

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 18, 2011

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, October 18, 2011 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 and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Massachusetts Unemployment, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$52.80 to pay a prior year bill payable to CWS Gases for a cylinder rental (Fire Department) or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Accountant/Fire Department)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,057.90 to pay a prior year bill payable to CTS Services, Inc. for services rendered to the Police Department or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Accountant)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Groundwater Protection District Bylaw, Section 123-23.1.B (1), and Groundwater Protection District Map adopted pursuant thereto by deleting the reference "a map dated April 1988 entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone" and substituting therefore "the map entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, Town of Blackstone, dated October 2011", or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV, §123-19.

To see if the Town will Amend the Zoning Bylaws Article IV, §123-19, Flood Hazard District, by replacing it with the following language:

The Flood Hazard District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Blackstone designated as Zones A and AE on the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Worcester County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Blackstone are panel numbers 25027C1030E, 25027C1033E, 25027C1034E, 25027C1037E, 25027C1039E, 25027C1041E, 25027C1042E, 25027C1043E, 25027C1044E, and 25027C1055E dated July 4, 2011. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Worcester County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 4, 2011. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.

Permitted Uses

The following uses are of low flood damage potential and cause no obstructions to flood flows and, are therefore, encouraged, provided they are permitted in the underlying district and they do not require structures, fill, or storage of materials or equipment:

1. Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.;
2. Forestry and nursery uses;
3. Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.;
4. Conservation of water, plants and wildlife;
5. Wildlife management areas, foot bicycle and/or horse paths;
6. Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises;
7. Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

1. Floodway Data. In zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in the floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, the Conservation Agent shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities;
- Bordering States;
- NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2104;
- NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 1, 99 High Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

Reference to Existing Regulations

The District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the District, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

1. Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR) which address flood plain and coastal construction;
2. Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
3. Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
4. Minimum requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5).

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

Other Use Regulations

1. In Zone AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated within the Town of Blackstone on the Worcester County FIRM, encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:
 - a. Such proposals minimize flood damage;
 - b. All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
 - c. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazard.

or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of a 2005 Sterling Acterra Recycling Truck as a second vehicle for the curbside recycling service or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to bring Three Phase Electrical Service to the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center to operate the baler facility or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$235,345, for the purpose of funding various capital repairs to Town owned buildings and improvements; said funds to be transferred to a Capital Repairs Improvement fund established by the Town Accountant and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action related thereto.

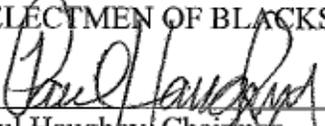
(Submitted by Town Administrator)

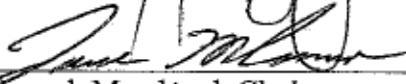
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

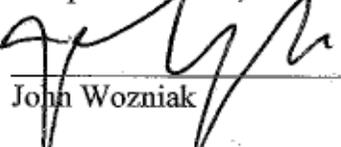
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the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

Given under our hands this 13th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.

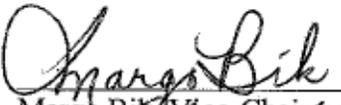
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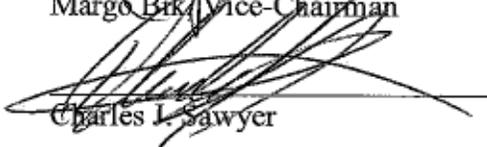

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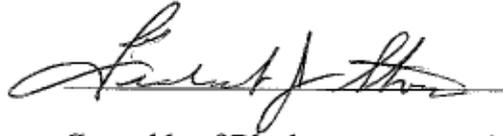

Joseph Marchand, Clerk


John Wozniak

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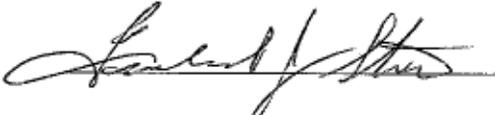

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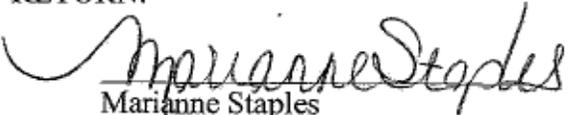

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 14th day of September, 2011 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:


Marianne Staples
Town Clerk