for trusting me with your town.

2022 was particularly busy for me, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town of Blackstone.

At the beginning of 2022, I hired a new Senior Center Director who had over 20 years of experience working with senior citizens. Throughout the year, she increased programming, transportation, outreach and participation well beyond what I had thought possible. She has proven to be a tremendous asset to the Town of Blackstone, and we are very lucky to have her.

The new electronic voting system was used for the very first time at the Annual Town meeting in May of 2022. It proved to be a huge success and eliminated intimidation and protected the privacy of all residents at the meeting.

The long time Fire Chief retired in July of 2022 therefore, I had the opportunity to enter into a "Shared Chief" agreement with the Town of Mendon that provided the town with a seasoned Fire Chief that was able to come in without missing a step and move the Blackstone Fire Department forward. This agreement saved taxpayer money by sharing the salary of the Fire Chief but still getting the necessary expertise to address any issues that arose in the department. I contracted with Municipal Resources Inc. who conducted a risk assessment of the Fire Department which is to be used by the Fire Chief as a guideline to ensure the safety of our Firefighters and the residents of Blackstone. With the help of the Town of Blackstone Firefighter Union local 4139, I was able to remove the Deputy Fire Chief from the union and I filled that position with a seasoned Firefighter/EMT that is also a Town of Blackstone resident. Our Deputy Fire Chief is Kevin Roy and I am confident he will have a long, prosperous career with the Town of Blackstone Fire Department.

I hired a new Facilities Supervisor that manages and cleans the town hall, DPW and two fire stations. The change from a cleaning company to a facilities supervisor has provided the town with an employee that can plow snow at the town hall and the library, clean municipal buildings, order supplies and services and manage all the intricacies of each building to include the HVAC system, the elevators, electrical and plumbing systems.

The videographer contract expired midyear in 2022, therefore, I went out to bid and hired a new company to manage taping of public meetings, establish a working relationships with the District School System videographers, and is committed to add programming and closed caption tv at the request of our residents.

The Board of Selectmen had requested an audit of processes in multiple town departments at the end of 2021 which came to fruition mid-year 2022 with an audit report. That report was used to establish policies and procedures around purchasing and Chapter 30B, employee reimbursements and purchases, and cash handling policies.

I applied for and received an IT Community Compact grant in the amount of approximately \$98,000 for the purchase of OpenGov, an online permitting and licensing software program. This will automate all permits and licenses that are currently manual. The software will share information on all town properties and will save time and money to have all pertinent building, zoning, planning and licensing information by property address. The installation should be complete by June 30, 2023.

I applied for and received another year of cyber security training for all town employees. Cyber security training is imperative to ensure the safety of town residents' information and will assist to ward off mistakes made by employees by "clicking" on an email that is looking to invade the town's computer system. This grant is another year-long grant provided by the State of Massachusetts and has proven to stay up to date with the rapidly changing cyber world we live in.

As a directive by the Board of Selectmen, I have been managing several human resource issues. These issues take a lot of time. I have been working with employees and their unions to resolve these issues.

The five-year capital plan was completed and can now be used as a resource when budgeting for years to come.

The roadway infrastructure project is complete and employees at the DPW have been trained to manage the software that provides details of all the Town of Blackstone streets. This will serve as a baseline for all town streets and will be used to determine which streets will be due for maintenance.

The Sallyport/Police Dept. entrance project was 98% completed in 2022 and fully completed in January of 2023. The police department is now ADA compliant, has a large waiting area that is safe for residents and a sallyport area that is safe for our police officers. This project was a long time coming as the stairs to the police department were almost completely destroyed. This was funded through warrant articles from prior town meetings and was a necessity. The police department front entrance looks professional and is now ADA compliant. This entrance will serve the town for many years to come.

In May of 2022, the Town voted to approve a line item for upgrades to the town's computer system to include town hall, police, fire and the department of public works. Due to backordered items, about 40% of the work was completed by December 2022 with the remaining work to be completed prior to June 2023. This work was necessary to upgrade old, discontinued computers and systems. The new systems will ensure the safety of personal resident information and was absolutely necessary.

Last year, I started this report with the following statement:

*"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".*

I am very sorry to say that this is my last annual report for the Town of Blackstone. I had no intention of leaving before my second contract, never mind my first. That being said, I am confident that I am leaving the town better off than when I started.

I would like to thank all the town employees that are dedicated and committed to the town and work extremely hard in a difficult political environment. You know who you are, thank you so much. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

To my Board of Selectmen, who have always been respectful and professional even when we didn't agree, thank you for trusting me with managing the day-to-day operations in the Town of Blackstone, I truly enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Despite the extremely political environment and political division in town, I am proud that the very difficult decisions you made were in the best interest of the taxpayers in the Town of Blackstone. Please keep up the great work!

To the many residents who called or stopped by to see me before I left, thank you! You are what really matters in the Town of Blackstone. You are wonderful and should never be afraid to speak your truth and never be threatened when you do. I wish I could have helped you more.

Thank you for a great 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Dori A. Vecchio  
Town Administrator

## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

After departing Petrini & Associates, P.C. after 12 years to join Miyares and Harrington LLP in May 2022, the Board of Selectmen reappointed me to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone on July 1, 2022. In calendar year 2022, Petrini & Associates, P.C. and then Miyares and Harrington LLP appeared on behalf of the Town in the matters described below. We also continued to provide legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and various other Town officers, boards, commissions, and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, contracts and procurement, real estate transactions, zoning/building code enforcement, Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, conflict of interest issues, personnel administration, labor and employment issues, zoning variance/special permit proceedings, and other general legal issues. I also attended the 2022 Annual Town Meeting on May 30, 2022 to provide legal advice to the Town officers and the voters at the meeting. Miyares and Harrington LLP also provided regular updates to the Town of legal developments and changes to state or federal law affecting the Town through client alerts and our monthly newsletter.

A summary of the litigation matters in which Town Counsel was engaged on the Town's behalf in calendar year 2022 and through the date of this report is set forth below.

### **Michael & Georgiann Bergamini v. Blackstone Conservation Commission, Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 2185CV01247**

This action was 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. The Court after a hearing allowed the Town's motion to dismiss this matter in August 2022. This matter is now closed.

### **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." The Town and the property owner entered into an Agreement for Judgment in April 2022 to secure compliance with the Board's regulation and tie-in to the public sewer system. A hearing for compliance is scheduled for May 2023.

### **Eric Conrardy et al v. Town of Blackstone, Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 2285CV00242**

This action concerns a March 2, 2022 suit for declaratory judgment regarding the denial of building permits for three lots located on Federal Street. The matter has been stayed while the plaintiffs pursue relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The next status conference with the Court is scheduled for February 2023.

**Patricia Marvelle v. Town of Blackstone, Uxbridge District Court, Docket No. 2265SC000209**

This matter concerned a May 24, 2022 claim for unpaid wages by a former Town employee filed in small claims court. After a trial on August 10, 2022, the Court entered judgment in favor of the Town on August 29, 2022. This matter is now closed.

**Celia Pereira v. Blackstone Board of Health, Suffolk Superior Court C.A. No. 2184CV02369**

This action is an appeal by a homeowner seeking to overturn the decision of the Board of Health denying her a variance to construct a five (5) bedroom sized septic system upon her property located 131 Lakeshore Drive. This action was filed on October 18, 2021. The parties filed and argued cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings at a hearing in September 2022. The Court denied the motions without prejudice in January 2023, and remanded the matter for the Board to provide the Court a statement of the reasons for the denial of the variance by March 10, 2023. After the statement is provided, it is anticipated that the Court will further consider and act on the parties' cross-motions.

On behalf of the attorneys at staff at Miyares and Harrington LLP, we thank the Board of Selectmen for the honor and privilege of serving as your Town Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher L. Brown, Esq.  
***Miyares and Harrington, LLP***  
Town Counsel  
January 30, 2023

### **Introduction:**

JFK/AFM Elementary Complex provides instruction for our learners from grades 3 to 5 within Blackstone Millville Regional School District. Our mission is to challenge students in a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment by building a strong academic foundation and social-emotional skills. We prepare our students to be educated and productive members of society through our curriculum and instruction. Our School Improvement Plan focuses on the four pillars: The What, The How, The Whole Child, and The Community. Our educators are expected to engage students by making learning purposeful and relevant, enhancing their academic self-concept; allow for students to show their learning in innovative and new ways, all while improving student personal growth. In addition to academic instruction, we want to ensure our leadership team engages the faculty and community in reducing/eliminating the non-academic barriers that prevent students from learning at their optimal level.

Our District Blueprint guides our work on creating a system that works for all students. When we focus on the what, the how, the whole child, and the community, then we will develop students of character who can communicate, collaborate, and think critically and are responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and competitive world. Our ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) has done three things to set the stage for improving the school. First, we re-set our Instructional Focus Statement in 2019-2020 school year to “Students will use evidence-based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas” and our school slogan as, “We Are Today’s Eager Readers and Tomorrow’s Global Leaders”. For the last four years on our school opening day, we review our school Instructional Focus and evidence based strategies. This year, based on our MCAS and local data, we created an additional strategy to support writing across the curriculum.

### **Infrastructure:**

With the approved regional agreement, JFK/AFM Elementary Complex is now a grade 3-5 school serving approximately 360 students. 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 the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, all ceiling tiles were replaced and the floor was painted in the kitchen area. 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 continue to work collaboratively to host events for both schools. We are now Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. This year, BMEPTO was able to once again hold the annual Move-a-Thon in October. Together, we raised \$39,764.00 which will support most of our student activities throughout the year. The fun returned with “Hallow Halls/Trunk or Treat” in October! This is always a favorite with staff, students and families! BMEPTO continues to get creative with other activities. A book fair was held during November which was a great success. It was a great way to bring back normalcy 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 2022-2023 school year, we continue our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff continue 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 learn, vocabulary, and mnemonic strategies (RACE, CUBES & TTQA) in all content areas. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them grow through the use of best instructional practices. These include a video library of model lessons, mini professional development sessions, and opportunities to observe colleagues in action. Additionally, the staff continues to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data analysis. This affords us the ability to provide tiered support to all students, which enables them to receive instruction at their level. Over the next several years, we have a focus and plan to continue to examine our curriculum across the district. Our literacy program is in year 3 of implementation. Our math committee selected a program, and it is now in year 1 of implementation. Our Social Studies Committee has drafted a vision and is currently meeting regularly to review curriculum programs with the intent of selecting one to implement in the 2023-2024 school year.

Our school was also awarded the 21st Century Learning Center grant that supports our after school and summer programs. The after school program is intended to increase student success by providing a range of fun, hands-on educational and enrichment experiences that support what children learn during the school day. The afterschool program has an enrollment of approximately 100 students Monday through Thursday. The summer program extends the learning for approximately 80 students with a focus on ELA, math and enrichment activities.

**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 and Second Step. 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 and students are given many opportunities to put the pillars into practice through various community events. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, Bullying, Self Regulation and Compassion in Action. Selected students in grades 3-5 have been given an opportunity to participate in the Champion Program, which fosters positive relationships between students and staff. All students in grades K-5 take part in a school wide PBIS initiative that promotes a positive school climate for all. In addition to the PBIS program, select students in grades 3-5 take part in the Student Ambassadors Club. These students serve as school wide role models for positive behavior and assist in school based activities.

At the Complex, we were able to bring in Family Continuity to join our effort to provide students who needed the additional social-emotional support. This year students took part in the SELIS Survey, piloted by DESE, which assesses Social-Emotional Competency. School adjustment counselors look forward to utilizing this data in future Social- Emotionally based initiatives.

**Academic Achievement and Data Analysis:**

Students in grades 3-5 participated in the 2022 MCAS assessment. Two years of post-pandemic instruction and learning has demonstrated continued academic growth and achievement. Substantial growth can be noted in our special populations in the areas of 5th grade Science MCAS. 53% of our

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students with disabilities in Grade 5 placed within the Meeting Expectations category. Our high needs, low income, and Hispanic/Latino populations all scored above 71%.

In the areas of MCAS Mathematic scores, student cohort tracking illustrated a 6% increase in 4th Grade and 21% increase in 5th Grade. This data tracked specific students' academic achievement from one year to the next. For 3rd Grade mathematics, 75% of students scored within the Meeting to Exceeding Expectations.

In the subject area of ELA MCAS, Grade 4 students demonstrated a 15% decrease from their previous year's achievement. The Grade 5 cohort demonstrated an 8% decrease over their previous years ELA MCAS scores. However, there was a 1% increase in the percentage of students scoring at the Exceeding level. Additionally, the Not Meeting expectations subgroup decreased by 5% from their 4th to 5th Grade performance. Grade 3 overall had 48% of its students taking their initial MCAS Assessment and scoring within the Meeting and Exceeding categories.

From this data, grade level teams began to analyze and plan for instruction. The following steps were used to devise an instructional focus for the 2022-2023 school year relative to areas of opportunity. Collectively, we targeted potential for growth in the area of writing. As a result, all grade levels aligned both Wonders curriculum and Massachusetts standards to provide students explicit modeling and extended opportunities to write across all content areas. Work during RTI is also targeted to implement MCAS preparation strategies and content exposure. This work began at the start of the academic school year.

To our School Committee and Central Administration, we 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. We 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, our custodial staff, particularly our Head Custodian, Mr. Allan, all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none, and we are extremely proud to be working alongside them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenny Chan-Remka, Principal  
Instructional Leadership Team of JFK/AFM Elementary Complex

Blackstone Millville Regional High School  
2022 Report of the Principal

The mission and vision for Blackstone-Millville Regional High School centers around the pillars of the Portrait of a Graduate. This past year, the Portrait of a Graduate has been adopted as a district “north star” to drive our school improvement plans and decision making. Here is a recap of how our Portrait of a Graduate is making an impact at BMRHS.

### **Critical Thinking**

Our school improvement plan continues to focus on critical thinking and growing student capacity for applying their knowledge and skills to real world challenges and problem solving. During the 2021-2022 school year, staff concentrated on improving evidence-based instructional practice. ASE (Analyze-Support with Evidence-Evaluate) is the primary instructional practice for the second year. All departments engage students in critical thinking tasks and spend time during their professional learning community meetings to analyze student work in order to improve student outcomes.

This year kicked off our inaugural Grade 8 Academy. Twenty-two eighth grade students come to the high school to begin their day with Spanish 1 and Algebra 1 for high school credit then return to the middle school for the remainder of their day. These students went through an application, interview, and recommendation process in order to be accepted into the Academy. It has been wonderful to incorporate these students into our Charger community and we look forward to continuing this program next year.

### **Communication**

Our students have been exercising their communication skills in a variety of ways this past year. Whether it is through our student newspaper or video production highlights, oral presentations in Spanish, or poetry slams, our BMR students are showing how they can effectively communicate information for a variety of purposes, situations, and audiences. Additionally, Dr DeFalco has provided opportunities for our student leaders to share their voice as guests on his podcast. Their insights and ability to articulate various perspectives can be viewed by all community members on the district’s YouTube page. I encourage everyone to take time to hear what our students have to say.

As always, we are keeping our school community up-to-date on happenings at BMRHS through our weekly newsletter. Community feedback has shown families enjoy reading about the learning and various events our students are engaged in. Plus, we fill our newsletter with tons of pictures!

### **Collaboration**

Another priority from our School Improvement Plan centers around the whole child. Last year we successfully reinstated the Charger Community Advisory Program with the goal to establish and maintain a culture that promotes positive relationships throughout the entire school community. The advisory groups engage in team building activities like pumpkin carving and

door decorating to coordinate with our pep rally theme. Programming also included lessons on goal setting, empathy, leadership, and responsible decision-making.

This fall, students from BMRHS have had the opportunity to collaborate with our younger students in the district. At the Complex, each classroom had high school students read to them and have a Q&A session asking a variety of questions about academics, athletics, and what life is like in high school. At Millville Elementary School, our Spanish 4 students in conjunction with Mrs Riedel read stories and prepared activities using the Spanish language. There was such a positive response that we are looking forward to continuing and growing these collaborative opportunities.

### **Citizenship & Character**

The Citizenship pillar focuses on contributing positively to the BMRHS community. Our Student Council leads this charge. This group of dedicated students received the 2022 MASC Council of Excellence Program Recognition Award. Some of the events they sponsor throughout the year include BMR Karaoke, Freshman Orientation, Homecoming Dance, and the ever popular Spirit Week ending with our Pep Rally. Additionally, Student Council members have volunteered at Millville Elementary's After School Art Club.

The BMR Music Program had an active year with many exciting opportunities for students and many successes along the way. Beginning in February, the Jazz Ensemble performed at the annual Blackstone Valley Jazz Festival held at historic Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI. Later that month, the Winter Guard competed at Medford HS and finished in 3rd place; their lowest placement all season. In March, the Jazz Ensemble competed at Jazz Central Districts and received a Silver Medal. Junior trumpet player, Tori Gervais, was selected after a lengthy audition process, to perform at Symphony Hall as part of the MMEA All State Orchestra on March 5th. Over the course of the month, our Winter Percussion and Winter Guard teams competed at Wakefield Middle School, Dartmouth High School, and Shepherd Hill Regional High School, culminating in Winter Guard Finals, at which our Guard finished in 2nd place, and Winter Percussion Finals, at which our Percussion finished 6th. In April, our Wind Ensemble received a GOLD Medal rating at the state's MICCA Concert Band festival, while our Concert Band received a Silver medal. On April 10th, the Wind Ensemble performed at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA as part of the Gold Medal Showcase. Also in April, the Marching Band marched in the Uxbridge Baseball Parade.

In May the Jazz Ensemble and Chorus performed at the Blackstone Senior Center in addition to the marching band marching in the town's Memorial Day Parade. Musicians from the marching band also played taps and sang the National Anthem for the Memorial Day Ceremony as well. In September our Marching Band began a streak of 6 consecutive 1st place finishes. On October 29th, the Marching Band won 1st Place at New England States Championships. The following weekend, on November 5th, the Marching Band finished 3rd place at the National Championships at Metlife Stadium winning Best Color Guard. On Thanksgiving Day the band performed for the annual Football Game. Members of the band performed patriotic music for the town's annual Veteran's Day

ceremony held at Roosevelt Park on November 12th. On December 1st members of the wind ensemble and chorus led town residents in Christmas carols at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Our National Honor Society has community service as one of its four pillars. As a group, our NHS students clocked more than 300 hours of service to our community in 2022. They hosted their 16th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser in April, and raised \$1300 at the event which was donated to the Blackstone Food Pantry. NHS members also volunteered at events for our elementary students, engaged in peer tutoring, helped at the food pantry twice a week, and were a part of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

While the Citizenship pillar looks outward, our Character pillar focuses inward and strives to increase student capacity for self-reflection, self-advocacy, perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges. At BMRHS, students have the opportunity to practice these skills in and out of the classroom. Self-reflection is often a component of major academic assignments. Several social groups have explored other aspects of character development. Mr Ducharme and Dr DeFalco have established a young men's group who meet monthly to discuss issues and also give back to the community. They have volunteered at the local food pantry and helped support a charity in Worcester. Our Counseling staff have added small group sessions focusing on academic anxiety and resilience strategies. We also have added a Zen Room, with a grant from the Blackstone Valley Educational Foundation, where students can destress, practice mindfulness and other coping skills. Our student athletes display their character every time they step on the playing field. Their perseverance has been rewarded with post season play in softball, track and field, volleyball, soccer, and field hockey. Some of our student athletes have participated in MIAA sponsored events including Girls and Women in Sport Day at Faneuil Hall and the annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference at Gillette Stadium.

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

## Enrollment

As of January 6, 2023, total student enrollment was 351.

6th grade - 96

7th grade - 149

8th grade - 106

We have seen a recent increase in enrollment of ELL students, with additions in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The predominant language has been Portuguese.

## Curriculum

All middle school students are provided with a full academic experience.

6th grade students study Humanities, Math, and Science.

7th grade students study English Language Arts (ELA), Pre-Algebra, Science, and World History.

8th grade students study ELA, Algebra, Science, and Civics.

After a schedule adjustment at the end of the first quarter, all 8th grade students added Spanish as a core academic course. 6th and 7th grade students added Literacy. These adjustments were made to increase time on learning, support students with the building of literacy skills, and provide more meaningful foreign language instruction.

Specials classes include Art, PE/Wellness, STEM Tech, Chorus, and Band. 6th grade band enrollment is 53 students, 7th grade is 62, and 8th grade is 37. 44 students across all three grades are enrolled in Chorus.

The school committee approved the hiring of two new teachers: one for STEM to support our Project Lead the Way grant work, and one for Spanish to add a foreign language into the rotation for 6th and 7th graders. Hiring has been challenging, but we hope to have those positions filled for the start of the second semester.

Our Social Studies department is participating in a District Wide review of our curriculum in the areas of history and civics.

## Instruction

Our instructional focus for the 2022-2023 school year is critical thinking and academic discourse. Professional Learning Community (PLC) work in ELA has centered on improving

students' analytical writing skills, and Math PLC work has focused on the implementation of the new Into Math curriculum and supporting students with talking about Math.

Staff have benefited from the District professional development modules in the areas of instructing English Language students and special education best practices.

This year twenty 8th grade students broke new ground as the inaugural 8th Grade Academy. They spend the first two periods at the high school each day, studying Algebra 1 and Spanish for high school credit. The high school has embraced these young scholars, including them in opening day activities, pep rallies, and career fairs. The program has been a clear success, and discussions are underway for how to continue it next year.

## The Whole Child

FWHMS implements two different curricula to address the social and emotional needs of our students. The first is Second Step. Students receive Second Step instruction every Monday in homeroom. The lessons are broken down into four categories, and the implementation of each is differentiated by grade level:

1. Mindset and Goal Setting
2. Recognizing Bullying and Harassment
3. Dealing with Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions
4. Managing Relationships and Social Conflicts

The Choose Love pillars are Courage, Forgiveness, Gratitude, and Compassion in Action. Students receive five lessons over the course of the year. As a positive behavior intervention, students can receive a "Choose Love Ticket" when they engage in activities that reflect the Choose Love values, as a way to recognize their efforts. A Choose Love winner is selected every month.

The middle school was happy to partner with the Department of Education this year in the administration of the SELIS survey - a questionnaire designed to provide the state and District with data reflective of student skills in the SEL Competency areas of Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Skills, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. That data has been received and plans are underway to make sure our programming matches the needs of our students.

## The Community

The ASA Career Exploration Grant continues to be put to good use, providing students with opportunities to explore STEM careers in a special class, and bringing in members of the community to share their professional experience with students. Last year's Career Fair included Blackstone and Millville police and fire departments, Superintendent Jason DeFalco,

representatives from local elected officials, representatives from the military, a dental hygienist, a physical therapist, an accountant, a zoologist, and a realtor, among others.

Amazon, under the direction of BMR parent Tom Moore, continues to be a valuable community connection for BMR. They bring a small army of volunteers to run “Hour of Code” activities for all FWHMS students in science class, providing instruction in coding. Amazon volunteers bring cutting edge technology to demonstrate for students. This year, 5 high school students learned how to code Deep Racers - robotic cars - and competed with each other in a whole school assembly at the middle school. At the conclusion, Amazon donated the track and six Deep Racers to the BMR community.

FWHMS is committed to providing families with opportunities to come into the school and experience student learning. Our fall event was STAR night - Science, Technology, Arts, and Reading. Families were able to see student artwork, observe robotics demonstrations, play STEM games, hear jazz musicians, and shop the book fair. The next evening family event is scheduled for January 31st and is a Winter Showcase of student art and writing and features the chorus.

## Extracurricular

FWHS offers six year-round clubs:

- Healthy Start Club - students are welcome to come to school as early as 7:10am to begin their day with healthy exercise and breakfast
- STEM Club - students program LEGO robots and compete against other schools
- Student Council - this leadership group provides opportunities for students to organize, fundraise for, and lead school wide events like the holiday gift giveaway.
- National Junior Honor Society - members engage in school leadership activities and individual service projects.
- Chargers for Change - branching off of the success of the high school club, the middle school Chargers for Change club brings awareness to social issues and mental health in a middle school friendly way.
- After School Academy - students can attend this academic support program twice a week. It provides access to teachers, a quiet place to work, adult support with organization and prioritization, a snack, and movement breaks.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) funds popular seasonal clubs such as LEGO club, Flag Football, Movie Making Club, Retro Game Club, and Dungeons and Dragons.

Students participate in musical opportunities outside of the school day as well. These include marching band, color guard, and jazz band.

Middle School students participate in both high school and middle school sports, including soccer, field hockey, basketball, cheerleading, softball, baseball, cross country, and track.

In June, 40 8th grade students traveled to Washington D.C. and visited monuments, museums, and historical sites, helping to bring their Civics curriculum alive.

## Parent-Teacher Organization

Middle School students are fortunate to benefit from the hard work of a very dedicated PTO. They fundraise effectively (The Color Run this fall raised over \$6,000), and use the proceeds to provide enrichment opportunities for our students including:

- Three seasonal clubs each quarter
- A 6th grade social with open gym, dancing, and games
- A 7th grade glow dance with open gym
- Motivational presentation “Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers, & Rock-n-Roll by Dr. Jesse “The Machine” Greene

Plans for an 8th grade social event are underway, as well as plans to celebrate our 8th graders as they advance to high school.

## Thank You

First and foremost, I’d like to thank Superintendent DeFalco and the members of the school committee for the opportunity to serve BMRSD as the principal of the middle school. Please know that I am committed to working in partnership with you to meet the needs of all students.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the families in the community as well. Your support makes all the difference in the lives of our kids.

It’s no secret that the middle school has some difficult work ahead of us; I strongly believe that the staff of FWHMS is up for the challenge. I thank them for their hard work, reflection, and commitment to improvement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Cotillo  
Principal

Millville Elementary School  
2022 Annual Town Report

The summer of 2022 at Millville Elementary School (MES) was back to normal. We entered the final phase of the elementary reorganization by working with a moving company and custodial staff to move grade 2 to Millville Elementary School. In addition to the move, for several weeks, we hosted the ESY program for grades PK and up. We also had two 2-week sessions to reinforce learning and building skills for the coming school year for our incoming 1 and 2 students. It was so great to see all of the students in the building while increasing their knowledge through fun learning activities developed by the teachers. The JFK/AFM Complex was kind enough to host our week long Acceleration Academy for our incoming K to 2 students. Their focus was building student strength in literacy through a variety of learning activities.

Our custodial staff was busy beautifying our building by shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, performing outside maintenance and making minor repairs. I would like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Mayer for their hard work this summer helping to get our building ready for our staff and students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Over the summer, our fabulous parent organization, Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (BMEPTO), was hard at work budgeting, planning and preparing to support the students at both elementary schools. On August 29th, BMEPTO hosted the annual ice cream social at MES to welcome our students back. Most homeroom teachers were in attendance and able to meet their students. This year, BMEPTO will continue to offer both in-person and virtual options for our families to attend the monthly meetings. We are so thankful for the tremendous support that our parent organization is able to provide to our elementary schools.

On August 29th, approximately 75 staff (some who work in multiple buildings) returned for the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. On August 31, 2022, approximately 180 first and second 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. This is a new tradition and very helpful as most students have never ridden on a bus previously and are unaware of the expectations for their drive to and from school on the yellow limousines. While students were able to check out the buses, meet their teachers and see their classrooms, parents had the time to meet with Mrs. Shafer, several other staff members and a board member of BMEPTO, to learn about our school. For the first time since prior to COVID, staff were able to take parents for a tour of MES. For some parents who have 2nd graders at MES also, this was the first time coming into the building. Starting on September 1, 2022, all of our Kindergarten and Preschool students began coming to school.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we have continued our work with our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). During our Professional Development days prior to the start of school, we continued training in our new mathematics program (Into Math) for K to 2 students and Math Expressions for our preschool students. The Preschool Team also received additional training in World of Wonders, the preschool component of Wonders, our elementary curriculum. In addition to new curriculum and additional training, our Preschool Team received training on a

new assessment to assess the readiness of our preschoolers. In September, we were excited to learn that we were awarded an Early Literacy Grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We currently have a consultant in our building weekly to support our teachers and students, along with additional after school professional development opportunities.

During the opening days of school, we reviewed our updated District Blueprint 2.0 that was drafted by various stakeholders in the BMRSD community. Our MES ILT members reviewed and revised our School Improvement Plan (SIP). 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 2 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 highly focused on and 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*

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Principal, Millville Elementary School

**We Think. We Show. We Grow.**

<b>FY22 School Year Salaries</b>	<b>Blackstone-Millville Regional S.D.</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Abisla, Stephanie P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$36,656
Aicardi, Kathleen M	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,979
Allan, Michael	Custodian	\$45,325
Allard, Denise L	Administrative Assistant	\$2,051
Allard, Denise L	Paraprofessional	\$30,058
Allard, Denise L	Bus Monitor	\$4,305
Allen, Jillien	Teacher Sub	\$1,575
Allen, Stacy L	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$58,398
Alves, Melissa M	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$14,234
Andrade, Denise M	Cafeteria Worker	\$27,330
Anuforo, Vivian C	SLPA	\$34,937
Anuforo, Vivian C	Home Instruction	\$4,246
Ariel, David P	Substitute Worker	\$608
Arroyas, Ann R	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$20,152
Assi, Nickole F	Special Education Teacher	\$40,711
Avila, Paul D	Custodian	\$2,514
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	Cafeteria Worker	\$13,507
Bacon, Paul M	Custodian	\$56,405
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	Custodian	\$53,501
Badeau, Brooke D	Psychologist	\$60,418
Bak, Tracy J	Cafeteria Worker	\$18,009
Baldini, Ann M	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,629
Barbato, Jessica A	Library Paraprofessional	\$28,009
Bartusek, Cameron J	Custodian	\$2,546
Bartusek, Karen E	Paraprofessional	\$25,457
Bartusek, Karen E	Bus Monitor	\$2,014
Beaven, Donna M	Cafeteria Worker	\$9,518
Beech, Lona M	Cafeteria Worker	\$22,187
Bellacqua, Joanne C	Substitute Worker	\$2,025
Berard, Elisabeth M	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$52,384
Bergman, Max	Long Term Sub	\$11,223
Bernier, Bruce E	Custodian	\$19,862
Blomstedt, Rachel O	High School Teacher	\$88,435
Boisvert, Kathy A	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$90,286
Boisvert, Lisa M	Special Education Team Chair	\$81,196
Boratyn, Mary A	Nurse MVL	\$63,933
Bouley, Rebecca A	Guidance Counselor	\$67,709
Bourgeois, Matthew S	High School Teacher	\$16,222
Bourgerly, Patricia A	English Teacher	\$86,664

Bravo, Sullybeth	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$63,933
Breen, Molly K	High School Teacher	\$59,264
Briar, Kristin A	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Brichkova, Kate E	Special Education Teacher	\$26,247
Brienze, Denise E	Guidance High School	\$62,171
Brunetti, Melissa	Teacher Sub	\$6,157
Burgess, Isabel K	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463
Buteau, Karen E	Paraprofessional	\$23,286
Cahill, Joseph T	Custodian	\$655
Capaldi, John	Long Term Sub	\$4,713
Capaldi, John	Permanent Sub	\$6,528
Carlson, Katherine W	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$81,005
Carpentier, Jamie L	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$58,350
Carrasquillo, Glend Y	ABA Technician	\$23,877
Carrasquillo, Glend Y	Bus Monitor	\$3,139
Carson, Lauren M	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$83,196
Chadwick, Lauren RM	ABA Technician	\$7,990
Chan-Remka, Jenny	Principal	\$111,394
Chaplin, Kayla	Teacher Sub	\$2,205
Chaplin, Victoria A	Paraprofessional	\$23,659
Chipman, David A.	Custodian	\$37,381
Clark, Lisa D	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$60,567
Clemente, Sylvie	Long Term Sub	\$18,295
Cole, Jill M	Middle School Teacher	\$74,563
Colgan, Susan M	Intergrated Preschool Teacher	\$81,196
Collins, Deanna M	Art Teacher	\$14,598
Conklin, Samual AJ	Network Operation	\$70,251
Connolly, Erin E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463
Connor, Ashley A	High School Teacher	\$49,686
Conrad, Gina M	Speech AFM	\$70,667
Constantineau, Dillan E	Special Education Teacher	\$22,744
Constantineau, Jaimie R	ABA Technician	\$24,606
Conti, Carol M	High School Teacher	\$84,896
Cossuto, Christopher P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$51,463
Costa, Maria	High School Teacher	\$86,196
Costello, Diane L	Kindergarten Aide	\$26,182
Cote, Emilie J	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$53,249
Cote, Esther H	Math Interventionist	\$87,696
Cotter, Rebecca R	ELA Interventionist	\$32,199
Cournoyer, Lisa	Permanent Sub	\$2,040
Courtemanche, Kim M	Paraprofessional	\$23,622

Courtemanche, Kim M	Bus Monitor	\$3,839
Couture, Steven E	High School Teacher	\$70,667
Cox, Charles W	High School Teacher	\$8,670
Crafford, Sarah J	Special Education Teacher - FWH	\$52,384
Cruz, Sara K	High School Teacher	\$53,249
Cummings, Lyric A	Paraprofessional	\$9,682
Cummings, Samantha	Long Term Sub	\$5,926
Curran, Jeffrey M	PTL Coach	\$84,372
Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	Principal	\$112,508
Cusack, Sharon K	Paraprofessional	\$28,269
Custer, Casey D	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$52,384
D'Andrea, Tara J	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$68,468
D'Eletto, Nicholas M	High School Teacher	\$70,667
Dansereau, Linda A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,735
Davidge, Debra A	Paraprofessional	\$25,840
DeFalco, Jason V	Superintendent	\$175,950
Degrooth, Brittany L	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
DeMotte, Cassandra K	Substitute Teacher	\$1,170
Dery, Diane M	Paraprofessional	\$25,457
Deschamps, Lisa A	Paraprofessional	\$25,295
Deschamps, Lisa A	Bus Monitor	\$3,542
Descoteaux, Stefanie A	High School Teacher	\$82,964
Desilets, Susan J	Clerk	\$14,933
Desilets, Susan J	Paraprofessional	\$14,198
Desilets, Susan J	Bus Monitor	\$2,545
Desjardins, Kim C	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$74,944
Dewolf, Mark A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$81,196
Dextraze, Michelle D	Science Teacher	\$72,745
DiCecco, Dawn M	Occupational Therapist	\$79,584
DiCecco, Kristie J	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
DiCecco, Maura L	Paraprofessional	\$22,867
DiCecco, Maura L	Bus Monitor	\$1,583
Difabio, Amy	Teacher Sub	\$8,782
Dill, Maryann	Permanent Sub	\$2,550
Diogo, Jacquelyn M	Administrative Assistant	\$45,345
Doyle, Cecilia C	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$84,002
Drackett, Dina	ABA Technician	\$26,628
Dubois, Katharine E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$81,196
Ducharme, Jared	Teacher Sub	\$3,510
Ducharme, Keith A	Assistant Principal	\$111,533
Ducharme, Tracey L	High School Teacher	\$86,664

Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	Nurse	\$40,598
Durand, Gerard R	High School Teacher	\$74,944
Edel, Jacob	Teacher Sub	\$1,710
Egan, Abigail E	Special Education Teacher	\$51,463
Egan, Dianne M	LPN Hourly	\$46,632
Egan, Meghan C	Paraprofessional	\$11,240
Ehrenworth, Matthew J	Assistant Superintendent	\$130,000
Euglow, Joshua M	High School Teacher	\$66,110
Farrell, Kylie	Permanent Sub	\$7,629
Farrell, Kylie	Long Term Sub	\$17,587
Faulkner, Edie A	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$89,464
Fegan, Ashley D	ABA Technician	\$25,113
Fenoff, Amanda M	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Ferris, Meghan E	Special Education Teacher	\$48,965
Finnegan, Kathryn E	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$48,965
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Folster, Colleen J	SLPA	\$33,943
Foulis, Jill A	Principal	\$122,500
Francisco, Katherine E	Superintendents Administrative Asst.	\$62,889
Franzosa, Tara K	Physical Therapist	\$77,584
Gallagher, Amy L	High School Teacher	\$72,745
Gallagher, Jason E	Custodian	\$3,845
Gaskill, Emma L	STEM Teacher	\$52,384
Gaudet, Damien W	High School Teacher	\$65,147
Gauthier, Kyle J	Paraprofessional	\$6,841
Gayle, Opal N	High School Teacher	\$67,709
Giacin, Grace S	Grade 1 Teacher	\$48,965
Gilligan, Kerri	Permanent Sub	\$15,444
Girard, Michael J	Substitute Worker	\$600
Gomez, Madeline	Paraprofessional	\$3,801
Gonsalves, Maureen	Food Service Director	\$90,176
Grace, Caroline Ann	Science Teacher	\$77,021
Grace, Sheila M	ESL Teacher	\$37,282
Grube, Lynnell	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$68,468
Guevremont, Ethan P	Technology Teacher	\$51,463
Guilbeault, Holly B	Paraprofessional	\$28,333
Hadfield, Lindsay M	Art Teacher	\$48,965
Haggas, Lory J	Paraprofessional	\$28,908
Haggas, Lory J	Bus Monitor	\$7,232
Haggerty, Nicole A	ESY Nurse	\$2,722
Harpin, Rebecca E	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$84,964

Hartz, Angela L	PTL Coach	\$82,964
Hauer, Melanie L	School Psychologist	\$72,608
Healy, Brendan M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$70,667
Hebert, Debra A	Cafeteria Worker	\$25,329
Hebert, Ethan J	Custodian	\$55,281
Hebert, Scott A	Custodian	\$10,997
Hebert, Scott A	Facilities Manager	\$61,415
Heikin, Benjamin L	Groundskeeper	\$9,525
Hernandez, Jennifer R	Financial Assistant	\$59,898
Hickey, Patrick K	Grade 4/5 Teacher	\$53,249
Highcove, Dawn	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$87,964
Highcove, Madison	Teacher Sub	\$8,865
Holihen, Amy M	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$87,964
Hom, Kayli E	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$10,439
Hook, David C	High School Teacher	\$46,800
Howard, Hannah C	Art Teacher	\$29,538
Hunt, Ursula	Library Media Specialist	\$60,531
Isenberg, David	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$89,295
Jackson, Lynnea D	Kindergarten Aide	\$24,629
Jackson, Rebecca P	Paraprofessional	\$23,622
Johnson, Richard W	Network Operation	\$47,740
Jones, Kathleen M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
Juba, Mark P	High School Teacher	\$86,735
Keane, Danielle F	Grade 4/5 Teacher	\$56,659
Keefe, Jack	Permanent Sub	\$3,162
Keefe, Jack	Long Term Sub	\$11,881
Kiely, Kevin P	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$87,964
L'Esperance, Cassandra J	ELA Interventionist	\$61,753
L'Esperance, Peter J	Spanish Teacher	\$35,658
Labrie, Lauri A	Paraprofessional	\$25,388
Labrie, Lauri A	Bus Monitor	\$7,147
Lacroix, Tina M	Accounts Payable Specialist	\$65,869
Lanctot, Melissa L	Special Education Teacher - JFK	\$58,398
Lanctot, Melissa L	Bus Monitor	\$657
Landry, Richard N	Custodian	\$56,158
Landry, Susan A	Paraprofessional	\$28,141
Landry, Susan A	Bus Monitor	\$6,723
Langone, Kerri	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$86,664
Laporte, Janis H	Assistant Principal	\$107,217
Laren, Norma C	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$82,584
LaRose, Dennis J	Custodian	\$2,665

Laskowski, Cynthia L	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Laudon, Ashley E	LPN Hourly	\$11,861
Le-Gagne, Thien- Phuong T	Cafeteria Worker	\$11,767
LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	PTL Coach	\$74,944
LeBlanc, Kelly E	Paraprofessional	\$22,480
Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	ESL Teacher	\$89,295
Levitre, Suzanne E	Administrative Assistant	\$3,503
Lovejoy, Dana V	Custodian	\$43,501
Lowe, Cherice N	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$31,316
Mallozzi, Joanne	Long Term Sub	\$16,897
Marcotte, Nicholas N	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$60,547
Markle, Shawn T	Groundskeeper	\$2,514
Markle, Shawn T	Substitute Worker	\$225
Markle, Van V	Substitute Worker	\$5,602
Marlborough, Carrie A	Administrative Assistant	\$48,135
Marlowe, Jeffrey D	LPN Hourly	\$8,017
Marsh, Lori E	Cafeteria Worker	\$14,724
Marszalkowski, Daniel A	ABA Technician	\$25,659
Martin, Claudia L	Reading Teacher	\$77,021
Martineau, Erin R	Guidance Counselor	\$56,659
Martinelli, Christine J	Paraprofessional	\$22,256
Martinelli, Christine J	Bus Monitor	\$445
Martino-Harms, Andrea J	High School Teacher	\$75,192
Martufi, Caitlin P	Special Education Teacher - MES	\$81,196
Matthews, Jacob	High School Teacher	\$4,935
Maurice, Jamie A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,664
Maxwell-Rounds, Lisa A	High School Teacher	\$74,944
Mayer, Thomas E	Custodian	\$48,742
McAnulty, Robert J	Athletic Director	\$6,081
McAnulty, Robert J	Groundskeeper	\$13,152
McAnulty, Robert J	Long Term Sub	\$14,797
McCormick, W John	High School Teacher	\$87,964
McCourt, Kevin M	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$84,896
McCrum, Kelly A	High School Teacher	\$60,531
McKiel, Sarah M	Teacher of the Deaf	\$37,472
Medeiros, Jessica S	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$81,005
Melanson, Mary-Beth	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$74,990
Menard, Jacqueline A	Paraprofessional	\$14,010
Menard, Megan L	Teamchair Elementary	\$72,745
Menard, Megan L	Bus Monitor	\$424
Merten, Grace A	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$51,463

Mignanelli, Barbara	Guidance Counselor	\$81,196
Minihane, Emily C	Guidance Counselor	\$45,123
Moniz, Stephanie A	Asst. Superintendent Admin. Asst.	\$35,936
Moreau, Linda A	Guidance Counselor	\$81,196
Moreau, Linda A	Substitute Principal	\$5,788
Mullaly, Joseph C	Custodian	\$47,124
Munns, William J	Custodian	\$45,868
Murphy, Eileen S	Paraprofessional	\$23,965
Murray, Meghan M	Special Education Teacher - JFK	\$56,659
Najarian, Robin A	Special Education Teacher - AFM	\$86,196
Northup, Jacob K	Physical Education	\$58,350
Nowak, Andrew D	High School Teacher	\$63,933
O'Neil, Gabriela C	PLC Coach	\$28,474
Olbrys, Maria S	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$53,410
Oliveira, Rachel R	Cafeteria Worker	\$33,118
Ostrowski, Callie	Permanent Sub	\$17,833
Pacheco, Taralee	Teacher Sub	\$6,855
Paine, Ashley D	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$54,882
Parenteau, Jennifer M	Special Education Teacher - BMR	\$61,753
Pedorella, Maria	ABA Technician	\$13,127
Pedorella, Maria	Long Term Sub	\$14,056
Pelland, Michaela R	High School Teacher	\$56,927
Peloquin, Christian J	Paraprofessional	\$10,389
Peloquin, Stephanie A	Cafeteria Worker	\$11,377
Penso, Maria L	Custodian	\$37,285
Pepple, Eric	Science Interentionist	\$48,965
Pilibosian, Carol	Teacher Sub	\$6,427
Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	Director Learner Support Services	\$118,965
Pisano, Rebecca L	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
Poirier, Tina M	Administrative Assistant	\$51,301
Power, Melissa A	ABA Technician	\$24,007
Power, Melissa A	Bus Monitor	\$1,293
Poznanski, Melissa	Teacher Sub	\$6,855
Priore, Amanda M	ELA Interventionist	\$42,792
Putnam, Abigail	Teacher Sub	\$4,185
Racicot, Kevin L	Custodian	\$37,310
Ragno, Mary Katherine C	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$62,213
Rayos, Lora J	Administrative Assistant	\$32,694
Riedel, Jean L	Spanish Teacher	\$58,350
Rielly, Lily N	Paraprofessional	\$1,914
Rielly, Lily N	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$12,451

Rielly, Susan S	Guidance Counselor	\$84,964
Rilling, Darla	Math Interventionist	\$15,373
Roberge, Hillary J	English Teacher	\$68,468
Robertson, Christine R	High School Teacher	\$84,964
Robinson, Katherine A	Paraprofessional	\$23,026
Robinson, Lynn A	Van Driver	\$59,282
Rodrigues, Sara R	Social Worker	\$69,223
Roe, Ethan	High School Teacher	\$87,964
Romanelli, Holly A	Behavior Analyst/BCBA	\$49,861
Rose, Maureen	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$86,196
Rosenbaum, Katherine M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$81,196
Rousselle, Renee	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$84,735
Rutt, Brian M	Science Teacher	\$42,042
Ryan, Oliver J	Substitute Worker	\$750
Ryan, Paula M	Music Teacher	\$83,196
Sacco, Nicole L	High School Teacher	\$65,147
Salome, Linda A	Administrative Assistant	\$61,311
Santoro, Dorothy P	Nurse Sub	\$600
Savage, Lauren L	Nurse JFK/AFM	\$55,505
Savini, Christina M	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$32,511
Scoggins, Christine S	Cafeteria Worker	\$13,582
Scott, Lynne S	Math Teacher	\$83,196
Shafer, Christina M	Principal	\$103,808
Shafer, Todd L	Music Teacher	\$84,896
Shanahan, Kristine J	Guidance Counselor	\$65,457
Sheridan, Emily E	Math Teacher	\$79,633
Simard, Monique F	Payroll Specialist	\$65,038
Simollardes, Nicholas A	High School Teacher	\$52,384
Smith, Marie G	Library Paraprofessional	\$10,845
Smith, Noreen A	Special Education Teacher	\$4,488
Smith-Lizotte, Shyanne B	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$48,965
Solari, Jennifer A	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$84,896
St. Gelais, Andrew J	Permanent Sub	\$1,989
St. Gelais, Andrew J	ABA Technician	\$13,004
Starz, William A	Guidance Counselor	\$59,021
Stearman, Kathy L	Administrative Assistant	\$47,633
Stefanik, Karen M	Paraprofessional	\$25,009
Sulham, Meagan L	JFK Elementary School Teacher	\$53,249
Sullivan, Allison K	Occupational Therapist	\$64,965
Sullivan, Timothy J	High School Teacher	\$68,468
Swerdlow, Samantha M	Math Teacher	\$48,965

Sylvia, Jon P	ABA Technician	\$25,113
Sylvia, Jon P	Bus Monitor	\$4,751
Takessian, Brenda L	Cafeteria Worker	\$22,496
Tasick, Lori A	Reading Teacher	\$81,196
Tasker, Sara E	Library Paraprofessional	\$28,009
Tavares, Kaylee	English Teacher	\$48,965
Teixeira, Taylor M	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$49,677
Thompson, Karen P	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$85,302
Toomey, Carrie E	ELL Specialist	\$66,803
Trottier, Lisa A	AFM Elementary School Teacher	\$88,435
Tubman, Madison	Teacher Sub	\$2,970
Trudeau, Kimberley NT	Psychologist	\$65,210
Turgeon, Emily E	Special Education Team Chair	\$79,584
Turgeon, Evan	Teacher Sub	\$2,295
Vahey, Amanda K	Reading Teacher	\$45,881
Vaughan, Maryalice	PTL Coach	\$65,147
Vazquez, Martha	Human Resource Specialist	\$56,650
Verzillo, Devon R	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$56,659
Villandry, Kattryna M	Paraprofessional	\$21,374
Villandry, Kattryna M	Bus Monitor	\$954
Walcott, Amelia R	FWH Middle School Teacher	\$54,887
Walker, Matthew B	Custodian	\$63,122
Wiegers, Sue Ann	Nurse MS	\$79,584
Winn, Jacqueline	Sped Teacher - FWH	\$65,147
Wolfgang, Lea D	Cafeteria Worker	\$21,812
Wolford, Julianne C	Administrative Assistant	\$50,922
Wyndham, Ashley D	Millville Elementary School Teacher	\$23,094
Young, Karen M	Nurse HS	\$73,483

**Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District**  
**Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**Message from our Superintendent Director:**

With your continued support, we prepare our students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. Therefore, it is our custom to go beyond the facts and figures of our operation and share student success stories and district achievements that exemplify our mission.

In FY22, we were strategic and resilient in carrying out our mission despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. We expanded our vocational offerings and opened our Biotechnology program, which welcomed its first class of students. We embraced the arts and culture within our community with our Arts Heals: Shine Your Light Chalk Festival, Day of Silence, and Multicultural Festival. And we pursued nearly \$2 million in grants that continue to support your regional vocational-technical school system.

To uphold this level of success, we encourage our students, administrators, and staff to hone their skills, believe in themselves, and pursue their dreams. To do this, we must harness the powerful driving force from within and come to understand that the distance between our dreams and reality is action.

Demonstrating what is achievable with their high-quality education, our alumni are our best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. You can see this drive, passion, and call to action in Lindsey Testa's story. With an open mind and skilled hands, she, like many of our graduates, is taking what she learned and shaping our future workforce while giving back to her alma mater.

At BVT, we cheer each other on, celebrate our success, and take pride in our continuous improvements and growth. I encourage you to read on and discover how our powerful driving force has allowed us to deliver high-quality education and help our students navigate the road ahead.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

## **Alumni Profile: Lindsey Testa (*Dental Assisting, Class of 2019*)**

### **A Powerful Driving Force**

Although most people find their career paths later in life, there are a few who, from an early age, have an experience that speaks to them in such a way they can't ignore it. Learn how the adage: "follow your heart, it knows the way" takes on new meaning for one of our alumni, Lindsey Testa (*Dental Assisting, Class of 2019*), and how a childhood event inspired her to harness a powerful driving force within and shape her future career success.

When Lindsey was in the 5th grade, she got braces, and unlike most kids, she liked everything about the experience. "I was in my braces for about four years," said Lindsey. "I loved my orthodontist, Dr. Hamilton, and the orthodontic assistants at Family Orthodontics in Milford. I looked up to them and dreamed of working in orthodontics. So when I learned about the Dental Assisting program at BVT, I was eager to attend the school and one day pursue a career in the dental field."

With an interest in the dental field, it came as no surprise during Freshmen Exploratory that Dental Assisting was Lindsey's top choice. She also explored Business & Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Electronics & Engineering Technology, Health Services, and HVAC&R. "I had such a great time during the HVAC&R exploratory. I considered changing my mind to HVAC for a little while!" exclaimed Lindsey. "But after I explored the Dental Assisting shop, I knew there was no other program I would enjoy as much as that one."

Utilizing the skills acquired at BVT, Lindsey coincidentally earned a co-op job with Family Orthodontics in Milford during her senior year. "It was a dream come true. This was the office I had always dreamed of working in!" said Lindsey. "I learned so much about orthodontics, sterilization, and talking with patients."

"After working in orthodontics, I realized I was more interested in general dentistry," said Lindsey. "The dental assistant is most frequently the first person a patient will see, so it is important in that position to learn how to talk to patients in a caring manner. You truly only learn by working in an office and experiencing it for yourself. I also found it to be a fun experience."

However, when it came time to apply to college, Lindsey wasn't sure if she wanted to become a dentist or a dental hygienist. But, she knew she would need further education to achieve those goals. "I talked it over with my parents, and I decided to pursue a degree in Dental Hygiene at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)," said Lindsey. "I fell in love with the clinic at MCPHS and the technology they had for their students."

"While in college, I worked as a dental assistant at Uxbridge Family Dental in Uxbridge, MA, and the Milford Dentist Office in Milford, MA. It was a busy schedule at both offices, and it taught me how to be timely and efficient," said Lindsey. "Assisting a dentist consists of taking a lot of radiographs and passing instruments to the dentist. I can thank my vocational instructors for teaching me how to do that effectively."

"My vocational-technical training at BVT prepared me for success in hygiene school at MCPHS," said Lindsey. "We spent about a month learning the names of teeth, the positions of teeth, the anatomical features of the teeth, and much more basic terminology crammed into such little time. But I already knew this, which helped a lot. When we began patient care, I felt more prepared than some of my peers because of my history of working with patients as a dental

assistant. If I had never attended a vocational high school, I can easily say that I would not be where I am today."

"I was asked by professors at MCPHS to be a peer tutor for clinical and academic courses," explained Lindsey. "I excelled in many of my courses because of my previous knowledge in dental assisting, and I can solely thank BVT for that."

"During my last semester at MCPHS, I had a capstone project, which required that I teach to those with dental hygiene-related needs," explained Lindsey. "I immediately thought about visiting my alma mater's Dental Assisting program to educate students on topics important to dental assistants and dental hygienists. I am thankful to my Dental Assisting instructors, Mrs. Fleisher, Mrs. Donovan, and Mrs. Langin, who pushed me when I was at BVT and welcomed me to work with them and their students for this project."

"The dental students were welcoming, eager to learn, and engaged in our group discussions. I had forgotten how much I had enjoyed teaching. I taught dance classes at the Milford Dance Center during high school. This experience reminded me that teaching might be in my future. The vocational instructors worked with me in planning our discussion topics and scheduling time for clinical to teach those hands-on topics to their students," said Lindsey. "It opened my eyes to the real possibility of teaching dental assisting at a vocational high school."

Lindsey graduated in May of 2022 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Having earned a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in three years instead of four, she was eligible to take regional and national dental hygiene board examinations.

"Looking back at how much I have learned truly amazes me. I never thought I would end up back at BVT, especially in front of a group of students teaching. I could not be happier that my path in life went this way," said Lindsey. "I have a full-time position as a dental hygienist at the Milford Dentist Office. I plan on working clinically for a few years while working towards a degree in vocational education. This experience has made me realize that even though I have reached my goal of becoming a dental hygienist, my journey is not over. The options are endless to where I go from here."

"If you are considering a career in the dental industry, there are many career possibilities in this growing field," said Lindsey. She smiled and shared this advice, "Never doubt yourself, don't quit, or compare yourself to others; everyone's path is different. It doesn't matter how you get to the end of the path; what matters is that you get there!"

**See how other alumni are benefiting from BVT's career, college, and life ready educations...**

*"All the skills I learned in Health Services have helped make my clinical experience in college and overall patient care/interactions less difficult. My job as a CNA has helped me become a more well-rounded and understanding nurse, thanks to BVT."*

- Elizabeth May Rondeau, Night Nursing Supervisor at Bethany Healthcare Center

*"In fashion school, the main components consisted of creativity and knowledge of Adobe products. Multimedia Communications pushed me to excel beyond my classes and helped me get internships/jobs in my first semester of college. Today, I run a team of designers for a Los Angeles based company, and my job solely depends on the foundations I learned at BVT."*

- Erin Kalousdian, Senior Apparel Designer at Avid Apparel

*"I earned a paid internship at Neles Metso in Worcester during my senior year, utilizing the machining and CNC skills I learned at BVT. I continued working there full-time upon graduation and stayed for another five years. I was hired into a senior position at my new job based on my real-world work experience, which has given me a huge advantage over my same-age peers, all due to my BVT training and the internship."*

- Tristram Fritchey, Manufacturing Engineer at Lufkin Industries

### **On The Cutting Edge of Science**

While the biotech industry in Massachusetts continues to grow, so does the need for talented employees. With a history of providing our students with in-demand skills through vocational training, we officially commemorated the opening of our Biotechnology program with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 8th.

We were proud to welcome the first class of students from the Class of 2025 to our newest vocational-technical program, Biotechnology, for the 2021–2022 school year. These sixteen students completed the Freshmen Exploratory process and selected Biotechnology as their first choice shop placement. On December 3rd, they were excited to learn that the Biotechnology program would be their vocational shop for the next three years.

“Before the Exploratory process, I was interested in Health Services,” said Isabelle Kling. “But then I explored Biotechnology which showed me a whole other side of medicine that I didn’t know existed. I knew that Biotechnology was right for me when I came back to shop every morning, excited to see what the day would bring.”

Biotechnology Instructor Susan Piraino said, “I enjoyed meeting many students during the exploratory process. It is an exciting time for this first class. I look forward to introducing them to the many branches of biotechnology.”

Ms. Piraino is a molecular and cell biologist with extensive experience in drug discovery and gene therapy. She has co-authored several scientific publications, is a co-inventor on three U.S. patents, and has been recognized for innovation in science and excellence in teaching.

In speaking with Susan, it is evident that she loves teaching and is passionate about science. She said, “I will always remember my high school teacher, Mr. Thomas, who one day commented that I should probably pursue a career in science because I was pretty good at it. I took his advice and chose to major in Biology in college. Just one comment from a teacher can direct which path you choose to take in life, which was true for me.” Susan has come full circle and is excited about her new position and the opportunities to inspire students at BVT.

“I am proud of my career and accomplishments in this field,” said Piraino. “I know that it takes work and creativity, but you can do great things in science. I want my students to recognize that they can do amazing things and are aware of the many careers available to them in this field.”

This first class quickly got to know each other and their new shop. They began by exploring biotechnology history and became acquainted with the lab safety policies. They also performed agarose gel electrophoresis, a standard lab procedure for separating DNA by size for visualization and purification, experimented with yeast fermentation and produced cheese curds.

“I am excited to be in this first Biotechnology class setting the blueprint in this program,” said Kallie Allen. “We are fortunate to have Ms. Piraino as our instructor, challenging us in new and exciting ways.”

### **A Curious Collaboration**

Forensics is an exciting discipline in science, often capturing worldwide attention. Our students discover what it’s like to be a crime scene investigator through hands-on projects that allow for

learning the science behind evidence analysis. They use fluorescent fingerprint powder and black lights to analyze fingerprints as they investigate staged crime scenes, identify hairs and fibers from different sources, and evaluate fake bloodstain patterns to reconstruct the events.

Collaborating with the State Police Crime Lab and the Upton Police Department reveals behind-the-scenes realities of working in the field. Detective John Bergstrom of the Upton Police Department spoke with our inquisitive Biotechnology students and demonstrated forensic fingerprinting techniques. The uniqueness of each print WOWED our students!

## **Celebrating Our Seniors on Their Journey to Commencement**

Spring can be a bittersweet time for our seniors as they conclude their high school careers and prepare to graduate. For the Class of 2022, the journey to commencement was an ideal time to appreciate every last moment that we had together. See how we celebrated our seniors and their achievements:

### **Senior Class Day**

This ceremony included Academic and Vocational Awards, Attendance Awards, Yearbook Dedication, Class Officer, and Commendation recognition for the Class of 2022.

### **Scholarships & Awards Ceremony**

We were excited to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2022 at their scholarships & awards ceremony. During this evening event held on May 24th in our Competition Center, we distributed 97 Community, Memorial, and Military awards. Take a peek at the achievements: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/scholarshiprecipients2022).

### **Marking a Milestone**

We celebrated our graduates and said farewell as they embarked on their next great adventure. The Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony was held on our athletic field on the evening of May 26th. We welcomed extended family and friends to view the live stream at [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2022).

### **What a Way to Make a Living!**

We know every career path is unique. So we congratulated and celebrated our senior co-op and career placement students who are going directly into high-skill, high-wage employment after graduation. [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday2022](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday2022)

*"There are many paths to success, and while I am proud of all of our career-focused students, I am particularly proud of these students heading directly into the workforce. Using their high school vocational-technical training to launch their careers is the essence of our mission. They have a lot of confidence in their skills, and it takes guts and grit to go against the cultural grain of heading to college."*

- Principal Anthony E. Steele

### **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 2022 - 297 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 20.20 percent (60 students)

4 Year College/Tech College: 70.37 percent (209 students)

2 Year College/Certificate Program: 6.73 percent (20 students)

Military: 0 percent (0)

Gap or Service Year: 2.69 percent (8 students)

#### **Class of 2021 - 300 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 13.33 percent (40 students)

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

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

Military: 1.67 percent (5 students)

Gap or Service Year: 2.67 percent (8 students)

#### **Class of 2020 - 298 Graduates:**

Workforce/Apprenticeship Program: 17.45 percent (52 students)

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

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

Military: 1.34 percent (4 students)

Gap or Service Year: 2.35 percent (7 students)

*Unknown: 1.34 percent (4 students), due to the COVID-19 pandemic some 2020 data is missing.*

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

ACE Temperature Control, Assumption University, Baylor University, Blasius Auto Group, Braza & Mancini Electrical, Cambridge Port Manufacturing, Chromatics, Clark University, Dean College, Elite Woodworking, Georgia Institute of Technology, J.M. Mazzone Electric, JJ Mechanical Services, Johnson & Wales University, Kadant Solutions, Keen State College, Loyola University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Milford Regional Medical Center, Milton CAT, Nicholson Plumbing, Rochester Institute of Technology, Salve Regina University, Santon Plumbing & Heating, United States Air Force Academy, Waters Corporation, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

## **FY22: An Amazing Year of Achievements**

Our students continually demonstrate mastery of rigorous academic studies and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies during the pandemic.

Members of the Class of 2022 earned more than 330 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value nearly exceeding **11 million**.

A total of 272 **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 provided our students with a traditional testing experience in May 2022. 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. Spring 2022, **341 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. Our English Literature & Composition students also participated in the College Board's pilot study by taking their exams online.

For the past **23 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 strived to keep students learning and on task while dealing with COVID-19-related issues, DESE reverted to in-person testing for sophomores as they participated in the Next-Gen MCAS in ELA and Mathematics. Some of our sophomores and advanced freshmen took the new Next-Gen Science tests in Biology and Physics.

Students are required to achieve a Competency Determination, a graduation requirement, on the Next-Gen MCAS test. In FY21, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to waive some of those requirements. Nevertheless, our students, who have a history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, remained vigilant in their participation. Spring 2021, despite obstacles presented by the ongoing pandemic, members of the BVT Class of 2023 performed well on the Next-Gen tests. Seventy-nine percent achieved Exceeding or Meeting Expectations on the English Language Arts portion, while 62 percent were in the Exceeding or Meeting Expectations category in Mathematics. Both were well above the state averages.

## **Looking Ahead...**

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, there had 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.

### **A Powerful Message, Artfully Delivered**

It was an honor to welcome Bob Upgren, an internationally recognized motivational speaker and world-renowned chalk artist, to speak to our students at our school-wide assemblies. On January 25th, Upgren opened the presentation speaking our language, "BVT is a school that transforms education, and by design, transforms lives." He immediately had the students engaged and on their feet with a shiny silver quarter and a quick game of heads or tails to illustrate a point.

"I used to wonder if life was like a flip of the coin, a mere chance that some people make it and some people don't," said Upgren. "As you work with more people, you might compare yourself to others and find yourself thinking they are more than me or better than me. More athletic. More creative. More mathematical. Until I realized they were simply different than me. They were unique."

"What I love about a school like this is that it not only celebrates uniqueness, but it nurtures and ignites it," said Upgren. "You have a purpose. Every person here has a purpose. I know that it is not easy to figure out what that is. One of the great secrets to being successful is figuring out how to stand out, and that is through your uniqueness. You have a big decision to make as you figure out your purpose. Are you going to choose to embrace your uniqueness?"

Upgren shared his proven formula to living a life of significance with this three-step process. He said, "Learn a skill, master a skill, and deliver a skill."

**Learn a Skill** – You have to be humble to learn a skill. The value in that is it can never be taken away.

**Master a Skill** – Once you've learned a skill, don't stop. You are capable of exemplifying mastery, which only occurs over time through perseverance.

**Deliver a Skill** – When you deliver a skill you've learned in an amazing way, it has the potential to open doors to decades of work.

Upgren's skill is his art. His tool is chalk, and his canvas is a black sheet upon which he artfully delivers an inspirational message of perseverance.

The lights go down, a spotlight illuminates a black canvas, and the music is inspirational. Upgren picks up the chalk, dust starts to fly, and the canvas comes alive with color as he works to the song, "This Is Me," from The Greatest Showman soundtrack, *"Look out 'cause here I come. And I'm marching on to the beat I drum. I'm not scared to be seen. I make no apologies, this is me."*

At BVT, students have an opportunity to learn, master, and deliver a skill. They are encouraged to take that message with them and to ask themselves, what is my purpose? Remember, do not give up. It is going to be hard, but keep going. Believe in yourself and celebrate your uniqueness. Let your hands get dirty, and your dreams get bigger. Check out Upgren's art: [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/bobupgren](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/bobupgren).

## **Activities & Clubs**

### **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 2022, our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country by earning 176 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

### **Massachusetts District V Conference**

33 Gold, 37 Silver, 32 Bronze

### **Massachusetts State Leadership & Skills Conference**

29 Gold, 27 Silver, 10 Bronze

### **National Leadership & Skills Conference**

7 GOLD:

- Julia Drapeau: Health Occupations Professional Portfolio
- Adam Pratt & Bryan Wheeler: Robotics & Automation Technology
- Riley Holt & Robert Mellen: Mechatronics
- Daniel Cardone & Brett Staples: Web Design

1 BRONZE:

- Allana Atstupenas: CNC Turning Specialist

4th place:

- John Kearney & Chloe Vescio: Additive Manufacturing
- Sara Lewis: Principles of Technology
- Autumn Herrick: Telecommunications Cabling

5th place:

- Chloe Terrell, Kyle Penta, Andrew Konicki & Nicholas Valoras: Entrepreneurship

8th place:

- Natalie Lambert: Culinary Arts

10th place:

- Myra Dehestani: Prepared Speech

All contestants who medaled or met a threshold contest score were awarded a Skill Point Certificate.

### **NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES**

- Mia Bellacqua of Uxbridge
- Haley McKinnon of Blackstone
- Camila Ramirez of Hopedale
- Samantha Stephens of Mendon

### **STATE OFFICER**

- Hunter Claflin, National Officer Candidate Elect

## **BVT's Got Talent**

Hidden talent is everywhere. But it's the courageous ones who share their unique gifts with the world. Some of those brave souls stepped up to the mic and competed for cash prizes and a chance to be crowned BVT's Got Talent winner on April 12th.

The first round of the competition was open to the public and featured comedians, beatboxers, singers, and dancers. With so much talent displayed, it was difficult for the judges to determine which contestants would advance to the final round.

Our final round of contestants:

- Mikaela Sadik & John Fumia
- Haley Bilodeau
- Emily Muniz
- Dante Hastings
- Ethan Herron, Jackson Lapointe, Luke Scholl & Mason Day

And the Winner was... Haley Bilodeau of Douglas, a freshman in our Biotechnology program. She was crowned the BVT's Got Talent winner for her mad skills on the electric violin. Way to go, Haley!

## **Day of Silence**

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

Club members and other interested students took part in the Day of Silence on May 3rd. Silently and peacefully, they protested anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) bullying, harassment, and name-calling. The vow of silence represents the silence faced by LGBTQ+ people and their allies each and every day. Rather than speaking, they handed out "speaking cards" explaining their reasons for remaining silent. By taking part, students teach one another about diversity, respect, and empower themselves by realizing they CAN make a difference in the world. To learn more, visit: [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

## **Accolades & Awards – Celebrating Excellence**

The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY22.

### **John H. Chafee Heritage Award**

During an awards presentation held at BVT on April 11, 2022, our sophomore Painting & Design Technology class and their instructor, Tom Lamont, were recognized as John H. Chafee Heritage Award recipients for restoring a sign on the Northbridge Town Common in collaboration with the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Chafee Awards recipients at this ceremony also included Congressman Jim McGovern and Ross Weaver from Sutton, MA, and Senator Jack Reed and John Marsland from Rhode Island, who received their awards at different ceremonies later in April.

### **Project Lead the Way Distinguished School**

The nationally recognized nonprofit organization Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has named BVT a 2021-22 PLTW Distinguished School. It is the fifth consecutive year that we have earned this national recognition.

### **Chairman's Award**

Our Robotics Team, Team 61, The Intimidators, competed against the top robotics teams across New England during the New England FIRST Robotics Competition (NEFRC) District event held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in April. Team 61 came home with the District Chairman's Award. It is the most prestigious award at FIRST; it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and embodies the mission of FIRST. It was created to keep the central focus of FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology and encourage more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders.

### **Practical Nursing Program Recognition**

With the demand for skilled nurses particularly significant, our Practical Nursing (post-secondary) program was recently ranked #3 in the state by Nursing Schools Almanac. This organization annually ranks the best nursing schools in Massachusetts to help aspiring nurses with a resource for selecting their future nursing school.

### **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. Noelle "Ellie" McDonald of Grafton, a well-rounded and dedicated senior in Construction Technology, earned the 2022 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.

A few examples of the FY22 community projects include:

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

When the Upton Cemetery Commission needed to repair and replace sections of a fence at the Maplewood Cemetery in Upton, which borders our school grounds, they reached out to us to discuss the repairs. It was the perfect opportunity for our students in Construction Technology and Painting & Design Technology to use their training and skills to help a neighbor.

The two shops collaborated as the Construction Technology students cut 160 pickets from stock cedar that were then primed and painted by our Painting & Design Technology students.

The next time you drive down Maple Avenue, be sure to slow down and check out Maplewood Cemetery's beautiful white picket fence. Once again, our students have left their mark on our community.

### **Preserving the Past**

When a weathered map of the National Register that showcased the Historic District of Whitinsville required a facelift, a creative collaboration between the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) and our Painting & Design Technology (P&D) program was born.

The hand-drawn map was created years ago by town historian Ken Warchol and displayed proudly on the Northbridge Town Common, highlighting local historic landmarks. Luckily, Mr. Warchol had the original artwork rolled up and tucked away for reference, but it required some attention.

So, under the watchful eye of Tom Lamont, our P&D instructor, his students worked to flatten, clean, and restore the original artwork that the BHC used to create a digital image. Then, the students were able to use that digital image and the technology in their shop to print a vinyl graphic of the map and produce the new signage. They also freshened up the existing frame with a fresh coat of paint.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the map creation and installation process:

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

## **Return on Investment**

### **Our Budget Enhances Learner-Centered Education with Federal and State Funds**

Our School Committee prepared the District's FY22 budget so that it complements local assessments and supports student-focused learning with various skill development opportunities for our students through established relationships with local businesses and industries while adhering to strict state requirements. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the budget to a 3.10% increase. Also, to help offset the state-mandated escalation of our member town's minimum contributions (3.62% in FY22), the District applied \$225,000 of its state Department of Revenue certified E&D funds to reduce a portion of each town's appropriation request.

We continuously search for new ways to collaborate with our administration, faculty, and students to be efficient, embrace recycling initiatives, and decrease energy consumption while providing quality education. Additionally, we encourage lifelong learning with opportunities for professional development and promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle in our school community, which has enhanced our incredibly positive learning environment.

The FY22 operating budget of \$26,396,702 was funded primarily by \$9,499,922 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$16,438,780 in Member Assessments. BVT is a fiscally responsible partner in seeing our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single, consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

### **Quote for sidebar:**

"Our Administration, through the leadership of Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council, has worked hard for the past several years to help kids across the state gain experience in STEM fields. Especially now, with the most technology jobs per capita in the country, the demand for highly-skilled people is a pressing issue and STEM Week is an important way to highlight the many opportunities that exist in science, technology, engineering and math."

- Governor Charlie Baker

### Budgeted Revenue Required to Support Operational Expenditures

Revenue Category	FY2020	% Increase	FY2021	% Increase	FY2022	% Increase
<b>Member Town Assessments</b>						
Minimum Contribution	\$11,910,802	4.82%	\$12,576,061	5.59%	\$13,031,695	3.62%
Non Net School Spending Items*	\$1,706,267		\$1,676,735		\$1,698,994	
Member Credits/Charges**	\$886,879		\$1,045,617		\$1,278,241	
Debt Service	\$458,250		\$446,550		\$429,850	
<b>Total Member Assessments</b>	<b>\$14,962,198</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>\$15,744,963</b>	<b>5.23%</b>	<b>\$16,438,780</b>	<b>4.41%</b>

<b>State Aid</b>						
Chapter 70 – Regional Aid	\$8,152,073		\$8,211,324		\$8,228,565	
Transportation Reimbursement	\$1,103,644		\$1,204,663		\$1,271,357	
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>\$9,255,717</b>	<b>2.43%</b>	<b>\$9,415,987</b>	<b>1.73%</b>	<b>\$9,499,922</b>	<b>0.89%</b>

<b>Other Revenue Sources</b>						
Miscellaneous Income	\$199,000		\$217,000		\$233,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$225,000		\$225,000		\$225,000	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$424,000</b>		<b>\$442,000</b>	<b>4.25%</b>	<b>\$458,000</b>	<b>3.62%</b>

<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$24,641,915</b>	<b>3.53%</b>	<b>\$25,602,950</b>	<b>3.90%</b>	<b>\$26,396,702</b>	<b>3.10%</b>
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\*Non NSS Items Include: Transportation (over state aid), Capital Equipment, and Retiree Medical.

\*\*Credits or additional assessments are directly affected by increases in state aid, 9C cuts implemented through the Governor's Office, or other economic factors beyond the District's control, which impacts state aid and member assessments.

### **Complementing Community Support**

Community support is complemented with non-taxpayer resources through the ongoing pursuit to secure public and private grants and donations to support programs and services and enhance learning opportunities for our students. In FY22, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

We're proud to enhance our academic, vocational, and community offerings with grants that strengthen our ability to serve our students and the greater community. With the support of a \$225,000 MA Skills Capital Grant, we are enhancing our highly-popular Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration program and purchasing new shop equipment. Combined with labor and student project design, renovations are taking place without financially impacting our member communities. The Baker-Polito Administration has awarded BVT over \$2.69 million to our school through the MA Skills Capital Grant program.

The District received needed support in FY22 to help respond to Covid-related challenges and implementation plans for a safe return to in-person instruction. BVT received \$349,454 in Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief (ESSER II&III) funds to increase access to educational materials and technology, as well as mental and physical health supports for students and staff.

The funding helped BVT address learning loss resulting from the pandemic and support overall student success in FY22 and for years to come. Through developing AP courses and conducting math acceleration academies, we are continuing to use our ESSER funding to expand course offerings utilizing evidence-based methods. We implemented a school-wide social-emotional learning curriculum, Character Strong, and are monitoring the mental health of students and staff while expanding the positive and supportive learning environment that we have created. All students and staff have access to technology, devices, resources, and support systems needed for their overall success.

Thanks to the funding of competitive grants, we share some examples of our students having fun in FY22 with learning opportunities that were made possible by:

- Toshiba America Foundation for 3D Printers that our Engineering students use to understand that engineering design process.
- Blackstone Valley Education Foundation for Precision Balances & pH Meters that our Biotechnology students can use in their lab.
- Member Town Cultural Councils for supporting our Multicultural event and Art Heals: Shine Your Light Chalk Festival.

### **Quote for sidebar:**

"Massachusetts, like the rest of the country, will face workforce challenges in the next few years, but we are poised to handle them better because of programs like the Skills Capital Grants. The grants enable schools, colleges, and other educational institutions to revamp how students learn and gain crucial experience that serves them and employers well."

- Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

## Grants

Grant	Amount
<b>Competitive Grants</b>	
MassHire (Student Mentoring Program)	\$51,300
Project Lead the Way BioMedical (Year 2)	\$29,468
Toshiba America Foundation (Engineering 3D Printers)	\$5,006
NESDEC (Admin Team Leadership Retreat)	\$5,000
Member Town Cultural Councils (Multicultural Festival)	\$3,103
BVEF (Biotechnology Labs - Precision Balances & pH Meters)	\$3,000
LRIG-NE (Information Technology - Drones)	\$2,000
Member Town Cultural Councils (Chalk Art Festival)	\$2,000
Project Bread (School Meal Support Grant)	\$1,500
<b>Competitive Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$102,377</b>

<b>State Entitlement Grants</b>	
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief 3 (ESSER III)	\$234,924
MA Skills Capital Grant (HVAC Shop)	\$225,000
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief 2 (ESSER II)	\$114,530
Higher Ed Emergency Relief (HEERF III) (PN)	\$81,585
Special Education COVID Related (ARP IDEA)	\$64,735
FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund (Laptops)	\$33,200
MA COVID Recovery Needs Special Support Earmark III (Utility Vehicle)	\$25,000
Career Voc Tech Equitable Access (EL Recruitment)	\$21,200
MA COVID Summer Program Reimbursement (Transition Camp)	\$18,125
Grade 10 Math Acceleration Academy, Summer 2021 & April 2022 (ESSER I & II)	\$29,750
MA Financial Literacy Plan & Implement (Curriculum Development)	\$1,920
USDA School EBT Admin Reimbursement	\$614
<b>State Entitlement Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$850,583</b>

<b>Federal Entitlement Grants</b>	
Special Education 94-142 (IDEA)	\$326,406
Perkins	\$177,303
Title I	\$35,464
Title IIA	\$15,805
Title IV	\$10,000
Perkins Post-Secondary (PN Program)	\$2,842
<b>Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$567,820</b>

<b>FY22 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,520,780</b>
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Note: The District also secured substantial donations in the form of cash, tools, raw materials, and technology. Also, at the time of the printing of this report, additional grant awards were under consideration.

### **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.

**Chair:** Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham

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

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

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

Joseph A. Broderick, Blackstone

Mark J. Potter, Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Hopedale

Edward D. Cray, III, 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:** Christopher C. Pilla

### **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
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology (2-year program for Juniors and Seniors only)
- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:

- Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
- Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2022

Fiscal Year 2023 begins July 1, 2022, and continues to June 30, 2023. The values for Fiscal 2023 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed January 1, 2023.

Fiscal 2023 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, 2022. We received notification of approval of the Tax Rate and level of Assessment on November 30, 2022. The FISCAL 2023 Tax Rate is 16.18. approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services. Fiscal 2023 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 in April 2018 and has served on the BOA to date. Jeremiah was voted as Vice-Chairman.

Jacquelyn (Lyn) M. Robinson was appointed for a one-year term in April of 2022 and will be running for the remaining 2 years of the term in April 2023.

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 16 years.

The Administrative Assistant Assessor position was vacated in April 2020, due to the COVID pandemic. The position was then filled part-time by Miriah Gilbert in September 2020 and full time in July 2021. 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. Miriah is working towards her MAAO designation and has completed 5 of the 8 required courses. She is a valuable addition to our staff.

The Board of Assessors, 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](http://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.

At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 31, 2022, upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town change Clause 37 to Clause 37A regarding local property tax exemptions for Legally Blind Persons under M.G.L. c.59, Section 5 Clauses 37 and 37A. The current Legally Blind Exemption is Clause 37 which allows an exemption amount of \$437.50, to individuals who meet specific occupancy and ownership requirements. If the Legally Blind Persons exemption is changed to 37A, the exemption amount will be raised to \$500.00. This warrant is a request, under local option, to change Clause 37 to Clause 37A. This Article was passed at town meeting.

Fiscal year 2023 began on July 1, 2022, and continues to June 30, 2023. 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, 2022. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2021 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, 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 2023 residential values were reviewed by the Assessors’ Office after the valuations were determined by Vision Government Solutions. To ensure the information on file concerning sales from Fiscal 2021 is accurate, the Assistant Assessor has inspected all the sales. After the inspections, the information is reviewed, and corrections applied 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, 2023, reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2023 is 1,338,217,490. This reflects a positive 14.88% change from Fiscal 2022. The average single family residential home in Blackstone for Fiscal 2023 is 378,798. This is a 14.88% increase from Fiscal 2022 when the average single family residential property was 329,729.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing at the Blackstone Municipal Center on November 22, 2022. The Hearing 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 2023 tax rate is \$16.18 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 at the Town of Blackstone website, “townofblackstone.org”, Assessors page.

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The Bureau of Local Assessment requires that a periodic data inspection program provide for the inspection of each parcel in the town at least once every 10 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, an exterior inspection is completed, and a door hanger is left with instructions on how to schedule an interior 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 16 years and this is the 15th 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 co-operation during the inspection process. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment.

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman  
Jeremiah Carey, Vice-Chairman  
Jacquelyn M. Robinson, Member  
Patricia J. Salamone, Assistant-Assessor  
Miriah Gilbert, Administrative Assistant Assessor

## **Building Commissioners Report**

Total Permits Issued	407
New Single-Family Homes	16
Additions/Garages	12
Roofs	77
Sheds	3
Porches/ Decks	20
Replacements Windows/ Doors	59
Vinyl Siding	18
Pools/ Spas	11
Demolition	1
Foundation/ Footings	13
Repairs/ Renovations	22
Remodel	20
Pellet and Wood Stoves	1
Insulation	49
Awnings/ Signs	1
Solar Panels	56
Sheet Metal/ Mechanical	28
Estimated Value of Construction	\$21,014,073.80

### **TOTAL FEES COLLECTED**

<b>Plumbing/Gas Dept.</b>	<b>\$11,270.00</b>
<b>Electrical Dept.</b>	<b>\$44,035.07</b>
<b>Building Dept.</b>	<b>\$134,985.17</b>

## **251 Electrical Permits**

New Single-Family Homes	15
Additions/ Garages	7
Service Entrance Panel	29
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces/Mini Splits	21
Fire/ Security Alarms	7
Swimming Pools/ Spas/ Hot Tubs	14
Vinyl Siding	6
Generators/ AC	17
Meters	7
Misc. Wiring Renovations	19
Fixtures/ Outlets	40
Solar Panels	57
Circuit Garage	2
Septic Related	2
Sign	2
Well Related	2
Powerwall	2
Sewer Related	1
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$44,035.07

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

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

## **Fiscal Year 2022**

Real Estate billed = \$17,760,054.88 – Collected \$17,622,408.79

Collection Rate = 98.84%

Tax Lien = \$120,794.06 – Collected \$8,279.64 (1)

Collection Rate = 6.85% (1)

Personal Property billed = \$2,991,422.74 – Collected \$2,992,880.15

Collection Rate = 99.95%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,213,190.52 – Collected \$1,061,902.15

Collection Rate = 86.69%

Water Sewer Bills = \$2,264,654.52 – Collected \$2,79,153.69

Collection Rate = 91.49%

Total billed \$24,229,322.66 – Total Collected \$23,756,344.78

Total Collection Rate = 97.68%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

## **Message From The Collector Treasurer**

### Staff

As you may know I was elected as your Collector/Treasurer at the last town elections in April 2022. My office went through a complete turnover of personnel, first with the addition of Erin Pelletier as the Assistant Treasurer and then in September the addition of Lori Charbonneau who took over as Assistant Collector due to the departure of Christina Lussier. Many thanks to the staff of the Collector/Treasurer's and Town Accountant's Offices who have worked to keep operations flowing smoothly after so much turnover. I appreciate all the assistance they have provided during my transition.

### Residents

Thank you for electing me as your Collector/Treasurer. I believe I have put together a staff that will deliver the honesty, integrity and the professionalism it takes to serve local government and it's people. We stand committed to working with all department heads, staff and other agencies to best serve the Town of Blackstone.

Matthew Ryan  
Collector | Treasurer  
Town of Blackstone

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

**Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<b>NON-INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 975.00</b>
<b>INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,376,108.97</b>
<b>STABILIZATION</b>	<b>\$ 3,265,945.25</b>
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,981,356.60</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,905,389.59</b>
<b>TOTAL: Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$25,493,207.81</b>

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

**SELECTMEN**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
BULSO, MARY	SELECTMEN	\$1,500.00
CHAMBERLAND, RYAN	SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN	\$1,725.00
KLUCHEVITZ, ROBERT	SELECTMEN	\$1,500.00
POLAK, TANYA	SELECTMEN	\$1,500.00
SCANLON, BRIAN	SELECTMEN	\$1,500.00

**ADMINISTRATION**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
VECHIO, DORI	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$160,447.84
BINETTE, DENISE	SECRETARY	\$7,571.91
MCGEOUGH, ELIZABETH	RECORDING SECRETARY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$3,717.24
NADEAU-LEMOINE SANDRA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$62,317.01

**DPW**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
SULLIVAN JAMES	DPW DIRECTOR	\$108,539.16
PATERSON, KELLY	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$45,940.72
DUBOIS, PATRICIA	DPW SECRETARY, WATER/SEWER	\$43,124.27
VARIEUR, ROBERT	LEADMAN	\$99,091.18
MARCHAND, THOMAS	LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	\$83,372.38
BERNIE, BRUCE	LABORER	\$44,432.25
FANEUF, RANDALL	LABORER	\$49,577.92
GLAISTER, KOLE	LABORER	\$38,129.60
MARTELLO, DOMINIC	LABORER	\$52,361.13
MOWRY, BEAU	LABORER	\$64,386.44
ROBIDOUX, ADAM	LABORER	\$59,567.13
STAPLES, JOSHUA	LABORER	\$49,913.75
PATERSON, DONALD	MECHANIC	\$66,773.47
VALASTRO, PAUL	TRUCK DRIVER	\$55,367.83

**PARKS & RECREATION**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
BISSONNETTE, DEBRA	PARKS SECRETARY	\$1,020.00

**FINANCE**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
CHARBONNEAU, LORI	ASSISTANT COLLECTOR	\$8,952.04
GILBERT, MIRIAH	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ASSESSORS	\$44,008.34
LEMOINE, KELSEY	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	\$37,422.24
PELLETIER, ERIN	ASSISTANT TREASURER	\$20,976.44
RYAN, MATTHEW	COLLECTOR-TREASURER	\$46,241.05
SALAMONE, PATRICIA	ASSESSOR	\$75,118.33



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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

SWEENEY, MICHAEL	FIRE CHIEF	<b>Total Earnings</b>	\$107,057.15
ROY, KEVIN	DEPUTY CHIEF		\$108,080.39
COTNOIR, KENNETH	LIEUTENANT		\$77,717.65
FRADE, PAUL	LIEUTENANT		\$146,863.61
IANNETTI, ANTHONY	LIEUTENANT		\$110,244.30
BLAKE, SAMUEL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$134,149.66
CALBO, GREGORY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$74,316.63
COTNOIR II, KENNETH	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$66,041.96
CRENSHAW, TYLER	FIERFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$10,200.49
DAIGLE, CHRISTINE	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$53,810.59
DUMICAN, MICHAEL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$67,861.99
GILMORE, MARY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$113,144.31
HAGGERTY, EVAN	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$74,600.21
PECK, ANDREW	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$6,762.22
VIENS, CONNOR	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC		\$82,784.55

BEAULIEU, GREGORY	CALL FIREFIGHTER	<b>Total Earnings</b>	\$1,156.00
BEAULIEU, KAITLIN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$170.00
BILLINGS, MICHAEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,547.00
BLAKE, GRIFFIN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,207.00
DUNAYESKI II, THOMAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$901.00
FOSTER, JAMES	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$391.00
LANCTOT, CHRISTOPHER	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,207.00
RAINVILLE, DANIEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$357.00
RAINVILLE, EDWARD	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$153.00
RAINVILLE, LUCIEN	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$437.00
SWEENEY, MICHAEL JR	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$884.00
TROIILA-KELLIHER, NICHOLAS	CALL FIREFIGHTER		\$1,360.00

**LIBRARY**

CHEEVER, LISA	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	<b>Total Earnings</b>	\$72,705.12
COLLIER, TRESSY	ASST. DIRECTOR / CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN		\$48,359.55
ANSELL DONNA	SENIOR LIBRARY TECHNICIAN / HEAD CIRCULATION		\$41,511.65
FOSTER, DONNA	LIBRARY AID		\$6,881.82
GOUDREAU, ELLEN	LIBRARY AID		\$15,599.52
GUZINSKI, KATARINA	LIBRARY AID		\$11,483.92
LASTORIA, LISA	LIBRARY AID		\$3,154.53
MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL	LIBRARY AID		\$2,046.07
MARVELLE, SAMANTHA	LIBRARY AID		\$10,423.48
MCGEOUGH, ELIZABETH	LIBRARY AID		\$3,717.24
MILLIKEN, RENEE	LIBRARY AID		\$14,119.56
PAVLIS, COURTNEY	LIBRARY AID		\$11,918.83
PIECHOCKI, JEAN	LIBRARY AID		\$7,986.38
ROWANHEART, BETHANY	LIBRARY AID		\$14,435.03
TIBBETTS, DENISE	LIBRARY AID		\$10,035.06
WHIPPLE, MANDI	LIBRARY AID		\$17,017.58
MARVELLE, SR., ROGER	SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN		\$3,028.64
MARVELLE, RUSSELL	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN		\$39,592.42

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**TOWN CLERK**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
SULLIVAN, TARA	TOWN CLERK	\$62,615.01
VAILLANCOURT, ALISON	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$39,844.49
STAFFORD, SHEILA	TOWN CLERK OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$36,400.76
DOYLE, DANIEL	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$250.00
GREENWALD, MARC	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$200.00

**ELECTIONS**

AUGER, JEANNINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$331.31
BARRETT, LAUREN	ELECTION WORKER	\$42.75
CASTONGUAY, ANDRE	ELECTION WORKER	\$228.75
CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$348.30
CROTEAU, IRENE	ELECTION WORKER	\$592.50
CROTEAU, LESLIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$0.00
GALLANT, STELLA	ELECTION WORKER	\$580.70
GITTLESON, JUDITH	ELECTION WORKER	\$518.28
JARRET, AMANDA	ELECTION WORKER	\$35.63
KELLY, SUZANNE	ELECTION WORKER	\$599.65
LODGE, JANET	ELECTION WORKER	\$74.81
LOZEAU, JEANNE	ELECTION WORKER	\$584.26
MARTINELLI, CECILE	ELECTION WORKER	\$0.00
MCGILVRAY, LINDA	ELECTION WORKER	\$916.85
MOORE-MCNAMARA, ELAINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$199.50
NERBONNE, JEAN	ELECTION WORKER	\$242.25
PISANI, SHEILA	ELECTION WORKER	\$249.38
RYAN, PETER	ELECTION WORKER	\$480.00
RYAN, PETER JR.	ELECTION WORKER	\$120.00
ST. JOHN, LORRAINE	ELECTION WORKER	\$406.13
SULLIVAN, PAULA	ELECTION WORKER	\$409.69
WALSH, AMY	ELECTION WORKER	\$0.00
WALSH, SARAH	ELECTION WORKER	\$655.25
WINGATE, JULIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$1,367.26
WOODMAN, ROSEMARIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$584.26

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
TESTA, KAREN	COA DIRECTOR	\$54,194.04
BROPHY, ROBIN	OUTREACH COORDINATOR	\$2,357.32
BEAUPRE-ALDRICH, ASHLEY	OUTREACH COORDINATOR	\$29,001.24
TEKESSIAN, BRENDA	NUTRITION/FITNESS COORDINATOR	\$18,050.72
PIMENTA, DENNIS	TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR/VA COORDINATOR	\$33,970.84
BRISSETTE, MARK	VAN DRIVER	\$549.60
COLLETTE, JOSEPH	VAN DRIVER	\$12,869.90
FLYNN, TIMOTHY	VAN DRIVER	\$12,968.08
JILLSON, JOEL	VAN DRIVER	\$12,370.72
KANZ, WALTER	VAN DRIVER	\$0.00
MASSE, ROBERT	VAN DRIVER	\$8,347.02
PERRAULT, ROBERT	VAN DRIVER	\$11,774.27

**BUILDING**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
STRAPPONI, COLLEEN	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/RECYCLING COORD.	\$72,701.66
DIEFENBACH, ELIZABETH	BUILDING SECRETARY	\$11,110.36
LARIVIERE, STACIA	BUILDING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$21,722.08
AICARDI, TIMOTHY	BUILDING COMMISSIONER	\$36,699.93
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**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
RYAN, KEVIN	RECYCLING FOREMAN	\$55,194.04
BEDLION, DELBERT	RECYCLING LABORER	\$30,729.71
GUILLEMETTE, GERARD	RECYCLING	\$1,632.27
	RECYCLING	\$33,285.30

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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

		<b>Total Earnings</b>
BRODERICK, JOSEPH	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL BOARD	\$1,500.00
CAREY, JEREMIAH	BOARD OF ASSESSORS	\$900.00
ROBINSON, JAQUELYN	BOARD OF ASSESSORS	\$600.00
SCHANDELMAYER-DAVIS, FRANS	BOARD OF ASSESSORS	\$1,000.00
RYAN, JOSHUA	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$900.00
RYAN, KEVIN J	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$1,000.00
RYAN, PETER	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$1,500.00
CATALANO, DENISE	BOARD SECRETARY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$1,633.88
VILLEMAIRE, MICHELLE	BOARD SECRETARY, PARADE COMMITTEE	\$1,710.00
MARVELLE-RING, PATRICIA	BOARD SECRETARY, PLANNING / ZONING	\$60.00
WOZNIAK, JOHN	MODERATOR	\$300.00
BELROSE, JOSEPH	PLANNING BOARD	\$1,000.00
BEBEAU, OWEN	PLANNING BOARD	\$1,000.00
CATALANO, ANTHONY	PLANNING BOARD	\$83.33
EMIDY, JOSEPH	PLANNING BOARD	\$833.32
MARVELLE, PAUL	PLANNING BOARD	\$1,200.00
VAN DYKE, KIRK	PLANNING BOARD	\$1,000.00
MARCOTTE, KENNETH	TREE WARDEN	\$2,800.00

## Council on Aging

The Annual Report for the Blackstone Council on Aging for the period of January 1 through December 30, 2022 is hereby respectfully submitted.

The purpose of the Blackstone Council on Aging (BCOA) is to advocate, plan, coordinate, and provide comprehensive day-to-day services for Blackstone residents 60 years of age and older and to provide services to residents under 60 years of age with disabilities. The BCOA is responsible for the daily operations of the Blackstone Senior Center which is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Senior Center acts as a resource center for individuals seeking information and/or referrals on all aspects of senior services. The BCOA strives to achieve this mission through a combination of direct services, information and referral, social, educational, and recreational activities as well as volunteer programs for seniors and other members of the community offered through the Senior Center and throughout the larger community. We pride ourselves on offering in-person assistance to seniors.

The BCOA strives to meet the needs and desires of the greatest number of senior citizens by implementing and offering a variety of activities, services, and programs. According to the 2010 Federal Census, Blackstone is home to 1,508 seniors over the age of 60. As of July, 2022 the population of persons 65 and older in Blackstone was 17.4%. We anticipate that this percentage will increase significantly in the next few years.

The BCOA continues to identify the needs of our senior residents and link them with the services/programs that enable them to live independently and stay connected to the community. The BCOA works closely with Tri-Valley Services, VNA's, Tufts Medical Center, Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Mass Attorney General's Office, Board of Health, Town Nurse, Veterans Office, Housing Authority, Police, Fire and Rescue Departments, Salvation Army, Library, Parks & Recreation, and other local Council on Aging/Senior Centers.

This year we added a partnership with The Blackstone-Midville School Department to cater special luncheons & provide concerts for Senior Center participants, the Blackstone Vocational Tech to offer one-on-one training teaching seniors how to use their I-phone, I-pad, and other technical devices; Blackstone-Millville Garden Club to clean up and provide two planters and plant flowers at the rear entrance of the Senior Center; YMCA to be a "Pop Up Pantry" for seniors to receive a monthly shopping bag of groceries; Oak Street Health to provide quarterly health presentations and complimentary lunches to seniors.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS:**

The Council on Aging received Formula Grant funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$27,672.00 for Fiscal Year 2022. The formula used to determine the amount received is \$12.00 per elder times the number of elders currently living in Blackstone according to the 2010 Census or 2,306 elders over the age of 60.

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Special thanks to our Council on Aging Board for their support of our programs, activities, and events and for advocating for the best interest of the Senior Center. The BCOA Board consists of: Julie Wingate, Chair; Jay Dilibero, Vice Chair; Jill Anderson, Secretary, Members: Ed Collette, Linda McGilvray, Gail Stokes and Mary Connor.

**COUNCIL ON AGING STAFF:**

The COA staff consists of the following:

<i><b>POSITION</b></i>	<i><b>NAME</b></i>	<i><b>FULL/PART TIME</b></i>	<i><b>LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT</b></i>
Director	Karen Testa	Full-time	13 months
Outreach Coordinator	Ashley Beaupre	Full-time	11 months
Nutrition/Activities Coordinator	Brenda Takessian	Full-time	8 months
Transportation Coord.	Dennis Pimenta	Part-time	15 years
5 Per Diem Van Drivers	E. Collette T. Flynn J. Jillson R. Masse R. Perrault		

**FRIENDS OF THE BLACKSTONE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.:**

Friends of Blackstone Seniors, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation whose intent is to conduct fundraising events to assist in providing social and recreational activities and programs to the seniors and disabled adults in the Town of Blackstone.

In February 2022 the Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging Inc. was reorganized and held its first meeting. In April, new officers were installed for a two-year term. Officers installed were: Violet Theroux, President; Kay Lonsdale, Vice President; Linda McGilvray, Treasurer; Pamela

Grant, Secretary. Special thanks to the officers and members for their gift of time and ongoing commitment to raise money to supplement the Senior Center's budget.

Thank you to our participants and members of the community for supporting the Friends Group's many fundraisers. Fundraisers sponsored by the Friends Group included: Annual Red Sox Game raffle, Hawaiian Luau, November calendar raffle, vendor bingo, holiday bingo, pasta dinner, Cabaret Show (to be held in June, 2023), trips, sale of handmade knitted items, co-sponsoring special lunches and several raffles. The Friends Group members are grateful for the support of area businesses for their generous donations of both raffle items and monetary donations to purchase items for the Senior Center.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Beginning in mid-January, the Director actively began to engage individuals to volunteer their time at the Senior Center. By the end of 2022, the Senior Center's volunteer pool included over 30 participants and continued to grow.

Our volunteers are a part of a collaborative effort to enable persons over the age of 60 or who are disabled to live independently and with dignity within our community. All volunteers must submit to a CORI check (Criminal Offender Record Information – criminal background check) before they may begin as a Senior Center volunteer. We offer a wide spectrum of Volunteer Services for our volunteers such as assisting with: assembling the monthly newsletter, weekly Bingo games, review healthcare options, serving in the dining room; assist in the kitchen, clerical, decorations, classes, senior center programs, fundraisers and activities.

As part of National Volunteer Recognition Week in April, we honored Senior Center volunteers with a "Volunteer Recognition Luncheon" held at River Falls Restaurant. Board of Selectmen attended and each volunteer was presented with a zippered tote bag engraved with "Volunteers are Dedicated, Celebrated & Appreciated" as well as a Certificate of Appreciation provided by Rep. Michael Soter.

Our next phase of volunteer opportunities is to expand services to assist homebound seniors within the community.

### **EMHOT:**

The Elder Mental Health Outreach Team (EMHOT) is a community based elder mental health intervention program administered through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The EMHOT and is a collaboration of six (6) Councils on Aging (Bellingham, Blackstone, Mendon, Medway, Milford, and Franklin). This is a home based model that includes therapy, case management,

education, and information and referral. This year there is a significant increase in the need for mental health services and we continue to advocate for the availability of additional services in our community.

**SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM:**

During 2022, twenty-five applicants applied to participate in the Senior Tax Work Off Program and all were placed in various Town departments to assist with departmental needs.

In December, 2022 the Senior Tax Work Off Program was assigned to the COA Director to oversee. As of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 25 applicants applied to this program. Upon approval of a CORI License Check and approval by the Town Administrator, applicants will be assigned to various departments in January, 2023 to assist with the department's daily functions.

**OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICES/OUTREACH COORDINATOR:**

The BCOA hired an Outreach Coordinator in late March, 2022. The Outreach Worker provides assistance to all seniors in the community via the telephone, appointments and walk-ins. Some of the services provided by the Outreach Coordinator are as follows: Food Stamps, Fuel Assistance (SMOC), Senior Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Legal Assistance, Hearing Aid and Vision Assistance (Lions Club).

Medical Insurance Information is available with a SHINE certified counsellor. SHINE is a state program, Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone. The Outreach Coordinator and Director connect seniors to a SHINE certified counsellor to address the senior's health information questions and needs.

Tri-Valley Elder Services: Referrals and Protective Services are made to Tri-Valley. The Director and Outreach Worker are Mandated Reporters by state law. They call in to report any suspected physical or financial abuse to Tri Valley who sends out a trained Protective Case Worker to do an investigation. Often times, the BCOA staff will work closely with the Blackstone Police and Fire Departments and Board of Health on issues of concern.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home Assistance: the Outreach Coordinator provides a list of Assisted Living/Nursing Homes to seniors and makes phone calls inquiring on availability and estimated wait list time.

**Outreach Worker Services:**

Telephone Calls	1908
Office Visits	153
Zoom Conferences/Trainings	14
Home Visits	06
SHINE clients	34

**NUTRITION PROGRAM:**

In June, 2022, a Nutrition/Activities Coordinator was hired. The Nutrition/Activities Coordinator is responsible for, day-to-day operations of the dining room and kitchen, as well as assisting with the planning and execution of all special luncheons, social events, trips, and activities as well as the updating of the Senior Center’s social media pages Beginning in March, 2022, BCOA partnered with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District to cater lunches for monthly birthday celebrations, as well as special occasion lunches at the Senior Center. Some of the special luncheons offered at the Senior Center included: Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Summer Cookout , Ice Cream Social, Halloween, LaFamilia Italian Lunch, Professional Caricaturist, Bring a friend to lunch, Meet & Greet w/Rhea Bouchard Powers, Wild Weather, Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer, Thanksgiving and a Tea-riffic Tea Party. Some of the special lunches had to be moved to the library to accommodate the overwhelming response. A Christmas luncheon was held at Willow Brook Restaurant to accommodate the participants’ response. Mystery lunches are offered off-site on a monthly basis.

**PROGRAMS, CLASSES, & EVENTS:**

New programs and activities offered at the Senior Center have more than tripled throughout 2022.

A high concentration was given towards offering new wellness and exercise classes, which included: Pound Exercise (drumming); Fab, Fit & Fun; Beginner’s Line Dancing; Beginner’s Tai Chi, Walking Club and Meditation & Mindfulness. In addition, exercise classes previously offered were brought back to in-person classes, including Strength Training, Chair Yoga, and advanced Tai Chi.

Other programs offered were: monthly blood pressure screenings, craft classes, book club, card games, Bunco game, board games, painting classes, Aging Gracefully & Gratefully and a Grief & Loss Support Group.

Special events included: Spa Day, Fire Safety during the Holiday season, Matter of Balance workshop, AARP Smart Driver Course, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Couponing makes Cents; a Celtic celebration, Medication management, How to protect yourself from identity theft, scams

& robocalls; Wear Red for Heart Disease Awareness; Learn the Art of Psyanky; and a Yankee Swap.

The BCOA began a *Snow Angels Program* which is a voluntary snow removal service for senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities. The program's goal is to help bring together residents who want to keep their sidewalks clear, but are physically unable to do so, with volunteers who want to help out their community.

A Facebook page was developed on social media, *Blackstone MA Senior Center* to keep participants and the community informed and up-to-date on programs and activities.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

The COA's Transportation Department provides transportation services for medical and non-medical appointments to Blackstone residents 60 years of age and older and certified disabled residents who have no other means of transportation. Transportation is provided to doctor's offices, the pharmacy, library, hairdresser, the Senior Center to participate in classes and activities, nursing homes, polling places to vote, Worcester Sheriff's Office annual picnic, special Town events and Annual and special Town meetings. In addition, transportation services are provided to Walmart twice a month and Market Basket once a month for seniors to perform their food shopping.

A 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan with wheelchair accessibility was purchased in November, 2022 through an approved 2022 Town Warrant Article. This van replaced the 2011 Ford Escape (106,031 miles) and has made a significant contribution to the transportation department and is utilized in place of a larger van when feasible.

In 2022, the Transportation Department serviced 5,366 passengers, a 27% increase over 2021. These passengers were serviced as follows:

2,997 medical transports	a 3% increase over 2021 (2,919 medical transports in 2021)
2,369 non-medical transports	a 79% increase over 2021 (1,323 non-medical transports in 2021)

In addition to the five (5) per diem drivers, the COA has three (3) volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers assist with providing transportation services by using their own personal vehicle to drive seniors to their long-distance medical appointments and are reimbursed for mileage.

The COA's transportation department has five (5) vehicles in its fleet:

<i>VEHICLE</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>MAKE/MODEL</i>	<i>MILEAGE AS OF 12.31.22</i>
Van #1	2021	Ford/E450	34,913
Mini Van	2017	Dodge/Caravan	50,217
Mini Van	2017	Dodge/Grand Caravan	43,230
Van #3	2016	Ford/E450	47,271
Van #2	2012	Ford/Eldorado	67,789
Car/SUV	2011	Ford/Escape	106,031

**MARKETING & NEWSLETTER:**

The Director develops and sends out monthly press releases to The Enlightener and local cable access to announce all programs, services, and activities available at the Senior Center. In February, 2022 a newly-designed monthly 12-page newsletter was developed and continues to be mailed and distributed to over 250 seniors and a handful of local businesses. If you would like to be on our mailing list to receive the newsletter, please call 508-876-5134 for details. The monthly newsletter as well as other important dates and information is located on the Town of Blackstone's website under COA and the *Blackstone MA Senior Center* Facebook page.

**DURABLE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM:**

The Equipment Loan program operates solely through donations of good quality durable medical equipment. Equipment is loaned to residents of the Town of Blackstone on an as needed basis. We accept items in good to excellent condition. Call 508-876-5134 to arrange an appointment to deliver a donation to the Senior Center.



## TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

SMOKE  
DETECTORS  
SAVE  
LIVES

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

### 2022 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present the annual report of the activities in the Fire Department for the 2022 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with a Fire Chief (currently shared with Mendon), a full-time Deputy Chief, twelve (12) budgeted full-time Firefighter/Paramedic positions, and ten (10) Call Firefighters. The department has three stations in town. Headquarters is located at 15 Saint Paul Street which is staffed with full-time Firefighter/Paramedics around the clock. Currently we have four shifts with three members each working a 24-hour rotating shift schedule. Station 2 is located at 666 Rathbun Street and Station 3 is located at 132 Elm Street. Both stations are unmanned and have on-call firefighters that respond out of those stations. The department has four front line pumpers, a ladder truck, one forestry truck for brush fires, and two paramedic level ambulances. The full-time members handle all fire and emergency medical (EMS) calls, and are complemented by the on-call department members as needed. The full-time staff handle inspections and other various daily activities.

Fire education programs were taught in our schools once again due to the generosity of our town businesses and schools. The Blackstone Fire Department applies for and has been awarded a S.A.F.E. grant every year (student awareness of fire education). Lt. Paul Frade heads the entire S.A.F.E. program and does an excellent job. We would like to thank the school staff for allowing us into the schools to teach fire safety education. LT Frade also manages the Senior SAFE program and works closely with the elderly community within Blackstone.

2022 was a significant year of change for the fire department as Chief Michael Sweeney retired in July of 2022 after 30 years of service with the Blackstone Fire Department. Chief Sweeney worked nearly 50 years total with the department. His dedication to the town and his staff is truly appreciated. With Chief Sweeney retiring, the town entered into an agreement with the Town of Mendon to share a Fire Chief and Chief William Kessler took on the Shared Chief role. Chief Kessler has 10 years of experience as a Fire Chief. Chief Kessler started his firefighting career in Uxbridge, MA where he reached the rank of Chief before going to Mendon Fire as the Chief of the Department. Captain Kevin Roy

was promoted to the Deputy Fire Chief position in December of 2022. Deputy Roy is the first full-time administrative Deputy in the Town of Blackstone. Deputy Roy started his career with the on-call department in 1998 and was hired as a career member in 2010.

The Blackstone Fire Department has a town webpage that has several links for important information such as open air burning guidelines, the Code Red alerting system, and permit applications. By registering with the Code Red program, you will receive emergency notifications and general announcements issued by the town of Blackstone. The department webpage is as follows:

<https://www.townofblackstone.org/fire-department>

The Blackstone Fire Department has applied for and received funds from grants:

S.A.F.E. Grant	\$ 4,575.00
Senior S.A.F.E.	\$ 2,855.00
EMPG	\$2,900.00
Assistance to Firefighter Grant	\$26,142.86

Ambulance receipts for fiscal year 2022 were approximately \$399,658.65.00. This money is used to fund the ambulance budget, offset the general budget, fund the purchase of a new ambulance, and for the purchase of any equipment that is needed for the ambulance.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2022

Total calls.....	1093
Transports.....	839
No Service.....	20
Refusals.....	52
Fire Assist Calls.....	2

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals in 2022

Landmark Medical Center.....	310
Milford Regional.....	456
Fatima.....	3
Rhode Island Hospital.....	34
Hasbro Children's.....	13
Providence VA.....	3
Miriam.....	14
Umass Memorial.....	1
Umass Medical Center.....	5

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2022

Emergency Medical Services .....	1093
Fire Incident calls.....	526
Dispatched / Cancelled.....	42
Building Fire.....	13
Electrical wiring / Equipment Incidents.....	6
Brush Fire.....	8
Chimney Fire Incidents.....	2
Fire and Smoke Alarms.....	128

Co alarm / incidents.....8  
Motor Vehicle Crashes.....19  
Gas Leaks.....8  
Water Leak Emergencies.....5  
Burning Permits.....182  
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....187  
Oil Tank Removal Inspections.....20  
New Propane Tank Install Inspections.....27  
Fuel Truck Inspection.....2  
Station Coverage.....9  
Department Trainings.....14

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Kessler, Fire Chief



Kevin L. Roy, Deputy Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected Kevin J. Ryan, Chairman, Josh J. Ryan, ViceChairman 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 continues to review and update the regulations for the benefit of the health and welfare of our community. We will continue to research and implement beneficial programs to assist our community. The Board of Health has successfully written and received grant funding through the Mass DEP.

We will continue our work to clean up the blighted properties in the Town and are thankful for the assistance from Matthew Ryan and his team in the Collector/Treasurer's Office.

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

The Board of Health would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Health Agent, Stacia Lariviere, Municipal Secretary, Sheila Stafford, Office Assistant and Timothy J. Aicardi, Building Commissioner, 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  
2022 Annual Report

After two long years, all COVID restrictions were lifted, and we were able to resume pre-COVID tours at the museum and hold our events in-house (with a brief closure early in the year when cases began to rise again). 2022 brought us over 300 visitors!

The Commission welcomed three new members— Liz Bellairs-Roy, Bob Slack, and Mike Buckley who began pitching in immediately. We have a full board once again and are thrilled with the extra help and new ideas they are bringing in.

Chair Julie Wingate attended several very informative webinar classes throughout the year offered by the Massachusetts Historical Society:

- Intro to Historic Preservation
- Architectural Styles, Forms and Building Technologies of Massachusetts
- Administering Local Historic Districts and Design Review
- Developing a Historic Preservation Plan
- State and Federal Historic Resources Project Review and Compliance
- Historic Resources Survey and the National Register of Historic Places
- Establishing Local Historic Districts

At the end of March, the museum was closed as we conducted our first BMR student event by providing tours to the entire fourth grade. Groups were broken down into 20-25 students each with morning and afternoon sessions held Monday through Thursday. Students were very engaged in learning about our town's history and the event was enjoyed by all. A big shout-out to Superintendent DeFalco and the rest who helped make this a reality!

In April, the Blackstone Public Library hosted a very well-attended local community event which the Commission participated in. Later this month presented former member Dick Ryan with a plaque recognizing him as an honorary lifetime member of the Blackstone Historical Commission. Dick was on the Board of Selectmen that formed the historical commission and served many years as a member. We are grateful for his advancement in the preservation of our town's history.

Game day was held at the museum in May with Michael Lepage back as 1903 Red Sox outfielder Buck Freeman. As Freeman, he will speak about the first World Series, which was held in 1903 - playing were teams from Boston and Pittsburg. Spectators (attendees) of this event received a box of Cracker Jacks.

An exciting new edition was added to the museum's grounds – two grinding stones, dating back to circa 1754! We are very grateful to Wayne Kimball, owner of the stones, and Jim Sullivan and the DPW crew for safely removing the stones from their original resting place to the museum's stone garden.

Sadly, our Boston Post Cane recipient, Mrs. Rita Menard, passed away in January of this year. In August, the award was passed on to long-time Blackstone resident Antoinette Trant as she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Trant's daughters, Susan and Linda Trant and Nancy (Trant)

Mahoney held the event at the Millerville Men's Club. Members of the Historical Commission and Board of Selectmen were in attendance with State Rep. Michael Soter reading and presenting a citation from Governor Baker and the Commonwealth.

In November, Blackstone Cub Scouts from 3144, Bear Den, led by Jeremy Labonte, Brian Stimel, and Matt Catalano were given a special tour of the museum, accompanied by their parents and siblings. The Cubs were working toward earning a history patch.

The museum's last event of the year was our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Open House with the Olde Towne Carolers. Coffee and sweets were available with our vintage decorations on display. The turnout was great as everyone enjoyed humming and singing along.

Lastly, members of the commission attended a networking meeting given by The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. 30+ were in attendance representing local historical commissions and societies, in addition to the heads of various pertinent organizations. The meeting was well-received with so many questions and ideas bouncing around that a second one will take place sometime early next year.

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  
Liz Bellairs-Roy, Secretary  
Carolyn Powers  
Richard Guilbeault  
Bob Slack  
Mike Buckley  
Susan Tenerowicz, Alternate

# 2022 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

The Blackstone Public Library had a busy 2022. Over 40,000 people visited the Library to borrow materials, attend programs, use a study room, research, attend meetings, visit the adult, teen and children's spaces, use a computer, print, scan, fax, copy, and to socialize. The Library is an accessible hub for community members.

The Library of Things collection was expanded to include more HotSpots, laptops, yard games, a ping pong table, laminators, Cricut machines, button makers, as well as other items, for patron borrowing.

The Home Delivery Program remains active for those patrons who cannot physically get to the library. Deliveries are once a week by appointment. The Library's collection of online tools offers classes, movies, concerts, eBooks, eAudio books, tutoring, and more all accessible from the comfort of home.

The Library received a grant from UniBank for its *What's For Dinner Series*, which addressed food insecurity in the community. This included teaching the basics of health, nutrition, cooking, growing vegetables, and preserving food. The Library received a donation from Dean Bank for the Murder a la Carte show which was thoroughly enjoyed by attendees.

The Library is 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.

Donna Ansell, Head of Circulation & Technical Services retired on December 31st after 21 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  
Mary Lou Branchaud  
Maryann Dobeck  
Kelly Gillis  
Patricia Guzinski  
Kate Renaud

## 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:**  
Ellen Goudreau

**Young Adult Librarian:**  
Mandi Whipple

**Repair Lead & Shift  
Supervisor:** Donna Foster

**Tech Room Assistant:**  
Renee Milliken

**Shift Supervisors:**  
Bethany Rowanheart  
Cheryl Marino-Page

**Display Coordinator:**  
Courtney Pavlis

**Library Aide Outreach**  
Jean Piechocki

**Library Aides:**  
Katarina Guzinski  
Lisa Lastoria  
Elizabeth McGeough  
Denise Tibbets

**Custodians:**  
Russell Marvelle  
Roger Marvelle (substitute)

The Blackstone Public Library has a collection of 71,948 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 2022 Statistics

There are 5,254 registered borrowers.

**Interlibrary loans (ILLs) in the 2022 calendar year**

ILLs received = 3,255

ILLs sent = 11,103

**Circulation in the 2022 calendar year**  
40,838

### Overdrive Statistics 2022

Total number of items in the shared collection:  
187,660

eBooks borrowed 3,143

eAudio borrowed 4,317

**Hoopla**  
1,687 circulations

**Brainfuse Tutoring**  
Total usage 131

**Public Computer Use**  
1,976 sessions

**Online Tools**  
1,821 uses

**Wireless Hotspots  
Connections (Building  
& Grounds)**  
1,761



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

<b>Grants/Gifts 2022</b>	
District Attorney Joseph D. Early - Young Adult Program	\$ 1,000.00
Local Cultural Council Grants - Blackstone	\$ 3,450.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,500.00
State Aid to Public Libraries	\$ 18,141.92
Cookie Walk Fundraiser	\$ 2,993.30
Friends of the Blackstone Public Library	\$ 1,500.00
Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle	\$ 250.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 125.00
Patron Donations	\$ 423.00
Unibank	\$ 2,500.00
Dean Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Community Foundation of North Central MA	\$ 500.00
<b>Other Donations</b>	
Bears Tree Farm	Greens
BZ Leaf Lifters LLC	Landscaping
Dionne Electric	Supplies
Dunkin Donuts—Blackstone	Coffee
Great Scapes LLC	Landscaping
Patron Donations	Craft supplies
Peter Ryan	Delivery
YMCA Family & Community Partnership	STEM Program



## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the resources below, 24 hours a day, without ever leaving home by visiting the Library's web page:  
<https://www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

- ◆ A to Z World Culture, World Travel, Maps
- ◆ A to Z the USA - State information
- ◆ A to Z Food - recipes
- ◆ ArtistWorks - learn to play an instrument
- ◆ Brainfuse Homework help
- ◆ Chilton Library - automobile repair
- ◆ Craftsy
- ◆ Cypress Resume
- ◆ Digital Newspapers
- ◆ eBooks, eAudio, & eVideo
- ◆ Great Courses
- ◆ Hoopla
- ◆ Infobase Learning Cloud
- ◆ Just for Kids Access Video
- ◆ Kanopy
- ◆ Learn It Live
- ◆ Legal Forms Library
- ◆ Mango Languages
- ◆ MA Statewide databases
- ◆ Price It! - Antiques
- ◆ Qello Concerts
- ◆ Testing & Education Reference Center
- ◆ Udemy
- ◆ Universal Class - free online classes
- ◆ Valueline
- ◆ World Almanac & World Religions
- ◆ Writer's Reference Center



## OUTREACH

The Library continues to offer Outreach Services 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
- Monthly craft class at the Senior Center
- Monthly book group at the Senior Center



**Thank you to the Friends of the Blackstone Public Library for their ongoing support and fundraising efforts. We love our volunteers!**



*There's a **LOT** to l♥ve!*

<https://www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

## PROGRAMMING

In 2022, Library programming consisted of a combination of in-person and virtual events. Library staff conducted & organized book groups, lectures, classes, and entertainers.

### Book Groups:

Evening Book Group, Horror Book Club, Afternoon Book Club, Banned Book Club for Adults, Banned Book Club for Teens

#### Programs 2022

Age Group	In-Person Programs	Total Attendance	Live Virtual	Total Attendance	Hybrid (In-person & Zoom)	Total Attendance
Children	144	868	1	20	0	0
Young Adults	36	193	0	0	0	0
Adults	68	771	4	57	4	7



## 2022 Summer Reading Program for Children, Young Adults and Adults



Thank you to the town departments, businesses, non-profit groups, and individuals that participated in the Library's *Touch the Trucks* and the *Connect with Your Community* events!



### Summer Reading Statistics

Children	92 children registered	40 children completed the program
Young Adults	15 young adults registered	11 young adults completed the program
Adults	44 adults registered	35 adults completed the program



## Parks and Recreation Commission

We had a busy 2022 hosting many of our tried and true events as well as having some new ones. In most of our events this year, we included activities or sections for children with sensory sensitivities. We will continue to find ways for our activities to be more inclusive and fun for all.

We had some new activities this year. In addition to having a cleanup day on Earth Day, we expanded our Earth Day activities to include drives for shoes, books, bottles and cans, clothing, and plastic! We also hosted activities for creating crafts with recyclable items. We invited groups to be involved and in 2023 we are working with the Friends of Blackstone Parks and Recreation group to expand this event by including demonstrations, raffles, vendors, games, crafts, as well as the annual clean up.

We also participated in the ZAP the Blackstone in August. Thomas Bik has attended each one of the ZAP events. He was there for the original cleanup in 1972, the 25th Anniversary in 1997, and the 50th Anniversary in 2022.



One of our best activities this year was the Plastics Challenge. Trex challenges towns across the country to save plastic film. Once we save 500 pounds and bring it to be recycled, they send us a bench. During 2022, we earned 3 benches with the help of all of our residents. Special thanks to Matt Bourgeois and Diana Gilbert (as well as all of the Blackstone residents) for spearheading this project and collecting so much plastic that will not go into the landfill.

The water ban in Blackstone this year definitely impacted our activities. We could not hold our Annual Water Balloon War so instead we held our first Ice Cream Social. We dished out A LOT of ice cream and we also included a tie-dye activity that was fun for all ages! This was so well received we have added it to our calendar for 2023.



Thanks to the townspeople that attending the Annual Town Meeting, we were able to purchase a new piece of playground equipment that was installed at Roosevelt Park. We are currently looking for grant opportunities to replace more of our older equipment. Also approved was a replacement tractor which was desperately needed and money for some new picnic tables and trash receptacles at Valati Park.



We continued work on trying to put some trails in at the McCooey property. Now that we have submitted an Open Space and Recreation Plan, we are hoping to move forward with that project. We are actively looking for grants that will help us with our plans for the coming years. Any help from the public is greatly appreciated.

Our Veterans Day event was a great celebration of the many men and women that have served this great country. Many people ran our obstacle course and we ended the day with a bonfire, controlled by the Fire Department, which is always great. We are hoping to add to this event in the future. Here is a picture of some of the Veterans that joined us for the celebration.



We were thrilled to partner with the Council of Aging Transportation department to get some seniors to our Tree Lighting and Bling Up Blackstone events. We are aligned to include more seniors in our events in 2023.

We held most of our annual events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Eggscavenger Hunt, Fall Festival, Hometown Christmas Celebration, Bling Up Blackstone, and Selfie Elfie! We are trying to figure out how to get more residents to attend our events and hope to see so many more people join us. We are also working on some new ideas for 2023 so please stay tuned to our social media, the Blackstone Enlightener, and the Town Website for information!

Thanks to our many volunteers throughout the year. The local Junior and National Honor Society Students from BMR, BVT, North Smithfield, Nipmuc, and Hartnett Middle School were a great help as well as the many residents that came out to help us! We must thank Tom Levitre for fixing our wall at the Town Common. He is a great help to us and this town! Some businesses\organizations that continue to help us without hesitation are the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club, ADC Septic, Betty's Donuts, the Lions Club, the High School Music Department, and of course the Friend of Blackstone Parks and Recreation. There are too many volunteers to mention individually but please know how much we appreciate you!

We do struggle each year trying to hire summer help, 2022 was no different. In 2023, we will be looking for an assistant groundskeeper as well as summer helpers so if you are interested, fill out an application at the Town Administrator's office.

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule is posted on the Town Website as well as in Town Hall. Our meetings are usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room unless there is a holiday. Meetings are shown live on the public cable channel and recorded for playback on the town website under Government On-Demand.

Visit us on:

Facebook: [Blackstone-Parks-and-Recreation](#)

Website: [BlackstoneParksRec.com](#)

Respectfully submitted by:

Celeste Langlois, Chairperson

Bob Gilbert, Vice Chairperson

Don Cox, Treasurer

Kim Briggs

Deb Bissonnette, Secretary



## TOWN OF BLACKSTONE 2022 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

### Members:

In 2022, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Owen Bebeau who served as Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Kirk VanDyke and Joseph Emidy, who was jointly appointed by the Board of Selectmen following the resignation of Tony Catalano. Robert Ring served as alternate member. Stacia Lariviere resigned as the Board's Planning Coordinator in September, and the position remained vacant for the remainder of the year. The Board thanks Sheila Stafford for her assistance during this time.

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. In 2022, due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, the meetings were mostly held in person but some participants joined remotely. 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. Joseph Emidy and Robert Ring serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

### Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2022 are as follows:

- Endorsed several Approval Not Required Plans.
- Reviewed/approved a special permit for a Flexible Residential Development on Blackstone Street.
- Reviewed and approved a special permit for a back lot division on Farm Street.
- Conducted a site plan review for a property in the Village Overlay District on Butler Street.
- Approved a 5-lot subdivision off Pickering Road.
- Reviewed a proposed earth removal project on property adjacent to the Polish National Church Cemetery, and recommended approval with conditions to the Board of Selectmen.
- Continued to monitor progress at The Meadows at Harris Pond and partially released a bond for it.
- Approved an amendment to a special permit for a solar facility on Blackstone Street.
- 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 2022 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 2022. With all the national turmoil involving health, the economy, policing and continued staffing difficulties, I'm happy to report our department continues to move forward with offering quality police services to the town of Blackstone. I want to thank all those officers and dispatchers that dutifully came to work every day during these trying times. I'd like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Vecchio for all their support during the 2022 calendar year. On behalf of myself and all the men and women of the Blackstone Police department, good luck and be safe in 2023.

With that in mind, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The Blackstone Police Department is currently staffed with 17 full-time police officers and 4 full-time dispatchers and 1 part-time dispatchers. Our command structure consists of the chief of police, a lieutenant, 3 sergeants, a detective, a school resource officer, and 10 patrolmen. Our department went through some staffing changes this past year. We had two officers separate from service and one officer was hired and graduated from the police academy in December. We expect to hire in early 2023 to round out our full complement of officers.

During 2022, 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
5.	Municipal Road Safety Grant	\$18,480.00

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. This year it supported the purchase of new dispatch console equipment that was quite outdated. The Municipal Road Safety Grant is being used to purchase new hand-held radar guns for the officers. The State 911 Training Grant provides funding for training of full and part time dispatchers. The Bullet Proof Vest Grant provides rolling 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>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
<b>Total Calls Received by Dispatch:</b>	<b>11797</b>	<b>11955</b>	<b>+1%</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>+6.5%</b>
<b>Protective Custody</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Criminal Complaint Applications:</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>+41%</b>
These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
<b>Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Calls:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Incident Reports Investigated:</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-50%</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>stolen</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>recovered</b>
<b>Field Interviews:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>Missing/Runaways:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Accidents Investigated:</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>+7%</b>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>1770</b>	<b>+300%</b>
- Civil	<b>46</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>+96%</b>
- Complaint App	<b>45</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>+489%</b>
- Warnings	<b>48</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>+397%</b>
- Arrests	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+25%</b>
- Verbal Warnings	<b>289</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>+291%</b>
<b>Parking Tickets Issued:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>+130%</b>
<b>Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-16%</b>
- License to Carry	<b>206</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>-15%</b>
- FID Card	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-60%</b>

**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:** We continue our long-time relationship with the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crimes Task Force. Lieutenant Shawn Brodeur and Detective Travis Loether continue to work with our local, state and federal partners in investigating drug cases in the area.

**PROMOTIONS:** We saw stability in our ranks this year, with no new promotions to announce. Our newest two officers, Officer Harry Cervantes and Officer Eric Lawler will complete their probationary period in 2023. These officers have performed well early on and we anticipate good things going forward.

**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:** School Resource Officer Joseph Niemczyk has been working closely with the schools in 2022. He interacts with the school administration on a daily basis, assisting in all matters related to not only law enforcement but diversion, counseling, athletics, etc. And in an effort to increase school safety above and beyond the SRO program, our officers have been conducting random checks at all the local schools at random times to help bolster officer presence.

**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.

**JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM:** In 2022, our department collaborated with the Advocates Jail Diversion Program to work with mental health clinicians that are assigned to our department to assist with police calls involving mental health issues, domestic violence, juvenile diversion and other areas that in the past the officers were handling without clinical assistance. We look forward to developing this program to its fullest potential.

**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

## **2022 Annual Report**

### **Department of Public Works**

#### **Highway Division:**

In 2022, the streets were swept, catch basins were cleaned, repaired and/or rebuilt. The town's highway division repaved sections of Blackstone Street and Union Street. Roadwork was completed on Dawes Street, Wilbur Street, Middle Street, Fox Hill Road, Lakeshore Drive and Windsor Road. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. In April, MassDOT released WRAP funds to all cities and towns. The Town of Blackstone received \$137,015.99, which funded a portion of the Orchard Street paving project. Drainage work was completed on Elm Street, Lakeshore Drive and Blackstone Street. 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. All water storage tanks were inspected. Well 8 pump was cleaned and repaired. The water department's annual water main flushing program was done during the spring. Flushing was not possible in the fall due to drought conditions throughout the summer.

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 sites (including all wells) throughout the water distribution system to test for total coliform. 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 from 40 sampling sites in 2022. The Blackstone Water Dept. issues a Consumer Confidence Report each year. This report offers information on the source and quality of the drinking water and compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations. This report is available on the town website. 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. The Water Treatment Plant construction continues. The plant is expected to be up and running in the fall of 2023.

#### **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. The pump motor was replaced at the Main Lift station. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated. Sewer pumps were rebuilt, and many electronic components replaced at various sewer stations. Residents are reminded not to put "flushable" wipes in the toilet, they belong in the trash. These so-called flushable wipes are actually not flushable and can clog sewer pipes and pumps.

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*

## 2022

### 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 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals is currently led by Chairperson Lori Poirier and ably assisted by Vice Chairperson Nolan Griffiths. Other members include Anita Robertson, Michael Savard, Paul DiCenso with alternate members Robert Holmes and Amanda Fischbeck.

During 2022, the Zoning Board of Appeals had several public hearings on special permits, as well as on variances regarding various dimensional requirements such as setbacks, frontage and area.

The applications were reviewed and decisions rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. All meetings are recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel and available through the Government Access on Demand web page on the Town web site.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will continue to review current By-laws with an eye towards to improving and updating outdated By-Laws for presentation to residents at Town Meeting for consideration and approval.

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,

Lori Poirier  
Chairperson

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
YEAR ENDING 2021

I am pleased to submit the 2022 Annual Report for the Town Clerk's Office. I am happy to share some of what the Town Clerk's Office has accomplished this year.

As a result of the 2022 Annual Town Census, the population of Blackstone is 9,283. 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, 19,066; Marriages, 10,411; and Deaths, 11,689. The Town Clerk's office receives birth and death information via the state's computerized software database program. This year, the Town processed 72 Birth Records, 59 Death Records, and 42 Marriage Records.

There were three Elections in 2022. The first was the Annual Town Election on April 4, 2022. There were 11 positions available; 946 voters participated in this election. No-excuse Voting-by-Mail continued for the 2022 State Elections, as well as in-person Early Voting. The State sent out Vote by Mail Application Postcards to every registered voter. The State Primary Election was held on September 6, 2022; 1,086 voters participated, 504 by Mail, 34 In-Person Early, and 548 on Election Day. The State Election was on November 8, 2022; 3,367 voters participated, 1,264 by Mail, 220 In-Person Early, and 1,883 on Election Day.

The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 31, 2022. The Meetings were held at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School. It was the Town's first year using the new Electronic Voting System, which enabled the Town to secretly vote on each article, and eliminated the need for Secret Ballots. There were 129 voters in attendance, acting on 40 Articles. There were 2 Articles voted on that same evening at the Special Town Meeting.

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 2022, the Town Clerk's Office registered 372 dogs.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to 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, the Office Assistant, Melissa Germain, and Sheila Stafford for all of their hard work this year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara C. Sullivan  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**  
**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**APRIL 4, 2022**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

- 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

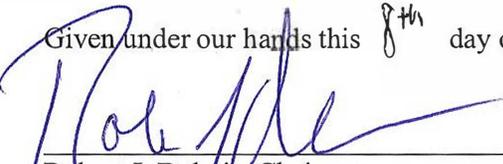
The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

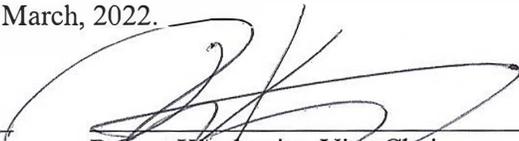
To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following:

- 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 for an un-expired 4-Year Term to expire ATE 2024 (Blackstone Representative)
- One member BMR District School Committee for a 4-Year Term (Millville Representative)
- One position Collector-Treasurer for a 3-Year Term
- Five positions Constable for 3-Year Terms
- One member Board of Health for a 3-Year Term
- One member Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-Year Term
- One member Planning Board for a 5-Year Term
- Two members Board of Selectmen for 3-Year Terms
- One position Town Clerk for a 3-Year Term

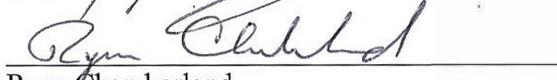
Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

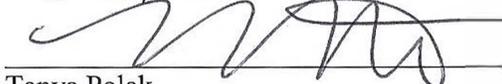
Given under our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
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Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

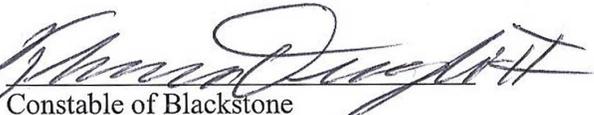
  
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Robert Klugevitz, Vice Chairman

  
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Mary Bulso, Clerk

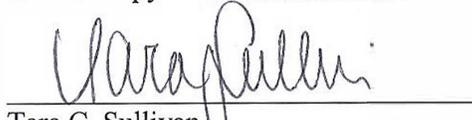
  
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Ryan Chamberland

  
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Tanya Polak

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 9 day of March, 2022, 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.

  
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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 4, 2022**

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

\*denotes winner

The votes were recorded as follows:

Precinct 1	290
Precinct 2	345
Precinct 3	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>Assessor of Taxes</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Blanks	277	317	297	891
Beth Ellis	0	0	1	1
Bob Kluchevitz	0	1	1	2
Charles Dubois	0	0	1	1
Ermano Petocchi	0	0	1	1
Gary Jolicoeur	0	1	0	1
Gregory Gilmore	1	0	0	1
Jacquelyn Robinson	4	9	4	17
James Sullivan	1	0	0	1
Jeff Highcove	1	0	0	1
Jessika Andreas	1	0	0	1
John J. Eldridge	1	0	0	1
John Wozniak	0	0	1	1
Kevin McCourt	0	1	0	1
Lori Porier	0	0	1	1
Matthew Ryan Sr	1	0	0	1
Michael Andrade	0	1	0	1
Michael Buckley	1	0	0	1
Nicholas Burnham	0	1	0	1
Robert Antonis	0	0	1	1
Ross Nicol	0	1	0	1
Ryan Barry	0	0	1	1
Vanessa Norkham	2	13	2	17
	<b>290</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>BMR District Sch Comm (Blackstone Representative) 4-YR Term</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Timothy Wayne Howell	109	142	131	382
Charles A. Dunton*	138	146	138	422
Blanks	42	57	42	141
Dan Keefe	1	0	0	1
	<b>290</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>BMR District Sch Comm (Blackstone Representative) UNEXPIRED 4-YR Term expires ATE 2024</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Daniel Patrick Keefe*	198	227	223	648
Blanks	86	111	83	280
Jackie Miner	1	0	0	1
Barbara Atstupenas	2	1	0	3
Amanda Heywood	1	0	0	1
Robert Laren	1	0	0	1
Bob Dubois	1	0	0	1
Elyse Gesmondi	0	1	0	1
David Bryant	0	1	0	1
Joseph Emidy	0	1	0	1
Beau Jean	0	1	0	1
Paul Robinson	0	1	0	1
Charles Dunton	0	1	1	2
Jeremy Folster	0	0	1	1
Tim Howell	0	0	1	1
Beth Ellis	0	0	1	1
Tanya Polak	0	0	1	1
	<b>290</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>BMR District Sch. Comm (Millville Representative)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Blanks	289	338	301	928
Jennifer Wing*	1	0	2	3
Shanning Li	0	1	0	1
Rick Morse	0	1	0	1
Mike DiCecco	0	1	0	1
Michael Andrade	0	1	0	1
Elyse Gesmondi	0	2	0	2
Jane Reggio	0	1	1	2
Bob Kluchevitz	0	0	1	1
Charles Dubois	0	0	1	1
David Maloney	0	0	1	1
Brad Monroe	0	0	1	1
Theodore Novio	0	0	1	1
Ryan Barry	0	0	1	1
Pamela Maloney	0	0	1	1
	<b>290</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>Collector/Treasurer</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Robert J. Kluchevitz	133	163	127	423
Matthew J. Ryan, Sr*	156	171	177	504
Blanks	1	11	7	19
	<b>290</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>946</b>

<b>Constable</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Joshua Edwrđ Benjamin*	174	217	174	565
James M. Cunningham*	158	227	164	549
Thomas M. Dunayeski, II*	150	229	172	551
Cheryl A. Marino-Page*	162	215	164	541
Frederick S. Gremza	101	160	124	385
Zachary Andrew Zielinski*	168	175	186	529
Blanks	536	501	571	1608
Richard Ryan	1	0	0	1
Nick Deceo	0	1	0	1
	1450	1725	1555	4730

<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kevin James Ryan*	188	173	193	554
Anita M. Robertson	83	153	95	331
Blanks	19	19	23	61
	290	345	311	946

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Celeste M. Langlois*	231	269	238	738
Blanks	57	73	71	201
Tommy Levitre	1	0	0	1
Kevin Piette	1	0	0	1
Shanning Li	0	1	0	1
Dan Keefe	0	1	0	1
Mark Brady	0	1	0	1
Tara Schoube	0	0	1	1
Ryan Barry	0	0	1	1
	290	345	311	946

<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Joseph O. Belrose, Jr*	210	249	220	679
Blanks	80	95	91	266
David Bryant	0	1	0	1
	290	345	311	946

<b>Board of Selectmen (3-Year Term)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tanya Mourato Polak*	152	200	160	512
Christopher L. Palmer	45	51	61	157
Brian Scanlan*	163	208	152	523
Zachary Andrew Zielinski	134	145	161	440
Blanks	85	84	88	257
Dan Keefe Sr	1	0	0	1

Ross Nicol	0	2	0	2
	580	690	622	1892

Town Clerk	I	II	III	Total
Tara Christy Sullivan*	243	284	249	776
Blanks	45	59	61	165
Warren Pisani	1	0	0	1
Danny Keefe	1	0	0	1
Ross Nicol	0	2	0	2
Lori Poirier	0	0	1	1
	290	345	311	946

The polls were closed 8PM.

Eligible Voters	7013	
Total Voters	946	13%



**Tara C. Sullivan**  
**Town Clerk of Blackstone**

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 31, 2022  
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 31, 2022, 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 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 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$14.00 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Worcester Registry of Deeds or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 31, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator John Wozniak, who declared a quorum. There were 129 registered voters in attendance.

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

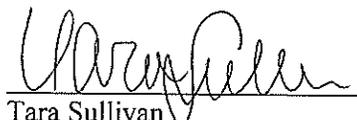
75 YES      6 NO

ARTICLE 2. Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14.00 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Worcester Registry of Deeds.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

87 YES      5 NO

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

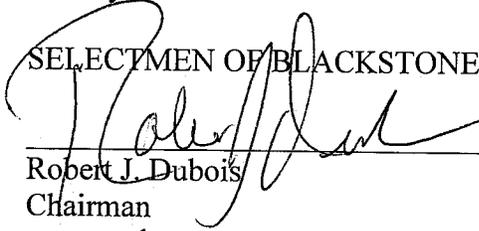
  
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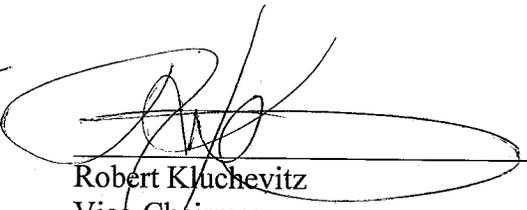
Hereof, fail not and make do return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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 .

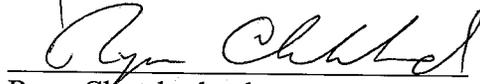
Given under our hands this 22nd day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-two.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
Robert J. Dubois  
Chairman

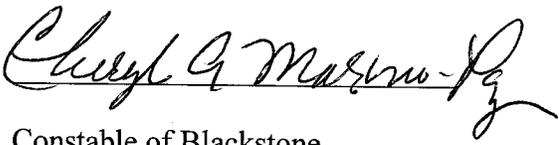
  
Robert Kluchevitz  
Vice-Chairman

  
Mary E. Bulso  
Clerk

  
Ryan Chamberland  
Member

  
Tanya Polak  
Member

A true copy attest:

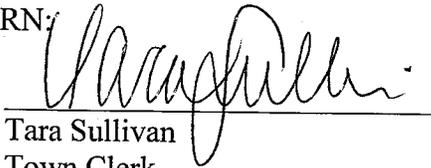
  
Cheryl G. Masuro-Pag  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 23rd day of March 2022 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 G. Masuro-Pag  
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A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

  
Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 31, 2022 (7:30 PM)- RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS April 19, 2022

Worcester, SS:

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

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

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(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments, including the Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 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 Board of Selectmen)

**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 establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, Section 53 E ½ for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2023 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) (Funded through free cash)

**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 FY2023 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 FY2023 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,660 into the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Fund) of the Blackstone Millville Regional School District established under General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, said funds to be used only to pay some portion of health benefits for retirees from the Blackstone Millville Regional School District or take any other action relative thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 14.** 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 in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41, § 1B 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. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the location of the Blackstone Senior Center/Council on Aging or take any other action relative thereto. (Two-thirds vote is required to authorize borrowing/Funds through free cash)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) Funded by Free Cash

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$34,000 to replace garage doors at the Department of Public Works or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) Funded by Free Cash

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,000 for software implementation, upgrades, and equipment for Tyler Technologies (MUNIS) or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for software, upgrades, and all related costs associated with implementation of an Online Permitting/Licensing program or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to change Clause 37 to Clause 37A regarding local property tax exemptions for Legally Blind Persons under M.G.L. c.59, § 5 Clauses 37 and 37A. The current Legally Blind Exemption is Clause 37 which allows an exemption amount of \$437.50, to individuals who meet specific occupancy and ownership requirements. If the Legally Blind Persons exemption is changed to 37A, the exemption amount will be raised to \$500.00. This warrant is a request, under local option, to change Clause 37 to Clause 37A, or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 for the redesign and upgrade of the Town website or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a sport utility vehicle for the Senior Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of Senior Center equipment and supplies or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$241,000 for information technology upgrades, including replacement of servers, for all Town Departments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for furniture or repair and upgrades for municipal building or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase and install an electronic card pass or token access system for Municipal Buildings or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (funded through free cash)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws, Chapter 162, § 162-4. Officers; elections; vacancies to add a new Paragraph E to read as follows:

E. There shall be a Director of the Council on Aging appointed by the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator shall hire all other staff positions for the Council on Aging. The Director shall be supervised by and shall report directly to, the Town Administrator.

or take any action in relation thereto

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Blackstone Home Rule Charter, Article V, Section C5-2A(1), to add the Director of the Council on Aging, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 123 Zoning, to add at the end of Section 123-3.A, a new sentence reading: "No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals" such that Section 123-3.A as revised will read:

Establishment. There is hereby established a Board of Appeals which shall consist of five members and two alternate members, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen and shall act in all matters under this chapter in the manner prescribed by Chapters 40A, 40B and 41 of the General Laws. No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals.

and to amend Charter Article IV, Section C.4-1 to add a new Paragraph C reading "No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals" or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 96, "Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers", or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 96, Section 96-1, contingent upon approval of the voters of the town at the annual Town election in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(e), as follows:

§ 96-1: "The number of Marijuana Retailers in the Town of Blackstone, as defined under 935 CMR 500.002 shall not exceed three."

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote, contingent upon approval of the voters of the town at the annual Town election in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(e), to add a new Chapter 96, Section 96-2, as follows:

§ 96-2: "The number of Marijuana Cultivators in the Town of Blackstone, as defined under 935 CMR 500.002, shall not exceed two."

to or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise or transfer and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400,000 to replace water mains on Valley Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the DPW Superintendent) – Funded through Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$500,000 for pavement reconstruction and paving on Blackstone Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the DPW Superintendent) Funded through Free Cash

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,000 to purchase an EXMARK tractor/mower with bagger attachment or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Parks and Recreation) Funded through Free Cash

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to file a Home Rule petition to add Section 3 and 4 to Article 39, HOME RULE PETITION TO REGULATE CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE or take any action in relation thereto.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 shall apply starting with the successor to each incumbent stipend elected or appointed official at the time this act takes effect and shall not affect the eligibility or contribution rate for any current stipend elected or appointed officials of the Town of Blackstone for the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans so long as such officials hold their current position.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage. Or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for Signage, trail demarcation, and engineering for a small bridge for the trail project at the McCooey property or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Parks & Recreation) Funded through Free Cash

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for picnic tables, benches, and trash receptables for Valarti Park or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Parks & Recreation) Funded through Free Cash

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to purchase playground equipment for Roosevelt Park Playground or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase and implementation of parks and recreation management software and related services or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

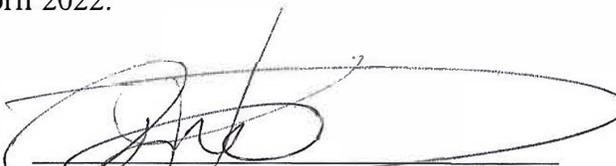
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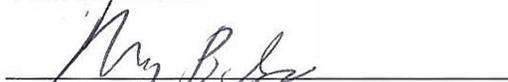
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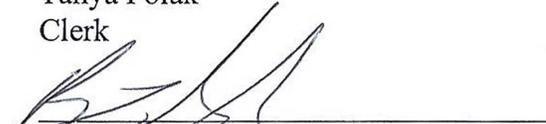
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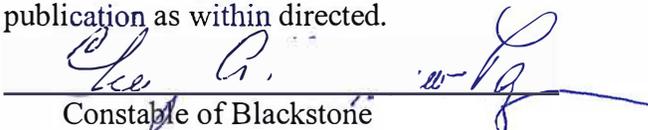
  
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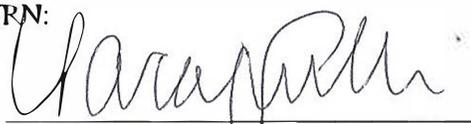
  
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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
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**MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE**

108 YES      7 NO

**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.

**MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE**

118 YES      4 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, 39 Glenside Drive, read all department salary and expense totals for Article 3. The following department totals were held: Board of Selectmen, Sewer Salaries, Water Department Labor, and Water Administration.

The Moderator called for a vote on all non-held budget items.

01114	MODERATOR		
	Salary Total	900	
	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE</b>
			94 YES      27 NO
01123	ADMINISTRATION		

	Salary Total	216,349	
	Expense Total	23,950	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	240,299	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	1,850	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,350	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01132	RESERVE FUND		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	100,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01133	CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
	Salary Total	1,000	
	Expense Total	300	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,300	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
	Salary Total	140,637	
	Expense Total	12,150	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	152,787	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01141	ASSESSORS		
	Salary Total	141,907	
	Expense Total	35,023	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	176,930	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01145	COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
	Salary Total	149,735	
	Expense Total	25,250	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	174,985	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01151	TOWN COUNSEL		
	Expense Total	150,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	150,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
	Expense Total	181,900	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	181,900	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01158	COPIER		

	Expense Total	22,330	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	22,330	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01159	BONDS & INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	241,200	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	241,200	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01161	TOWN CLERK		
	Salary Total	132,856	
	Expense Total	15,925	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	148,781	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01162	ELECTIONS		
	Salary Total	23,000	
	Expense Total	10,650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	33,650	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
	Salary Total	2,250	
	Expense Total	4,550	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	6,800	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
	Salary Total	4,000	
	Expense Total	715	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,715	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01175	PLANNING BOARD		
	Salary Total	30,870	
	Expense Total	15,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	45,870	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01176	ZONING BOARD		
	Salary Total	10,670	
	Expense Total	3,350	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	14,020	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01182	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	1,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,500	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO

01184	CENTRAL MASS PLANNING			
	Expense Total	2,771		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,771		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01190	GENERAL			
	Expense Total	169,500		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	169,500		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01192	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
	Salary Total	53,000		
	Expense Total	379,125		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	432,125		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01195	TOWN REPORT			
	Expense Total	3,500		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,500		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Total Salary	1,822,644		
	Expense Total	245,290		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,067,934		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01211	POLICE DISPATCHERS			
	Salary Total	271,352		
	Expense Total	3,500		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	274,852		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	1,298,471		
	Expense Total	63,850		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,362,321		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01231	AMBULANCE SERVICE			
	Salary Total	-		
	Expense Total	55,400		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	55,400		MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01241	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES			
	Salary Total	195,169		

	Expense Total	1,986	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	197,155	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
	Expense Total	1,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,750	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
	Salary Total	500	
	Expense Total	17,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	18,250	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01292	ANIMAL CONTROL		
	Salary Total	20,000	
	Expense Total	-	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	20,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01294	FORESTRY		
	Salary Total	8,800	
	Expense Total	17,800	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	26,600	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01300	EDUCATION - BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		
	Expense Total	10,695,154	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,695,154	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01301	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	803,852	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	805,352	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01303	VOCATIONAL TUITION		
	Expense Total	1,038,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,038,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01412	ENGINEERING		
	Expense Total	15,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	15,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01420	PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT		

	Salary Total	106,676	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	106,676	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01421	HIGHWAY LABOR		
	Salary Total	611,175	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	611,175	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01422	HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
	Expense Total	42,650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	42,650	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
	Salary Total	27,500	
	Expense Total	83,176	
	DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	110,676	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01424	STREET LIGHTING		
	Expense Total	109,375	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	109,375	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01428	MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
	Expense Total	95,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	95,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01429	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	330,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	330,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01432	STREET CLEANING		
	Expense Total	3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,500	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01433	WASTE COLLECTION		
	Expense Total	738,577	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	738,577	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
01434	RECYCLING		
	Salary Total	140,756	
	Expense Total	59,393	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	200,149	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO

01510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	Salary Total	7,353		
	Expense Total	67,429		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	74,782	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Salary Total	219,391		
	Expense Total	12,020		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	231,411	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01543	VETERANS			
	Salary Total	16,000		
	Expense Total	164,000		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	180,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	341,184		
	Expense Total	240,292		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	581,476	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01650	PARKS			
	Salary Total	111,695		
	Expense Total	47,350		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	159,045	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expense Total	2,000		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01692	MEMORIAL DAY			
	Salary Total	1,800		
	Expense Total	10,000		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	11,800	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total	705,001		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	705,001	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	94 YES 27 NO
01751	LONG TERM DEBT/ INTEREST			

	Expense Total	144,339	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	144,339	94 YES 27 NO
01752	SHORT TERM DEBT/ INTEREST		
	Expense Total	158,411	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	158,411	94 YES 27 NO
01810	CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
	Expense Total	49,569	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	49,569	94 YES 27 NO
01911	COUNTY RETIREMENT		
	Expense Total	1,015,222	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,015,222	94 YES 27 NO
01913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION		
	Expense Total	25,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	25,000	94 YES 27 NO
01914	HEALTH INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	900,410	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	900,410	94 YES 27 NO
01915	LIFE INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	4,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,000	94 YES 27 NO
01916	MATCHING MEDICARE		
	Expense Total	80,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	80,000	94 YES 27 NO
01918	COMPENSATED BALANCES		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
			94 YES 27 NO
01919	COMPENSATED ABSENCE		
	Expense Total	7,500	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	7,500	94 YES 27 NO
01960	CAPITAL TRUST		
	Expense Total	2,518,510	

	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,518,510	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	28,181,515	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
60132	SEWER RESERVE FUND		
	SEWER RESERVE FUND	50,000	
	TOTAL TRANSFER	50,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
60442	SEWER MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	317,275	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	317,275	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
60500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
	INDIRECT COSTS	231,946	
	Expense Total	231,946	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	231,946	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	TRANSFER TO WATER		
	INDIRECT COSTS	20,000	
	Expense Total	20,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	20,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
60443	SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
	Expense Total	572,800	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	572,800	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	TOTAL SEWER	1,213,821	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61132	WATER RESERVE FUND		
	WATER RESERVE FUND	50,000	
	TOTAL TRANSFER	50,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61452	WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	548,565	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	548,565	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
	INDIRECT COSTS	347,312	
	Expense Total	347,312	

	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	347,312	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61710	WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT Expense Total	105,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	105,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61751	WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST Expense Total	3,150	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,150	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61752	WATER SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST Expense Total	4,055	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,055	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
61820	MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA Expense Total	2,000 2,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	TOTAL WATER	1,147,057	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	WATER / SEWER ENTERPRISE TOTAL	2,360,878	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE 94 YES 27 NO
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND WATER / SEWER	30,542,393	
	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NON-HELD ITEMS		94 YES 27 NO

The Moderator opened up discussion for all held budget items.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, discussed the Board of Selectmen budget that was held. He stated that the line item is creating a new position for the town, he stated that there is no job description, and stated that it should be under the Town Administrator's budget.

Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, stated that this would be a new position, but the cost would be offset by a current position funded under the Selectmen's office, that position would be vacated, and that the person will have more experience with community outreach and social media, and will be doing work for the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. She requested support of this.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, stated that the Town Administrator is correct, but it is currently a part time position, and that it should remain a part time position due to the uncertainty of the future economy.

Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, stated that currently there is a lack of transparency to the townspeople, and that many boards and commissions do not update their minutes to the website, including the Board of Selectmen minutes. This will help bridge the communication gap between boards and commissions and residents. This position would be repurposed, become fulltime, to better help the offices and the Town. He stated that there was a 5-0 vote in favor of this from the Board of Selectmen, and hoped for the town's support of this article.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, stated that is an overall \$35,000 increase in this item, and that it should be voted down and revisit it next year.

Tanya Polak, 10 Meadow Lane, stated that the part-time person that is in the office now is not enough, and that there is a need for this position. She encouraged everyone to support this.

Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, stated that the Finance Committee discussed this position and asked for a job description, and stated that he doesn't believe a job description was ever presented for this position.

Ross Nicol, 39 Glenside Drive, stated that the Finance Committee did ask for a job description, and were told that once it is finalized and ready it would be sent to the board.

A motion and second was made to move the questions.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

The Moderator called for a vote on this line item.

01122	SELECTMEN		
	Salary Total	60,680	
	Expense Total	56,600	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	117,280	MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE 49 YES 74 NO

MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE

49 YES 74 NO

Bruce Paterson, 14.5 Howard Street, asked how can the Sewer Department operate without any salaries in the line item.

Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, stated that the departments were originally split between the general fund and water and sewer, and now they are under the general fund, and zeroed out under water and sewer, but the transfer to the general fund was increased for this reason.

Bruce Paterson, 14.5 Howard Street, stated that nothing was presented to the Water and Sewer Department, and stated that the indirect costs should be moved to the payroll line item.

Tom Devlin, 172 Blackstone Street, asked if there are any new positions being added to this department.

Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, stated that there is one new position being added and that is the Assistant Superintendent for Water and Sewer, recommended by the Town Administrator, approved by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, asked if the finances have already been approved in the general fund.

Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, stated that all of the positions under the water and sewer salaries are fully listed in the general fund budget, and offsets for those funded budgets show in the indirect line items for the transfer to the general fund.

The Moderator called for a vote on this line item.

60441	SEWER SALARIES			
	TOTAL SEWER SALARIES	21,800		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	21,800	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	
			68 YES	54 NO
			MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	
			68 YES	54 NO

Bruce Paterson, 14.5 Howard Street, stated that he put the hold on this for the same reason as the sewer salaries.

Tom Devlin, 172 Blackstone Street, asked for clarification of the Assistant Superintendent line item, and if the budgets will remain separate for water and sewer.

Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, stated that the full \$40,000 is for a half a year, January through June of next year, and there is an offset of \$20,000 from the water department, and clarified that the water and sewer budgets would remain separate.

The Moderator called for a vote on these line items.

61450	WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR			
	Salary Total	30,000		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	30,000	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	
			70 YES	52 NO
			MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	
			70 YES	52 NO

61451	WATER ADMINISTRATION			
	Salary Total	56,975		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	56,975	MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	
			77 YES	49 NO
			MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE	

77 YES 49 NO

A motion was made to amend the Board of Selectmen budget from \$117,280 to \$87,280. The motion was seconded.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT

01122	SELECTMEN		
	Salary Total	30,680	
	Expense Total	56,600	
			MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE AS AMENDED
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	87,280	90 YES 32 NO

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE AS AMENDED

90 YES 32 NO

**ARTICLE 3.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,542,393.00 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, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

That	\$21,435,989	raised from FY '23 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$2,027,868	raised from FY '23 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$2,031,500	raised from FY '23 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$1,390,844	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$375,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$516	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$2,360,878	raised from FY '23 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	\$-	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$579,258	transfer from Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds Indirect Cost Reimbursement
That	\$-	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$340,540	use of Free Cash
That	\$-	use of Overlay

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

92 YES 29 NO

**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 atleast 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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
85 YES      25 NO

**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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
86 YES      33 NO

**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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
106 YES      16 NO

**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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
114 YES      8 NO

**ARTICLE 8.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, Section 53 E ½ for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2023.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
107 YES      14 NO

**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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
109 YES      14 NO

**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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

105 YES      21 NO

**ARTICLE 11.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$120,000 to fund FY2023 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 FY2023 effective July 1, 2022.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

90 YES      31 NO

**ARTICLE 12.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$228,325 and from Water & Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$21,675 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 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.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

89 YES      32 NO

**ARTICLE 13.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,660 into the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Fund) of the Blackstone Millville Regional School District established under General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, said funds to be used only to pay some portion of health benefits for retirees from the Blackstone Millville Regional School District.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

89 YES      29 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 14. The motion was seconded.

Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, explained that this article has been proposed for many years, and that it has failed on every occasion. He further explained that the Finance Committee recommended this Article with a 4-3 vote, explaining that it is less than the 2/3 majority vote needed to pass at the town meeting. He explained that in years past, the elected Collector/Treasurer have come and left to work for other higher paying jobs. He stated that he hoped it would be voted against.

Matthew Ryan, 14 Rayner Street, stated that this article is taking away the right of 6,000+ voters of the town to vote for whoever they want for this position.

Tanya Polak, 10 Meadow Lane, stated that this was a recommendation from the financial management letter from the Department of Revenue to approve the financial accountability; to improve our financial accountability and to make sure the person in this position is qualified, and that there should be a process in place to hire a qualified individual to this position as there are for other positions in town. She further stated that if this does pass it wouldn't take effect until 3 years from now once this elected term is over.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that this has been voted on in the past, and that it should be kept an elected position.

Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, expressed his concern with the elected person being hired by a different town for more money. He stated that he'd rather have someone from the town in this position.

Dan Keefe, 269 Main Street, gave a brief history of the last 3 Collector/Treasurers, and stated that there is a large pool of great citizens to choose from for this position.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 14.

**ARTICLE 14.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41, § 1B 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.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE (2/3 vote required)  
32 YES      91 NO

**ARTICLE 15.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the location of the Blackstone Senior Center/Council on Aging.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
52 YES      72 NO

**ARTICLE 16.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$34,000 to replace garage doors at the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
89 YES      33 NO

**ARTICLE 17.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$22,000 for software implementation, upgrades, and equipment for Tyler Technologies (MUNIS).

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
80 YES      37 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 18. The motion was seconded.

Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, asked what departments would be using this software, and if this \$25,000 was a yearly cost or to license the software in perpetuity, and would this work through the town website.

Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, stated that the software program is going to be used by the Town Administrators office, the Collector/Treasurer's office, the Assessor's office, and Inspectional Services, especially the Building Department. She clarified that there will be a link to this on the town website, and that the \$25,000 is for the purchase of the software, and there is an annual update.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 18.

**ARTICLE 18.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 for software, upgrades, and all related costs associated with implementation of an Online Permitting/Licensing program.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

90 YES      37 NO

**ARTICLE 19.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town change Clause 37 to Clause 37A regarding local property tax exemptions for Legally Blind Persons under M.G.L. c.59, § 5 Clauses 37 and 37A. The current Legally Blind Exemption is Clause 37 which allows an exemption amount of \$437.50, to individuals who meet specific occupancy and ownership requirements. If the Legally Blind Persons exemption is changed to 37A, the exemption amount will be raised to \$500.00. This warrant is a request, under local option, to change Clause 37 to Clause 37A.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

112 YES      8 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 20. The motion was seconded.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes St, explained that he has asked at Selectmen's meetings for a presentation from the vendor, Civic Plus; and that there is no plan in place and they have not been in to present. He is asking that this be voted down.

Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, stated that there were 3 quotes from 3 different companies to re-do the website as within the state procurement laws, the lowest bidder would be selected then the redesign process would begin.

Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, expressed his concern regarding 5 items on the agenda for IT issues and that funding was turned down earlier to feed the website, and that a plan needs to be in place to be able to feed the website if it is going to be redone. He stated that he thinks this is premature and that the town should get expert advice to help move the town forward to evolve the technologies that are being funded.

Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, clarified that there has been a lot of work done regarding the IT in town, and that it has been a top priority for her since she has been here. She further stated that information is at risk since things have not been upgraded, and that there are a lot of items here that are really important.

A motion to move the question was made and seconded. A majority vote moved the question

The Moderator called for a vote of Article 20.

**ARTICLE 20.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the redesign and upgrade of the Town website.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
57 YES      68 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 20. The motion was seconded.

Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, stated that this Article was put on by the Board of Selectmen and that everything else was voted down without and plan, and hoped that this Article get voted down as well.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, stated that this Article was put on to replace a 2011 Ford Escape with well over 100,000 miles, and the cost to maintain the vehicle is more than it is worth. He encouraged the passing of this Article, as there is a need for this vehicle for the seniors.

Laurie Keefe, 269 Main Street, stated that this vehicle is desperately needed for the senior center. She further explained that the DOT grants are for very specific vehicles, and would not allow for the purchase of an SUV.

**ARTICLE 21.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a sport utility vehicle for the Senior Center.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
114 YES      13 NO

**ARTICLE 22.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of Senior Center equipment and supplies.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
99 YES      25 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 23. The motion was seconded.

Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, stated that this is a very large appropriation, with one page of support for this expenditure, which was a list of hardware items, firewall and computer equipment, and was told later that some numbers were estimates and some were hard numbers. He stated that his understanding was that this was voted on by the Finance Committee without a report from the towns' current Information Technology provider.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, stated that this Article is desperately needed, and that information is at risk. He urged the voters to vote yes on this Article.

Ross Nicol, 39 Glenside Drive, stated that the information is at risk, and that the information that was provided was very technical, and that there have been some municipalities that have had cybersecurity attacks and malware attacks. He wants to make sure that the Towns data is protected.

**ARTICLE 23.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$241,000 for information technology upgrades, including replacement of servers, for all Town Departments.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
89 YES      32 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 24. The motion was seconded.

Robert Kluchetivz, 20 Dawes Street, stated that this article is to replace the furniture in the Selectmen's room, and said that the furniture works fine, and asked the voters to vote no on this Article.

**ARTICLE 24.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 for furniture or repair and upgrades for municipal buildings.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
19 YES      87 NO

**ARTICLE 25.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 to purchase and install an electronic card pass or token access system for Municipal Buildings.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
30 YES      91 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 26. The motion was seconded.

Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, stated that Article 26 and 27 are one in the same, and that this Article should be passed over; per legal counsel, only Article 27 would need to be passed. The reason for this Article was needed because the Council on Aging Director was never added to the Charter, and this would add it.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 26.

MAJORITY VOTE TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 26  
91 YES      17 NO

~~ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws, Chapter 162, §162-4. Officers; elections; vacancies to add a new Paragraph E to read as follows:~~

~~E. There shall be a Director of the Council on Aging appointed by the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator shall hire all other staff positions for the Council on Aging. The Director shall be supervised by and shall report directly to, the Town Administrator.~~

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 26. The motion was seconded.

Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, asked for clarification as to how the Council on Aging Director would be appointed.

Christopher Brown, Legal Counsel, stated that the Article would amend the Charter and add the Director of the Council on Aging to the Town Administrator appointments.

**ARTICLE 27.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend the Blackstone Home Rule Charter, Article V, Section C5-2A(1), to add the Director of the Council on Aging.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE (2/3 vote required)  
75 YES            40 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 28. The motion was seconded.

Mar Gregoire, 205 Mendon Street, Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, he stated that if this passes, 2 members of the current board that have years of experience and institutional knowledge would be removed. He stated that having a connection with the Planning Board is a bonus. He stated that he has been on the board since 2007, and there have been two occasions where there have been long vacancies on the board. He urged the voters to vote no on this Article.

Owen Bebeau, 37 Bellingham Road, Vice Chair of the Planning Board, wanted to echo Mr. Gregoire's statements. Having members of the Zoning Board on the Planning Board is beneficial, and he also urged the voters to vote no on this Article.

**ARTICLE 28.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend General Bylaws, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 123 Zoning, to add at the end of Section 123-3.A, a new sentence reading: "No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals" such that Section 123-3.A as revised will read: Establishment. There is hereby established a Board of Appeals which shall consist of five members and two alternate members, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen and shall act in all matters under this chapter in the manner prescribed by Chapters 40A, 40B and 41 of the General Laws. No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals. and to amend Charter Article IV, Section C.4-1 to add a new Paragraph C reading "No Planning Board member may serve concurrently on the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals".

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE (2/3 vote required)  
20 YES            92 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 29. The motion was seconded.

Daniel Keefe, 269 Main Street, stated that the town currently has a Zoning By-Law that was passed in 2019, that put restrictions on marijuana establishments and marijuana retailers, it also defined marijuana establishments and marijuana retailers. This Article, as written, contradicts the existing marijuana By-Law; and if this passes, the town will end up with two marijuana by-laws that

contradict each other. He understands the intent to limit the amount of marijuana retailers and cultivation centers, and stated that the existing Article should be amended that defines marijuana establishments and marijuana retailers.

Christopher Brown, Legal Counsel, stated that the two provisions that are being voted on to be put in this bylaw are based on definitions set forth in state law, not the zoning by-law.

Daniel Keefe, 269 Main Street, stated that the definitions could have been added to the existing definitions, and this Article would be creating two more definitions. He also expressed that future potential revenue would be cutoff.

**ARTICLE 29.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 96, "Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers".

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
31 YES      80 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 30. The motion was seconded.

James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, stated that this article would already be dead, so it should be voted down.

**ARTICLE 30.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 96, Section 96-1, contingent upon approval of the voters of the town at the annual Town election in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(e), as follows: § 96-1: "The number of Marijuana Retailers in the Town of Blackstone, as defined under 935 CMR 500.002 shall not exceed three."

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
21 YES      88 NO

**ARTICLE 31.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town, contingent upon approval of the voters of the town at the annual Town election in accordance with M.G.L. c.94G, § 3(e), to add a new Chapter 96, Section 96-2, as follows: § 96-2: "The number of Marijuana Cultivators in the Town of Blackstone, as defined under 935 CMR 500.002, shall not exceed two."

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
35 YES      63 NO

**ARTICLE 32.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Water & Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$400,000 to replace water mains on Valley Street.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
78 YES      15 NO

**ARTICLE 33.** 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 pavement reconstruction and paving on

Blackstone Street.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
83 YES      20 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 34. The motion was seconded.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that this was to replace a 2004, 18 year old tractor, that is being replaced.

**ARTICLE 34.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$22,000 to purchase an EXMARK tractor/mower with bagger attachment.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
85 YES      19 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 35:

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to file a Home Rule petition to add Section 3 and 4 to Article 39, HOME RULE PETITION TO REGULATE CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE or take any action in relation thereto.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 shall apply starting with the successor to each incumbent stipend elected or appointed official at the time this act takes effect and shall not affect the eligibility or contribution rate for any current stipend elected or appointed officials of the Town of Blackstone for the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans so long as such officials hold their current position.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage. Or take any other action in relation thereto..

The motion was seconded.

Brian Scanlan, 5 Reilly Ave, made a motion to amend Article 35 as follows:

**ARTICLE 35.** HOME RULE PETITION TO REGULATE CERTAIN INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall apply starting with the successor to each incumbent stipend elected or appointed official at the time this act takes effect and shall not affect the eligibility or contribution rate for any current stipend elected or appointed officials of the Town of Blackstone for the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans so long as such officials hold their current position.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

The motion to amend was seconded.

Brian Scanlan further explained that an elected or appointed official that receives a stipend, besides the Town Clerk and Collector/Treasurer, which are full time positions, are eligible for health insurance. If this passes, anybody not taking the health insurance now would not be eligible, but anyone who currently has the health insurance would not be affected unless they chose not to seek election or appointment again.

The Moderator called for a vote to amend Article 35.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT

81 YES      31 NO

A motion was duly made and seconded to vote on Article 35 as amended.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE ARTICLE 35 AS AMENDED

78 YES      28 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 36. The motion was seconded.

Charlie Sullivan, 136 Summer Street, asked why, as an abutter, the abutters weren't notified of this proposed action, and what is the proposed access to this area.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, Chairperson Parks and Recreation, stated that the abutters weren't approached yet because there isn't an exact plan on what is going to happen. This Article came about because of a survey that went out and hiking, biking, and conservation were top items that people wanted to be done. They are at the beginning stages of this project. The access at this point would be old Lincoln Street.

Charlie Sullivan, 136 Summer Street, stated that the access, Old Lincoln Street, as far as he knows, is an abandoned road, and is unsure as to how it can be used as access.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that the Town Counsel said that this is a paper road, not an abandoned road.

Charlie Sullivan, 136 Summer Street, presented a document filed in 1937 by the Board of Selectmen, and is in the Registry of Deeds, that indicates this is an abandoned route. He inquired as to whether or not Town Counsel has seen this document.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that in order for a road to be abandoned, it has to be brought forth to a town body to be voted on, and the records that they have don't have anything that states it's an abandoned road.

Christopher Brown, Legal Counsel, stated that in order to be abandoned, there needs to be a Town Meeting vote, and there is no record of such a vote.

Charlie Sullivan, 136 Summer Street, asked whether or not this should be tabled, and said there wasn't transparency on this article, and urged everyone to vote no on this article.

Kayla Lomax, 148 Lincoln Street, said that the abutters should have been notified, and that the road directly abuts them, and that the road has not been maintained by the town, and urged the voters to vote no.

Steve Frechette, 140 Lincoln Street, said that they have to get through 3 properties to get to their lot, and that there are trails a pond and foot traffic, and asked for this to be voted no on.

Wesley Lomax, 148 Lincoln Street, shared the same concerns as the other abutters, including increased traffic in that area, he also inquired about plans for going through wetlands.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, said that the trails are used, and it is easy to maneuver through the area. She further stated the road would not be a paved road at this time, and if a road or parking lot would be in there it would be more of a natural ground. The wetlands are not where anything would be built.

Wesley Lomax, 148 Lincoln Street, asked what the definition would be for a nature trail, and how is that a solid enough surface for cars to pass.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that there are wetlands in the woods, but they don't want to be interfering with abutters land, and when she visited the property to walk, she could barely see a house. She urged the voters to vote yes on this so they could move forward with the project for the town.

James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, stated that the notification of the Town Meeting is available, a public hearing was held, and there were neighbors and abutters for this property, and a week later, the Finance Committee took into consideration what the nearby abutters had to say.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question. This vote passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 36.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 for Signage, trail demarcation, and engineering for a small bridge for the trail project at the McCooey property.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
48 YES      63 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 37. The motion was seconded.

Robert Kluchevitz, 20 Dawes Street, asked why the Article reads \$15,000 and the recommendation reads \$10,000. He stated that the \$10,000 for benches and tables should be sought by donations.

The Finance Committee Chairman clarified that the amount was amended with the Finance Committee recommendations.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that this park doesn't have many tables, benches, or trash receptacles, and that there are many people that use this park on a daily basis, and they want to get away from the wooden picnic tables that end up getting ruined from the weather, this would allow for composite tables and benches be purchased.

**ARTICLE 37.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles for Valati Park.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
73 YES      41 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 38. The motion was seconded.

Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, asked if Roosevelt Park is at the JFK Complex.

The Moderator answered that Roosevelt Park is behind the Town Hall.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, stated that in the Open Space and Recreation Survey that was done, children's playgrounds was the most important thing the residents wanted to be focused on. This is for one piece of equipment, and is similar to the park by Family Grocer, and for children that are a little bit older, something for kids up to age 12.

**ARTICLE 38.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to purchase playground equipment for Roosevelt Park Playground.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
79 YES      28 NO

Finance Committee Chairman, Ross Nicol, read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 39. The motion was seconded.

Ryan Chamberland, 234 Main Street, said that this can be voted down since the website re-do Article passing there is no point to the Article.

Tanya Polak, 10 Meadow Lane, stated that the position that was going to be added to the Selectmen's budget was going to manage this software, and since that was voted down there would be nobody to manage it, so it should be voted down.

**ARTICLE 39.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase and implementation of parks and recreation management software and related services.

MOTION FAILS  
MAJORITY VOTE NOT TO APPROVE  
9 YES 95 NO

**ARTICLE 40.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 to the Stabilization fund.

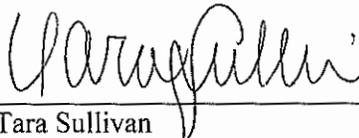
MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE  
70 YES 27 NO

The Moderator made the following Finance Committee Appointments:

- Brad Weissman – 3 year term to expire ATM 2025
- Ryan Barry – 3 year term to expire ATM 2025
- Mary Noble – 3 year term to expire ATM 2025
- Zachary Zielinski – unexpired 3 year term to expire ATM 2024

A motion was made and duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting and adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE



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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 31, 2022  
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 31, 2022, 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 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 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$14.00 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Worcester Registry of Deeds or take any other action in relation thereto.

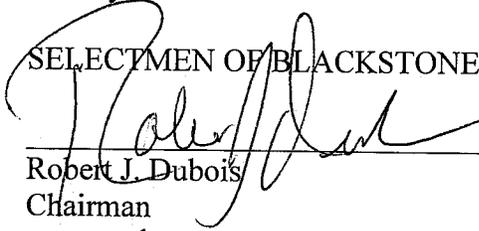
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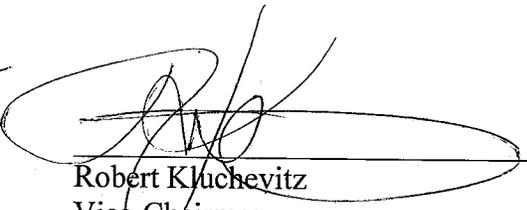
Hereof, fail not and make do return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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 .

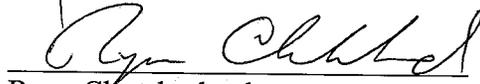
Given under our hands this 22nd day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-two.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
Robert J. Dubois  
Chairman

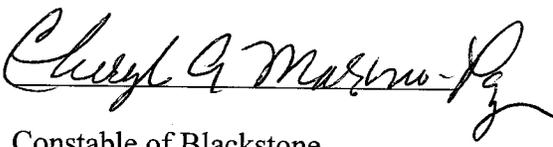
  
Robert Kluchevitz  
Vice-Chairman

  
Mary E. Bulso  
Clerk

  
Ryan Chamberland  
Member

  
Tanya Polak  
Member

A true copy attest:

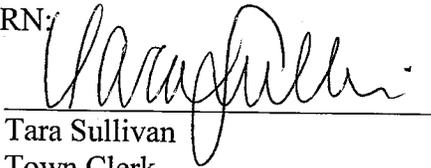
  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 23rd day of March 2022 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 31, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator John Wozniak, who declared a quorum. There were 129 registered voters in attendance.

The Moderator demonstrated the Electronic Voting System, and a test vote was taken.

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

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: Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, Christopher Brow, Esq., Miyares and Harrington LLP, Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor, Lisa Cheever, Library Director, Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police, Colleen Strapponi, Inspectional Services, Karen Testa, Senior Center Director, Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, and the 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 made and duly seconded it was voted to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$93,708 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

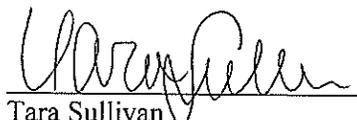
75 YES      6 NO

ARTICLE 2. Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14.00 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Worcester Registry of Deeds.

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

87 YES      5 NO

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

  
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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

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

**WARRANT FOR 2022 STATE ELECTION**

**SS.**

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone, Massachusetts

**GREETINGS:**

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

Precinct #1 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street, Senior Center (Lower Level)

Precinct #2 at Blackstone Fire Station #2, 666 Rathbun Street

Precinct #3 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street, Main Conference Room (Upper Level)

On **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. . . . .	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL. . . . .	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE. . . . .	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER. . . . .	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR. . . . .	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . .	FOURTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. . . . .	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . .	WORCESTER & HAMPDEN DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . .	EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY . . . . .	MIDDLE DISTRICT
SHERRIF. . . . .	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE . . . . .	BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**QUESTION 1: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on June 12, 2019 (yeas 147 – nays 48); and again on June 9, 2021 (yeas 159 – nays 41)?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

**A YES VOTE** would amend the state Constitution to impose an additional 4% tax on that portion of incomes over one million dollars to be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, on education and transportation.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the state Constitution relative to income tax.

## **QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members' dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier's annual aggregate medical loss ratio is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier.

The proposed law would apply to dental benefit plans regardless of whether they are issued directly by a carrier, through the connector, or through an intermediary. The proposed law would not apply to dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed to a self-insured group or where the carrier is acting as a third-party administrator.

The proposed law would require the carriers offering dental benefit plans to submit information about their current and projected medical loss ratio, administrative expenses, and other financial information to the Commissioner. Each carrier would be required to submit an annual comprehensive financial statement to the Division of Insurance, itemized by market group size and line of business. A carrier that also provides administrative services to one or more self-insured groups would also be required to file an appendix to their annual financial statement with information about its self-insured business. The proposed law would impose a late penalty on a carrier that does not file its annual report on or before April 1.

The Division would be required to make the submitted data public, to issue an annual summary to certain legislative committees, and to exchange the data with the Health Policy Commission. The Commissioner would be required to adopt standards requiring the registration of persons or entities not otherwise licensed or registered by the Commissioner and criteria for the standardized reporting and uniform allocation methodologies among carriers.

The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to approve dental benefit policies for the purpose of being offered to individuals or groups. The Commissioner would be required to adopt regulations to determine eligibility criteria.

The proposed law would require carriers to file group product base rates and any changes to group rating factors that are to be effective on January 1 of each year on or before July 1 of the preceding year. The Commissioner would be required to disapprove any proposed changes to base rates that are excessive, inadequate, or unreasonable in relation to the benefits charged. The Commissioner would also be required to disapprove any change to group rating factors that is discriminatory or not actuarially sound.

The proposed law sets forth criteria that, if met, would require the Commissioner to presumptively disapprove a carrier's rate, including if the aggregate medical loss ratio for all dental benefit plans offered by a carrier is less than 83 percent.

The proposed law would establish procedures to be followed if a proposed rate is presumptively disapproved or if the Commissioner disapproves a rate.

The proposed law would require the Division to hold a hearing if a carrier reports a risk-based capital ratio on a combined entity basis that exceeds 700 percent in its annual report.

The proposed law would require the Commissioner to promulgate regulations consistent with its provisions by October 1, 2023. The proposed law would apply to all dental benefit plans issued, made effective, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

**A YES VOTE** would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83% of premiums on member dental expenses and quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law relative to the regulations that apply to dental insurance companies.

### **QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for “all alcoholic beverages” and for “wines and malt beverages”) that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.

Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of “all alcoholic beverages” licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.

The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.

The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales.

The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person's identity and age.

A **YES VOTE** would increase the number of licenses a retailer could have for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises, limit the number of “all-alcoholic beverages” licenses that a retailer could acquire, restrict use of self-checkout, and require retailers to accept customers’ out-of-state identification.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

#### **QUESTION 4: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022?

#### **SUMMARY**

This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learner's permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner's permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID.

To prove identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one from each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver's license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. One of the documents presented by an applicant must include a photograph and one must include a date of birth. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth.

The law requires that applicants for a driver's license or learner's permit shall attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that their license has not been suspended or revoked in any other state, country, or jurisdiction.

The law specifies that information provided by or relating to any applicant or license-holder will not be a public record and shall not be disclosed, except as required by federal law or as authorized by Attorney General regulations, and except for purposes of motor vehicle insurance.

The law directs the registrar of motor vehicles to make regulations regarding the documents required of United States citizens and others who provide proof of lawful presence with their license application.

The law also requires the registrar and the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish procedures and regulations to ensure that an applicant for a standard driver's license or learner's permit who does not provide proof of lawful presence will not be automatically registered to vote.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which would allow Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or permit if they meet the other requirements for doing so.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

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

Given under our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

  
Ryan Chamberland, Chairman

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Robert Kluchevitz, Vice Chairman

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Tanya Polak, Clerk

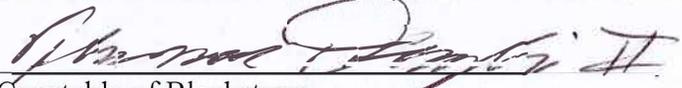
  
Mary Bulso

  
Brian Scamman

**BLACKSTONE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

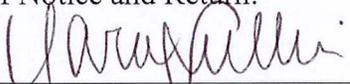
**Worcester, SS**

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, #2, and #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within-named places: at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun Street; and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.

  
Constable of Blackstone

10-19-22  
Date

A true copy of Notice and Return:

  
Tara Sullivan, Town Clerk of Blackstone

**State Election - November 8, 2022**  
**Town of Blackstone, Massachusetts**

**Official Results**

\*denotes winner for Blackstone

Precinct	1	2	3	Total
<b>Governor &amp; Lt. Governor</b>				
Diehl and Allen*	498	574	710	1782
Healey and Driscoll	469	534	516	1519
Reed and Evertt	11	10	23	44
All Others	0	1	1	2
Blanks	4	10	6	20
Total	982	1129	1256	3367
<b>Attorney General</b>				
Andrea Joy Campbell	455	519	506	1480
James R. McMahon, III*	510	585	722	1817
Blanks	17	25	28	70
Total	982	1129	1256	3367
<b>Secretary of State</b>				
William Francis Galvin*	522	592	612	1726
Rayla Campbell	432	504	602	1538
Juan Sanchez	15	14	23	52
Blanks	13	19	19	51
Total	982	1129	1256	3367
<b>Treasurer</b>				
Deborah B. Goldberg*	557	617	653	1827
Christina Crawford	321	374	430	1125
All Others	0	1	4	5
Blanks	104	137	169	410
Total	982	1129	1256	3367
<b>Auditor</b>				
Anthony Amore*	489	587	691	1767
Diana DiZoglio	389	434	433	1256
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	20	21	20	61
Dominic Giannone, III	25	21	27	73
Daniel Riek	17	17	25	59
Blanks	42	49	60	151
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Representative in Congress**

Jake Auchincloss*	631	717	733	2081
David Cannata	0	1	1	2
Shiva Ayyadurai	1	0	0	1
All Others	12	15	28	55
Blanks	338	396	494	1228
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Councillor**

Paul M. DePalo	474	523	517	1514
Gary Galonek*	467	546	682	1695
Blanks	41	60	57	158
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Senator in General Court**

Ryan C. Fattman*	785	883	982	2650
Thomas M. Merolli	1	0	0	
All Others	5	7	3	15
Blanks	191	239	271	701
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Representative in General Court**

Michael J. Soter*	779	887	984	2650
All Others	6	5	2	13
Blanks	197	237	270	704
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**District Attorney**

Joseph D. Early, Jr.*	665	749	774	2188
All Others	8	9	15	32
Blanks	309	371	467	1147
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Sherrif**

Lewis G. Evangelidis*	567	658	803	2028
David M. Fontaine	373	414	403	1190
Blanks	42	57	50	149
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Bellingham**

Joseph M. Hall*	662	753	761	2176
All Others	3	1	3	7
Blanks	317	375	492	1184
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Blackstone**

Joseph A. Broderick*	715	811	811	2337
All Others	1	2	2	5
Blanks	266	316	443	1025
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Douglas**

Mark J. Potter*	632	714	730	2076
All Others	2	0	2	4
Blanks	348	415	524	1287
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Grafton**

Anthony M. Yitts*	593	694	712	1999
All Others	1	1	2	4
Blanks	388	434	542	1364
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Hopedale**

Mitchell A. Intinarelli*	588	685	708	1981
All Others	1	0	1	2
Blanks	393	444	547	1384
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Mendon**

Edward D. Cray, III*	580	670	696	1946
All Others	1	1	3	5
Blanks	401	458	557	1416
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Milford**

Paul J. Braza*	582	680	691	1953
All Others	1	0	1	2
Blanks	399	449	564	1412
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Millbury**

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.*	376	470	463	1309
Frank J. Piscitelli, III	233	236	264	733
All Others	0	0	1	1
Blanks	373	423	528	1324
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Millville**

Gerald M. Finn*	604	691	715	2010
All Others	1	1	1	3
Blanks	377	437	540	1354
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Northbridge**

Jeff T. Koopman*	583	667	693	1943
All Others	2	0	1	3
Blanks	397	462	562	1421
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Sutton**

Rick Nisil	1	0	0	1
Chris Pappas	1	0	0	1
Jason Brady	1	0	0	1
Tom Devine	1	0	0	1
Janet Barrington	1	0	0	1
Janis Laporte	1	0	0	1
Gerald Finn	1	0	0	1
Shanning Li	0	1	0	1
Jocelyn Young	0	1	0	1
Andre Landry	0	1	0	1
Keith Ducharme	0	1	0	1
Russ Carter	0	1	0	1
Pat Smith	0	0	1	1
Tracie Trudeau	0	0	1	1
Jim Jones	0	0	1	1
Beth Ellis	0	0	1	1
James Glode	0	0	1	1
Jennifer Callahan	0	0	1	1
Sam Danis	0	0	1	1
Amanda Torrey	0	0	1	1
Julie Mitchell	0	0	1	1
Paul Ceneded	0	0	1	1
Blanks	975	1124	1246	3345
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Upton**

Tyler Bartlett*	570	640	678	1888
All Others	1	0	1	2
Blanks	411	489	577	1477
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Regional School Committee--Uxbridge**

James H. Ebbeling*	567	655	685	1907
All Others	1	1	1	3
Blanks	414	473	570	1457
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Question #1--4% State Income Tax**

Yes	433	478	479	1390
No*	516	606	729	1851
Blanks	33	45	48	126
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Question #2--Dental Benefits**

Yes*	578	690	729	1997
No	362	386	474	1222
Blanks	42	53	53	148
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

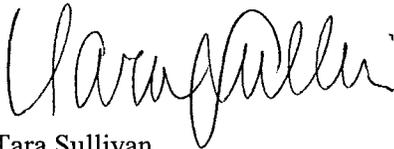
**Question #3--Alcoholic Beverage Licenses**

Yes	333	413	433	1179
No*	606	655	766	2027
Blanks	43	61	57	161
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

**Question #4--Driver's License**

Yes	332	395	405	1132
No*	612	682	799	2093
Blanks	38	52	52	142
Total	982	1129	1256	3367

Eligible Voters	7090			
Turnout	3367	47%		



Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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

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 2022 ending June 30, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Taylor  
Town Accountant

# Town of Blackstone

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt				
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash and cash equivalents	8,761,174.23	2,616,992.63	1,281,804.51	3,044,339.63	14,673,433.25					30,377,744.25
Investments										0.00
Receivables:										
Personal property taxes	5,004.32									5,004.32
Real estate taxes	179,707.53									179,707.53
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(662,037.21)									(662,037.21)
Tax liens	761,516.23									761,516.23
Deferred taxes										0.00
Motor vehicle excise	398,592.68									398,592.68
Other excises										0.00
User fees				229,605.90						229,605.90
Utility liens added to taxes				5,779.85						5,779.85
Departmental										0.00
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										0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave										0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,964,019.58</b>	<b>3,015,365.20</b>	<b>1,281,804.51</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>	<b>14,673,433.25</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>	<b>36,016,417.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>										
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
Warrants payable										0.00
Accounts payable	870,547.45	33,897.05	297,931.62	102,732.49						1,305,108.61
Accrued payroll										0.00
Withholdings	142,120.63									142,120.63
Accrued claims payable										0.00
Due to/from other funds										0.00
Due to other governments										0.00
Other liabilities										0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt				
<b>Deferred revenue:</b>										
Real and personal property taxes	(477,321.36)									(477,321.36)
Tax liens	761,516.23									761,516.23
Deferred taxes										0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	520,061.80									520,061.80
Motor vehicle excise	398,592.68									398,592.68
Other excises										0.00
User fees				235,385.30						235,385.30
Utility liens added to taxes										0.00
Departmental										0.00
Special assessments										0.00
Due from other governments										0.00
Other receivables		398,372.57								398,372.57
Deposits receivable										0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees										0.00
Tailings										0.00
IBNR										0.00
Agency Funds					13,808.81					13,808.81
Notes payable			5,651,915.00							5,651,915.00
Bonds payable						3,802,070.00				3,802,070.00
Vacation and sick leave liability										0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,215,517.43</b>	<b>432,269.62</b>	<b>5,949,846.62</b>	<b>338,117.79</b>	<b>13,808.81</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>				<b>12,751,630.27</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>										
Reserved for encumbrances	218,848.15	1,178.54		8,815.42						228,842.11
Reserved for expenditures	1,708,525.00			421,675.00						2,130,200.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	2,357,510.60			321,363.06						2,678,873.66
Reserved for petty cash										0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit										0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit										0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit										0.00
Reserved for debt service										0.00
Reserved for premiums										0.00
Reserved for working deposit										0.00
Undesignated fund balance	3,463,618.40	2,581,917.04	(4,668,042.11)		14,659,624.44					16,037,117.77
Unreserved retained earnings				2,189,754.11						2,189,754.11
Investment in capital assets										0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>7,748,502.15</b>	<b>2,583,095.58</b>	<b>(4,668,042.11)</b>	<b>2,941,607.59</b>	<b>14,659,624.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>				<b>23,264,787.65</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>9,964,019.58</b>	<b>3,015,365.20</b>	<b>1,281,804.51</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>	<b>14,673,433.25</b>	<b>3,802,070.00</b>				<b>36,016,417.92</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward  
as of June 30, 2022**

<b>Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,355,810.31</b>
 <u>Add:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrances	131,991.31
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures	1,610,713.40
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	1,017,609.13
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash	
Prior Year Reserved for _____	
 <u>Less:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	16,741.19
 <b>Prior Year Total Fund Balance</b>	 <b>6,099,382.96</b>
 <u>Deduct:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrances	218,848.15
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures	1,708,525.00
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	2,357,510.60
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash	
Current Year Reserved for _____	
 <u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	
Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	
 <u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	28,099,461.67
Other Financing Sources	
Audit Adjustments	
 <u>Less:</u>	
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	26,450,342.48
Other Financing Uses	
Audit Adjustments	
 <b>Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	 <b>3,463,618.40</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2022  
as of June 30, 2022**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
			\$	%
<b>Receipts:</b>				
School Aid Chapter 70	234,189	231,829	(2,360)	-1.01%
School Transportation	-	10,144	10,144	100.00%
	<u>234,189</u>	<u>241,973</u>	<u>7,784</u>	<u>3.32%</u>
Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,504,315	1,504,315	-	0.00%
Highway Fund	-	-	-	0.00%
Police Carrer Incentive	-	-	-	-
Veterans Benefits	122,335	120,580	(1,755)	-1.43%
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	-	-	-	-
Exemptions: Elderly	38,456	78,077	39,621	0.00%
State-Owned Land	30,408	30,408	-	0.00%
Additional State Aid	-	-	-	100.00%
	<u>1,695,514</u>	<u>1,733,380</u>	<u>37,866</u>	<u>2.23%</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>1,929,703</u>	<u>1,975,353</u>	<u>45,650</u>	<u>2.37%</u>
<b>Offset Items</b>				
<b>TOTAL All Receipts</b>	<u>1,929,703</u>	<u>1,975,353</u>	<u>18,142</u>	
<b>Charges:</b>				
County Assessment, County Tax			-	
Mosquito Control	33,818	33,818	-	0.00%
Air Pollution Districts	2,494	2,494	-	0.00%
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	10,400	10,400	-	0.00%
	<u>46,712</u>	<u>46,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

**Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2022**

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
<b>Local Receipts:</b>				
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	1,210,000	1,272,343	62,343	5.15%
MEALS TAX:	30,000	62,158	32,158	100.00%
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	100,000	159,551	59,551	59.55%
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	12,000	14,749	2,749	22.91%
FEES:	30,000	197,286	167,286	557.62%
CANNABIS FEES:	160,021	487,330	327,309	204.54%
LICENSES & PERMITS:	200,000	232,841	32,841	16.42%
FINES & FORFEITS:	9,000	8,629	(371)	-4.12%
INVESTMENT INCOME:	7,500	17,003	9,503	126.71%
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:	123,000	156,947	33,947	27.60%
MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:	-	-	-	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	-	293,192	293,192	0.00%
	<u>1,881,521</u>	<u>2,902,029</u>	<u>1,020,508</u>	<u>54.24%</u>

**Town of Blackstone  
FY2022 General Fund Budget**

DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	900			900	549			351
SELECTMEN	93,312	50,646	335,446	479,404	122,878	45,369	12,521	298,636
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	220,142	8,554		228,696	224,827			3,869
FINANCE COMMITTEE	7,100	-		7,100	1,086			6,014
RESERVE FUND	100,000	(49,645)		50,355	-			50,355
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	1,600	-		1,600	280			1,320
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	129,389	-		129,389	118,496		35	10,858
ASSESSORS	170,571		40,024	210,595	156,353	20,024	2,174	32,044
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	148,286	9,244		157,530	149,232		113	8,185
TOWN COUNSEL	150,000	-		150,000	82,004			67,996
DATA PROCESSING	162,800	20,236		183,036	169,793		2,273	10,970
COPIER	38,750	4,000		42,750	33,124		6,839	2,787
BONDS & INSURANCE	260,621	(20,000)		240,621	227,612	64	300	12,709
TOWN CLERK	145,239	10	64	145,313	139,426			5,823
ELECTIONS	15,750	-		15,750	12,735			3,015
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,800	1,115		7,915	5,731			2,184
CONSERVATION COMM	4,480	215		4,695	1,934			2,761
OPEN SPACE		-	84,915	84,915				84,915
PLANNING BOARD	33,411	666		34,077	18,283			15,794
ZONING BOARD	12,173	-		12,173	8,548			3,625
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	2,500	-		2,500	180			2,320
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,716	-		2,716	2,716			0
GENERAL	154,500	-		154,500	149,366		495	4,639
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	393,525	5,392	32,358	431,275	323,295	2,358	69,927	35,695
TOWN REPORT	3,000	500		3,500	3,075			425
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2,257,565</b>	<b>30,933</b>	<b>492,807</b>	<b>2,781,305</b>	<b>1,951,523</b>	<b>67,815</b>	<b>94,677</b>	<b>667,290</b>
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,944,739		6,057	1,950,796	1,832,777	1,548	70	116,401
POLICE DISPATCHERS	256,757			256,757	255,011			1,746
FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,187,248	213	21,685	1,209,146	1,150,994	9,788		48,364
AMBULANCE	59,869	(5,000)	408,896	463,765	51,165	104,933	692	306,975
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	80,712	14,254		94,966	80,320			14,646
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	18,134	-		18,134	17,017			1,117
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	1,750	1,750		3,500	3,500			0
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	17,651	-		17,651	16,223			1,428
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	19,250	-		19,250	12,156			7,094
ANIMAL CONTROL	32,266	-		32,266	31,168			1,098
FORESTRY	25,250	2,600		27,850	25,271			2,579
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,643,626</b>	<b>13,817</b>	<b>436,638</b>	<b>4,094,081</b>	<b>3,475,602</b>	<b>116,269</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>501,448</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
FY2022 General Fund Budget**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers</b>	<b>Articles</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Article Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Fund Balance</b>
B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	10,226,689		75,000	10,301,689	10,226,689			75,000
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	848,246			848,246	848,246			0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	888,000	(25,621)		862,379	663,519			198,860
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>11,962,935</b>	<b>(25,621)</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>12,012,314</b>	<b>11,738,454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273,860</b>
ENGINEERING	15,000			15,000	2,000			13,000
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	33,141			33,141	33,137			4
HIGHWAY LABOR	312,387			312,387	302,203			10,184
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	47,064	57	1,848,259	1,895,380	44,053	273,511	35	1,577,781
SNOW & ICE	110,675	93,708		204,383	204,383			0
STREET LIGHTING	109,375			109,375	109,240		105	30
MECHANICAL REPAIR	95,000	42		95,042	86,738			8,304
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	630,000	92,353		722,353	684,684		17,440	20,229
STREET CLEANING	3,500			3,500	112			3,388
WASTE COLLECTION	660,480			660,480	654,642		4,800	1,038
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>2,016,622</b>	<b>186,160</b>	<b>1,848,259</b>	<b>4,051,041</b>	<b>2,121,192</b>	<b>273,511</b>	<b>22,380</b>	<b>1,633,958</b>
RECYCLING	233,801	1,060	50,000	284,861	206,326	50,000	102	28,433
BOARD OF HEALTH	90,893	5,200		96,093	73,505		21,150	1,438
COUNCIL ON AGING	179,541			179,541	160,106		105	19,330
VETERANS	201,920			201,920	138,145		1,271	62,504
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>706,155</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>762,415</b>	<b>578,082</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>22,628</b>	<b>111,705</b>
LIBRARY	536,210	17,522	12,953	566,685	530,374	7,251	15,004	14,056
PARKS	133,420	9,460		142,880	124,404		1,200	17,276
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000			2,000	1,969			31
MEMORIAL DAY	18,400			18,400	18,301			99
CULTURAL COUNCIL				-				0
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>690,030</b>	<b>26,982</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>729,965</b>	<b>675,048</b>	<b>7,251</b>	<b>16,204</b>	<b>31,462</b>
PRINCIPAL	710,005			710,005	710,001			4
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	174,330			174,330	174,328			2
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	7,915	9,002		16,917	13,267			3,650
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>892,250</b>	<b>9,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>901,252</b>	<b>897,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,656</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
FY2022 General Fund Budget**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers</b>	<b>Articles</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Article Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Fund Balance</b>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	46,323			46,323	46,321			2
COUNTY RETIREMENT	920,201			920,201	920,201			0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000	(24,534)		25,466	466			25,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	878,652			878,652	656,447		62,199	160,006
LIFE INSURANCE	4,000			4,000	2,883			1,117
MATCHING MEDICARE	80,000			80,000	70,305			9,695
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	1,503			8,497
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500			7,500				7,500
COURT JUDGMENT				-				0
MISC EXPENSE				-				0
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>1,996,676</b>	<b>(24,534)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,972,142</b>	<b>1,698,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,199</b>	<b>211,817</b>
<b>G F OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	<b>24,165,859</b>	<b>222,999</b>	<b>2,915,657</b>	<b>27,304,515</b>	<b>23,135,623</b>	<b>514,846</b>	<b>218,850</b>	<b>3,435,196</b>
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	100,000			100,000	100,000			0
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE				-				0
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	230,750			230,750	230,750			0
TRANS TO OPEB TRUST	2,466,450	2,700		2,469,150	2,469,128			22
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	2,797,200	2,700		2,799,900	2,799,878			22
<b>GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS</b>	<b>26,963,059</b>	<b>225,699</b>	<b>2,915,657</b>	<b>30,104,415</b>	<b>25,935,501</b>	<b>514,846</b>	<b>218,850</b>	<b>3,435,218</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2022**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2021	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2022
<b>Fund 13 Highway Fund</b>						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	0.00	110,420.05	460,532.05	0.00	-350,112.00
013-013-130-35600	Complete Streets	0.00	37,498.53	37,498.53	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Highway Grants:</b>		0.00	147,918.58	498,030.58	0.00	-350,112.00
<b>Total Fund 13 Revenue</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>147,918.58</b>	<b>498,030.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-350,112.00</b>
<b>Fund 20 State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>						
<b>Federal Grants:</b>						
021-100-122-35000	ARPA FUNDING	486,080.77	902,042.56	8,816.00		1,379,307.33
<b>Total Federal Grants:</b>		486,080.77	902,042.56	8,816.00	0.00	1,379,307.33
<b>State Grants:</b>						
020-100-121-35000	CARES Act	83,134.00	346,542.36	281,845.68	-147,830.68	0.00
020-100-130-35000	Community Compact Grant	0.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
020-100-133-35000	Community Compact Grant	0.00	42,870.00	15,275.00	0.00	27,595.00
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	9,585.00	51,115.25	0.00	-10,845.00	49,855.25
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	13,177.30	1,196.00	0.00	0.00	14,373.30
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 Bullet Proof	0.00	1,221.00	0.00	-1,221.00	0.00
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	52,217.50	35,761.61	13,033.33	0.00	74,945.78
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	14,120.50	7,430.00	13,207.88	0.00	8,342.62
020-200-226-35600	Firefighter Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	13,007.59	0.00	-13,007.59
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	0.00	2,900.00	0.00	-2,900.00	0.00
020-200-233-35000	Washer Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-234-35000	Fire Gear Grant	0.00	12,420.00	12,420.00	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	5,400.00	0.00	0.00	5,400.00
020-500-511-35000	COVID-19 Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	1,411.78	18,096.00	19,507.78	0.00	0.00
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	48,317.97	26,455.92	6,871.42	0.00	67,902.47
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	124.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.74
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	276.99	1,268.33	1,330.40	0.00	214.92
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	3,337.31	0.00	3,337.31	0.00	0.00
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	590.20	0.00	0.00	-590.20	0.00
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	367.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.05
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	1,779.22	14,303.96	6,553.00	0.00	9,530.18
<b>Total State Grants:</b>		247,752.97	591,980.43	398,889.39	-163,386.88	277,457.13
<b>Total Fund 20 Revenue</b>		<b>733,833.74</b>	<b>1,494,022.99</b>	<b>407,705.39</b>	<b>-163,386.88</b>	<b>1,656,764.46</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2022**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2021	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2022
<b>Fund 29 Other Special Revenue</b>						
029-000-299-35600	TNC Surcharge	983.80	177.70	0.00	0.00	1,161.50
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	19,830.00	46,125.97	39,842.86	-26,113.11	0.00
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	208,752.97	3,275.00	0.00	0.00	212,027.97
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	143,044.57	107,816.99	99,733.95	0.00	151,127.61
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	6,104.75	853.75	3,700.33	0.00	3,258.17
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	2,835.00	0.00	2,160.00	0.00	675.00
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	836.86	0.00	0.00	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	5,000.00	9,892.44	0.00	-3,042.44
029-100-179-35600	315 Blackstone Review Fees	2,019.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,019.44
029-100-180-48400	Butler St	0.00	6,294.00	5,932.50	0.00	361.50
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,020.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.97
029-100-182-35600	Clean Energy Gift	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
029-100-183-35600	110R Blackstone Peer Review	0.00	15,000.00	14,718.30	0.00	281.70
029-100-184-48400	298 Blackstone Peer Review	0.00	1,323.00	720.00	0.00	603.00
029-100-185-48400	Pyne Sand& Stone Peer Review	0.00	5,000.00	740.00	0.00	4,260.00
029-100-186-48400	Pickering Estate Peer Review	0.00	3,000.00	832.50	0.00	2,167.50
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	13,062.13	2,550.00	0.00	0.00	15,612.13
029-200-220-35000	Fire Dept Gift	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	693,984.99	399,658.65	0.00	-592,000.00	501,643.64
029-200-292-35600	Animal Control Donations	32,083.94	36,570.54	34,890.61	0.00	33,763.87
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	0.00	26,954.25	19,896.77	0.00	7,057.48
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	180.31	3,500.00	237.50	0.00	3,442.81
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	538.62	516.06	0.00	-538.00	516.68
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	1,506.19	455.29	238.29	0.00	1,723.19
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	12,436.36	1,628.00	482.91	0.00	13,581.45
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	18,418.99	7,563.71	5,359.23	0.00	20,623.47
029-500-545-35600	COA & BOH Health Fair Gift	2,895.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,895.69
029-500-546-48300	COA Giving Tree	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
029-500-548-35600	Veterans COLA Adjustment	0.00	10,902.00	7,110.00	0.00	3,792.00
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	41,039.96	12,293.83	15,800.22	0.00	37,533.57
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	850.00	1,870.00	0.00	0.00	2,720.00
029-600-631-35600	Trails Gift	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission Gift	9,378.77	1,102.00	337.94	0.00	10,142.83
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	6,393.61	9,168.42	10,576.05	0.00	4,985.98
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	601.61	0.00	207.21	0.00	394.40
029-600-695-35600	Veterans Memorial Donations	477.64	740.00	210.53	0.00	1,007.11
<b>Total Fund 29 Revenue:</b>		<b>1,452,575.21</b>	<b>717,139.16</b>	<b>274,620.14</b>	<b>-618,651.11</b>	<b>1,276,443.12</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		<b>2,186,408.95</b>	<b>2,321,582.20</b>	<b>1,142,857.58</b>	<b>-782,037.99</b>	<b>2,583,095.58</b>

Combining Balance Sheet- Capital Funds  
as of June 30, 2022

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Fire Trucks ATM 5/21 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Library Repairs ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Sallyport ATM 5/21 Fund 33	Police Cells ATM 5/19 Fund 33	Fire Station 2&3 ATM 5/19 Fund 33	JFK PARKING ATM 5/20 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
<b>Assets</b>															
Cash and investments	1,692.65	129,275.90	426,300.95	14,140.02	65,402.00	325,800.00	-	143,434.00	66,411.86	-	17,993.07	30,607.73	90.31	60,656.02	1,281,804.51
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>															
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,931.62
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,931.62	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	500,000.00	-	85,000.00	340,000.00	40,000.00	150,000.00	300,000.00	442,898.00	-	3,794,017.00	-	-	5,651,915.00
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	1,692.65	129,275.90	(73,699.05)	14,140.02	(19,598.00)	(14,200.00)	(40,000.00)	(6,566.00)	(233,588.14)	(442,898.00)	17,993.07	(4,061,340.89)	90.31	60,656.02	(4,668,042.11)
Unreserved fund balance	1,692.65	129,275.90	426,300.95	14,140.02	65,402.00	325,800.00	-	143,434.00	66,411.86	-	17,993.07	30,607.73	90.31	60,656.02	1,281,804.51

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances- Capital Projects Fund  
as of June 30, 2022

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Recycle Equip 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	Fire Station 2&3 ATM 5/19 Fund 33	JFK PARKING ATM 5/20 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
<b>Intergovernmental</b>															
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>															
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	-	14,200.00	40,000.00	-	233,588.14	-	-	222,262.40	-	-	276,462.40
Supplies	-	-	73,699.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,601.89	-	5,000.00	283,190.03
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,566.00	-	-	-	3,433,578.49	-	2,149.00	75,848.05
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,440,144.49
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	73,699.05	-	-	14,200.00	40,000.00	6,566.00	233,588.14	(9,002.00)	-	-	-	-	(9,002.00)
Excess Revenues over/															
(under) Expenditures	-	-	(73,699.05)	-	-	(14,200.00)	(40,000.00)	(6,566.00)	(233,588.14)	9,002.00	-	(3,700,442.78)	-	(7,149.00)	(4,066,642.97)
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
Excess Revenues over/															
(under) Exp/Transfers	-	-	(73,699.05)	-	-	(14,200.00)	(40,000.00)	(6,566.00)	(233,588.14)	9,002.00	-	(3,700,442.78)	-	(157,149.00)	(4,216,642.97)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/21</b>	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)
<b>Fund Balance, 6/30/22</b>	1,692.65	129,275.90	(73,699.05)	14,140.02	(19,598.00)	(14,200.00)	(40,000.00)	(6,566.00)	(233,588.14)	(442,898.00)	17,993.07	(4,061,340.89)	90.31	60,656.02	(4,668,042.11)

**Town of Blackstone**  
**Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds**  
**as of June 30, 2022**

	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,044,339.63	3,044,339.63
Investments		0.00
Receivables:		
User Fees	229,605.90	229,605.90
Special assessments		0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	5,779.85	5,779.85
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
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u></b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	102,732.49	102,732.49
Warrants payable		0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings		0.00
Other liabilities		0.00
Deferred revenue:		
User Charges	229,605.90	229,605.90
Special assessments		0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	5,779.40	5,779.40
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
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>338,117.79</b>	<b>338,117.79</b>
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for encumbrances	8,815.42	8,815.42
Reserved for expenditures	421,675.00	421,675.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	321,363.06	321,363.06
Reserved for petty cash		0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit		0.00
Reserved for debt service		0.00
Unreserved retained earnings	2,189,754.11	2,189,754.11
Investment in capital assets		0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>2,941,607.59</b>	<b>2,941,607.59</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>	<b>3,279,725.38</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
FY 2022 Enterprise Fund Budget  
as of June 30, 2022**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Approp. Transfers</b>	<b>Prior Year Encumbrances</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Fund Balance</b>
SEWER DEPARTMENT	175,072.00			175,072.00	159,055.70		16,016.30
SEWER MAINTENANCE	260,383.00	57.48		260,440.48	166,626.20	381.87	93,432.41
SEWER WOONSOCKET MAINT	571,932.00	347,375.00		919,307.00	264,801.80		654,505.20
SEWER PRINCIPAL							-
SEWER INTEREST							-
SEWER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	48,102.00			48,102.00	48,102.00		-
<b>SEWER</b>	<b>1,055,489.00</b>	<b>347,432.48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,402,921.48</b>	<b>638,585.70</b>	<b>381.87</b>	<b>763,953.91</b>
<b><u>SEWER ARTICLES</u></b>							
98217 STM 5/19 #3 MONITOR	12,000.00	-	-	12,000.00			12,000.00
98218 ATM 5/19 #21 I & I	50,509.63	-	-	50,509.63			50,509.63
98219 ATM 5/21 #20 CLE	110,000.00			110,000.00	29,277.50		80,722.50
Total Sewer Articles	172,509.63	-	-	172,509.63	29,277.50	-	143,232.13
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>1,227,998.63</b>	<b>347,432.48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,575,431.11</b>	<b>667,863.20</b>	<b>381.87</b>	<b>907,186.04</b>
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	100,000.00			100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
RESERVE FUND-WATER	100,000.00			100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>
WATER LABOR	191,160.00		-	191,160.00	177,312.55	-	13,847.45
WATER ADMINISTRATION	84,357.00			84,357.00	73,395.46	-	10,961.54
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	609,534.00	5,060.13		614,594.13	464,015.87	8,433.55	142,144.71
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	105,000.00	-		105,000.00	105,000.00	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	5,775.00	-		5,775.00	5,775.00	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,650.00	-		3,650.00	3,649.50	-	0.50
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,763.85		236.15
WATER INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	62,942.00			62,942.00	62,942.00		-
<b>WATER</b>	<b>1,064,418.00</b>	<b>5,060.13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,069,478.13</b>	<b>893,854.23</b>	<b>8,433.55</b>	<b>167,190.35</b>
<b><u>WATER ARTICLES</u></b>							
90801 ATM 5/18 #23 GENERATOR	28,291.13	-	-	28,291.13	3,860.20		24,430.93
98003 ATM 5/17 ART 18 WATER FILT	3,700.00	-	-	3,700.00			3,700.00
98013 ATM 5/21 #28 WELLS	150,000.00			150,000.00			150,000.00
Total Water Articles	181,991.13	-	-	181,991.13	3,860.20	-	178,130.93
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>1,246,409.13</b>	<b>5,060.13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,251,469.26</b>	<b>897,714.43</b>	<b>8,433.55</b>	<b>345,321.28</b>
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>	<b>2,674,407.76</b>	<b>352,492.61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,026,900.37</b>	<b>1,565,577.63</b>	<b>8,815.42</b>	<b>1,452,507.32</b>

**Town of Blackstone  
Trust & Agency Funds  
as of June 30, 2022**

	Fund Balance July 1, 2021	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2022
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>						
70 - OPEB Trust Fund	2,233,137.95		(84,719.67)	13,446.14	250,000.00	2,384,972.14
<b>Total Fund 70:</b>	1,209,651.69	-	(84,719.67)	13,446.14	250,000.00	2,384,972.14
84 - Stabilization Fund	3,265,945.25		38,204.15		100,000.00	3,404,149.40
84 - Law Enforcement	16,792.76	276.00		1,100.00		15,968.76
<b>Total Fund 84:</b>	3,156,938.81	276.00	38,204.15	1,100.00	100,000.00	3,420,118.16
85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	6,345,239.33		76,037.12		934,364.57	7,355,641.02
<b>Total Fund 85:</b>	6,345,239.33	-	76,037.12	-	934,364.57	7,355,641.02
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>	<b>10,711,829.83</b>	<b>276.00</b>	<b>29,521.60</b>	<b>14,546.14</b>	<b>1,284,364.57</b>	<b>13,160,731.32</b>

**Agency Funds:**

	Balance July 1, 2021	Additions	Deductions	Transfer	Balance June 30, 2022
89122 ANP Escrow	798,041.97	802.17			798,844.14
89123 83 Federal St Decomm	151,139.07	151.75			151,290.82
89124 142 Blackstone Decomm	174,644.78	175.35			174,820.13
89125 307 Blackstone Decomm	212,515.37	213.36			212,728.73
89145 Deputy Fees	(128.00)	19,258.00	20,494.00		(1,364.00)
89175 Performance Bonds	56,371.95	26.28			56,398.23
89177 142 Blackstone Performance Guar	50,016.44	50.23			50,066.67
89210 Police Outside Detail	(8,141.20)	333,507.25	342,265.25		(16,899.20)
89211 Police FID	4,581.25	12,825.00	13,975.00		3,431.25
89241 Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535.29	-			2,535.29
89442 ANP Sewer Charges	39,785.81	178,058.00	217,843.81		-
89439 May Street Road Bond	300.19	0.12	300.31		-
89422 76 Elm Street Road Bond	507.22	0.72			507.94
89443 Canal Street Road Bond	1,140.20	1.74			1,141.94
89444 Federal Hill Road Bond	256.45	42.93			299.38
89447 Sycamore Estates	5,831.32	8.73			5,840.05
89448 Austin St Road Bond	1,890.33	2.82			1,893.15
89449 Mill River Road Bond	503.29	0.72			504.01
89450 T & S Surety Sycamore	11,174.77	8.96			11,183.73
89451 Blackstone St Near #301	1,756.32	0.84			1,757.16
89452 Champlain Ave Road Bond	376.07	0.23			376.30
89453 83 Federal St Road Bond	10,006.99	8.07			10,015.06
89454 142 Blackstone St Road Bond	2,500.74	1.27			2,502.01
89455 307 Blackstone Road Bond	10,005.81	8.07			10,013.88
89456 Summer St Road Bond	5,000.69	2.50			5,003.19
89457 119 Farm St Road Bond	-	1,500.63			1,500.63
89458 121 Mendon St Road Bond	-	1,500.54			1,500.54
89459 204 Mendon St Road Bond	-	1,500.46			1,500.46
89460 Butler St Lots 111&153	-	4,501.42			4,501.42
89461 28 Main St Road Bond	-	1,000.09			1,000.09
89462 109 Elm St Road Bond	-	6,000.12			6,000.12
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>1,532,613.12</b>	<b>561,158.37</b>	<b>594,878.37</b>		<b>1,498,893.12</b>

**Total Trust & Agency Funds 14,659,624.44**