

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE**

**RESULTS OF ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 29, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 119 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

**ARTICLE 13.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

Moderator Stone advised the public that Articles 14, 16, 17, and 19 would each require a secret ballot, and he suggested taking all four secret ballots one after the other. All participants agreed with that proposal.

**ARTICLE 14.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of a new 2013 ambulance.

**SECRET BALLOT**

120 YES      21 NO

**MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE**

Selectman Robert Dubois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 16 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$382,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the purchase of replacement water meters and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND**

**ARTICLE 16.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$382,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the purchase of replacement water meters and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

**SECRET BALLOT**

122 YES      30 NO

**TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE**

**ARTICLE 17.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$160,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck plow and sander in the amounts specified from each of the following available sources of funds: 50% from Free Cash (\$80,000), 40% from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings (\$64,000), and 10% from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings (\$16,000).

**SECRET BALLOT**

127 YES      28 NO

**MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE**

Selectman Chamberland made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 19 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the painting of the water tank located at lower Blackstone Street and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 19.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the painting of the water tank located at lower Blackstone Street, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

SECRET BALLOT  
138 YES      15 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto; the receipts from use of the Library copiers, 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 \$1,000 during Fiscal Year 2014.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 18.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of a one ton 4-wheel drive dump truck with 9' snow plow.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

Original Article:

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed TO BE DETERMINED BY GRANT AVAILABILITY for the purchase of a new water filtration plant, or take any action in relation thereto.*

*(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)*

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

**ARTICLE 21.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 20, to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of Well #8.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 22:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Elmwood Avenue sewer pump station.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 23.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Montcalm Avenue sewer pump station.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Selectman Robert Dubois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 24 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Recycling Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing operating equipment for the recycling facility, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 24.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Recycling Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing operating equipment for the recycling facility, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Selectman Ryan Chamberland made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 25 to read that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park.

After lengthy discussion, there was a motion to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION  
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT

**ARTICLE 25.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 26.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise the Gross Receipts Limit eligibility requirements for a Clause 41C Exemption under Section 5 of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 from \$18,678 for a single person and \$20,987 for a couple to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple, and to raise the Whole Estate Limit eligibility requirements for Clause 41C Exemption from \$32,000 for a single person and \$34,500 for a couple to \$40,000 for single person and \$55,000 if married.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 27.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$55,000 for the purchase and installation of lights on the Little League Field and Soccer Field at Goulet Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Celeste Langlois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 28 to read that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

**ARTICLE 28.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 29.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 to complete a CCTV Improvement Project to allow the Police Department to monitor and record the outdoor gas pump, generator, ball fields, rear parking area, fire department bays, pump stations and water tanks, as well as the interior of the municipal center.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 30. Mixed Uses In the Village Overlay District**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123.23.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection C, Use regulations, as shown below, with bold type indicating additions:

C. Use regulations. Within the Village Overlay District, the use requirements of 123-11, Use schedule, for the underlying districts shall to continue to apply, except that

- (1) multifamily dwellings may be allowed on special permit from the Planning Board; and
- (2) **within the Commercial "C" District portion, a mix of uses may be allowed without regard to Subsection F of Section 123-12**

provided that **in both cases** the development is determined to be village-compatible as specified in Subsection B above,

and to amend Subsection D - Dimensional regulations by adding "in the R-1 portion of the overlay district" to footnote a.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 31. Soil Removal Fees**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Chapter 109 of the Town Code by: 1) deleting Section 109-4 (Limited operations), in its entirety, 2) deleting the words "except those qualifying under Section 109-4, Limited Operations," from the first sentence of Section 109-5, and 3) recodifying current Sections 109-5 through 109-15 to read

“Sections 109-4 through 109-14”, respectively; and, further, to amend the soil removal fee language of Section 109-5. C. to read as follows:

“C. The application or renewal fee shall be \$500 per year of permit validity, plus \$.15 per cubic yard of material to be removed for quantities up to 10,000 cubic yards and \$.25 per cubic yard of material to be removed over 10,000 cubic yards, plus the cost of advertising, notice and engineering/surveyor services to be performed at the discretion of the Selectmen to certify compliance with this chapter.”.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 32. Stretch Energy Code**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to enact Chapter 58 of the Town Code, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code,” including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto

85 YES      49 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

**ARTICLE 33.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer \$286,887.32 to the stabilization fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**MODERATOR’S APPOINTMENTS**

**Finance Committee**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Paul M. Muller	Unex. 3 yrs. to expire 2014
Kevin G. DeLeo	Unex. 3 yrs. to expire 2014
Adrienne L. Nicoloro	Unex. 3 yrs to expire 2015
James P. Belisle	3 yrs. to expire 2016

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

*Claudette C. Dolinski*

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Town Clerk of Blackstone