



**21 TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 8, 2025
10:00 AM**

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 Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.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 or borrow a sum of \$1,500,000 for a water meter replacement program including the upgrade of the water meter software and any other related costs or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the DPW Superintendent)

2/3rds Vote Required to raise and appropriate or transfer funds at Special Town Meeting

Article Summary:

This Article would provide funding for water meter replacement throughout Town. This replacement project would also include the upgrade of the software to integrate with the new meter system.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 11 from the May 28, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, by changing the words “contingent upon the Town receiving a \$500,000 Complete Streets grant.” to “contingent upon the Town receiving grant funds” or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

This article would allow the Town to spend a prior year contingent appropriation of \$126,500 for engineering costs for sidewalks on Federal St. by removing the condition that the appropriation be contingent on receipt of a state grant through the Complete Streets Program.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions G.L. c. 200A, § 9A to provide an alternative procedure for disposing of abandoned funds held in the custody of the Town or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

This article would accept the provisions of a statute to provide for a more efficient procedure for the Town to dispose of funds held in the custody of the Town for uncashed checks. Acceptance of this provision reduces the time required to start the process of deeming the funds abandoned from three years to one and allows the Town to retain the funds as general fund revenue after meeting certain notice requirements.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, 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 DPW Superintendent)

2/3rds Vote Required to raise and appropriate or transfer funds at Special Town Meeting

Article Summary: This article would provide funding for engineering and related services necessary to comply with the requirements of the town's 2016 Massachusetts General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit) issued jointly by the EPA and MassDEP.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$150,000 to purchase a new handicapped accessible fourteen (14) passenger van for the use of the Senior Center.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

2/3rds Vote Required to raise and appropriate or transfer funds at Special Town Meeting

Article Summary: This article is to provide funding to replace one of the Senior Center vans that is not handicapped accessible because it does not have a lift. The van being replaced is a 2012 Ford Eldorado with 70,595 miles.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 20 from the May 25, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, by changing the words "for the cleaning of 13 sewer pump stations" to "for the cleaning, repair and maintenance of 13 sewer pump stations", or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the DPW Superintendent)

Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

This article would allow the Town to spend the unexpended balance of \$71,215 from a prior year appropriation for sewer pump station repair and maintenance.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Sections 123-23.7 and 123-24 of the Town of Blackstone Zoning Bylaws relating to marijuana establishments, for the purpose of placing a cap on the number of certain marijuana establishments that may be permitted in Town, and to update the definition of Medical Marijuana Facility for consistency with state law, as follows:

1. Amend § 123-23.7(B) of the Town's Zoning Bylaws as follows, with insertions indicated in **bold** and deletions indicated with strikethrough text as follows:

B. Applicability.

- (1) The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale trade, distribution or dispensing of marijuana is prohibited unless permitted as a marijuana establishment or marijuana retailer under this § 123-23.7.
- (2) No marijuana establishment or marijuana retailer shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this § 123-23.7.
- (3) **The number and variety of marijuana establishments operating as marijuana retailers or marijuana cultivators that may be permitted under this § 123-23.7, shall be limited to:**

(a) Not more than three (3) marijuana retailers as that term is defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1; and

(b) For marijuana cultivators, as that term is defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1:

[1] Not more than one (1) Marijuana Cultivator as that term is defined in 935 C.M.R. 500.002.

[2] Not more than one (1) Craft Marijuana Cooperative as that term is defined in 935 C.M.R. 500.002.

[3] Not more than one (1) Microbusiness, that is a Marijuana Cultivator, as that term is defined in 935 C.M.R. 500.002.

If any time the number of marijuana retailers or marijuana cultivators operating pursuant to a valid permit issued under this § 123-23.7 exceeds the above defined limits, no further permits for such uses may issue.

The limitations of this § 123-23.7(B)(3) shall not apply to Medical Marijuana Facilities, as defined in §123-24 of this bylaw.

~~(3)~~ (4) Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs.

~~(4)~~ (5) If any provision of this section or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be invalid, the remainder of this section, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

2. Amend the definition of Medical Marijuana Facility appearing in § 123.23.7 of the Town's Zoning Bylaw, with insertions indicated in **bold** and deletions indicated with strikethrough text, so that it reads as follows:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY — A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) as defined in 935 C.M.R. 500.002, which means an entity licensed under 935 CMR 501.101: Application Requirements that acquires, cultivates, possesses, Processes (including development of related products such as Edibles, MIPs, Tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), Repackages, transports, sells, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or administers Marijuana, products containing Marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to Registered Qualifying Patients or their Personal Caregivers for medical use. Unless otherwise specified, MTC refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of Marijuana for medical use. ~~A not-for-profit entity (also known as a "medical marijuana treatment center") registered under 105 CMR 725.100, to be known as a "registered marijuana dispensary (RMD)," that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes [including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products (MIPs), tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments], transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, "RMD" refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.~~

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
2/3rds Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would amend the Town's zoning bylaw to limit the number of marijuana retailers which may operate in Town to three (3), and limit the number of marijuana cultivators which may operate in Town to three (3), with no more than one operator in each of the following categories: marijuana cultivator, craft marijuana cooperative, and microbusiness with cultivation. This Article would also amend the Town's definition of Medical Marijuana Facility to adopt the most current applicable definition which now permits such businesses to be owned by entities other than non-profits.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$3,787.56 to pay prior year bill for an advertisement published in The Call or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with a Tax Sale #2 ad published in The Call.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$337.33 to pay prior year bill for an advertisement published in The Call or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with a Planning Board ad published in The Call.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$381.89 to pay prior year bill for an advertisement published in The Call or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with a Planning Board ad published in The Call.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,211.25 to pay prior year bill for PGC Associates or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with PGC Associates Planning Services for the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$279.03 to pay prior year bill for a telephone bill to Verizon Wireless or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with an Administration Verizon telephone bill.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$36.12 to pay prior year bill for vehicle supply parts to Advance Auto Parts or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would appropriate funds to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with the purchase of vehicle supplies from Advance Auto Parts for the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$169.59 to pay prior year bills for supplies purchased from Leeway or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
9/10ths Vote Required

Article Summary:

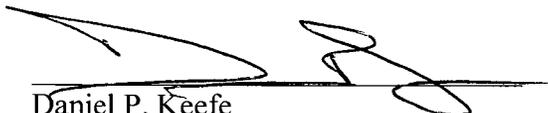
This Article would appropriate funds to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year for costs associated with Leeway bills for recycling supplies.

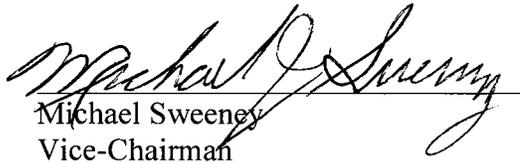
Hereof, fail not and make do return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

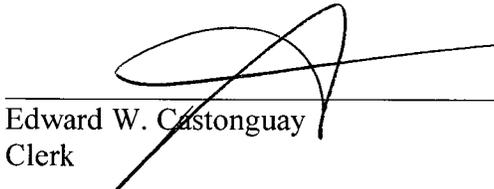
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the 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 23rd day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-five.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman


Michael Sweeney
Vice-Chairman


Edward W. Castonguay
Clerk


Mary Bulso
Member

Gino Olaes
Member

A true copy attest:



Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 24th day of September 2025 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