

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 307 registered voters in attendance.

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

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Shannon MacKenzie, Town Accountant; Julie Hebert, Consultant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Kyle Gibbons, Police IT; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools; David Thomson; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M 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 motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,768,927 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018 and that said appropriation shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 17,557,505	raised from FY'18 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,683,926	raised from FY'18 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,430,000	raised from FY'18 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,669,467	transferred from Capital Trust

That \$ 300,000 transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
 That \$ 2,776 transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
 That \$ 1,845,253 raised from FY' 18 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
 That \$ - transferred from Stabilization
 That \$ 280,000- use of Free Cash
 That \$ - use of Overlay

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$25,891	
EXPENSES	\$50,850	
TOTAL	\$76,741	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Jacob Edel, 5 Goddard Street questioned why there was a 17% increase in Longevity in the Administration budget. Town Administrator Keyes indicated it was contractual.

01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$168,755	
EXPENSES	\$14,500	
TOTAL	\$183,255	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$3,000	
EXPENSES	\$6,300	
TOTAL	\$9,300	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132 RESERVE FUND		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$75,000	
TOTAL	\$75,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$1,600	
TOTAL	\$3,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$115,144	
EXPENSES	\$15,260	
TOTAL	\$130,404	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$101,893	
EXPENSES	\$55,645	
TOTAL	\$157,538	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$125,867	
EXPENSES	\$29,250	
TOTAL	\$155,117	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$125,000	
TOTAL	\$125,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155 DATA PROCESSING		
EXPENSES	\$140,000	
TOTAL	\$140,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01158 COPIER		
EXPENSES	\$20,987	
TOTAL	\$20,987	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$219,660	
TOTAL	\$219,660	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$129,443	
EXPENSES	\$20,400	
TOTAL	\$149,843	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$9,100	
EXPENSES	\$4,310	
TOTAL	\$13,410	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$2,250	
EXPENSES	\$4,250	
TOTAL	\$6,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
SALARIES	\$3,745	
EXPENSES	\$480	
TOTAL	\$4,225	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01175 PLANNING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$8,320	
EXPENSES	\$18,011	
TOTAL	\$26,331	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01176 ZONING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$4,682	
EXPENSES	\$3,707	
TOTAL	\$8,389	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01182 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,461	
TOTAL	\$2,461	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$154,500	
TOTAL	\$154,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$324,525	
TOTAL	\$324,525	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,491,995	
EXPENSES	\$188,980	
TOTAL	\$1,680,975	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$237,549	
EXPENSES	\$2,700	
TOTAL	\$240,249	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$918,475	
EXPENSES	\$40,300	
TOTAL	\$958,775	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$5,754	
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$55,754	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$74,368	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$77,868	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$15,553	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$16,686	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$9,281	
EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$9,931	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$16,750	
TOTAL	\$17,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$17,744	
EXPENSES	\$7,850	
TOTAL	\$25,594	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$6,902	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$25,102	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Tammy Lemieux of 120 Lakeshore Drive, a member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, read a statement in support of increasing the additional contribution being recommended by the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. She then made a motion, which was seconded, to amend the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Budget Item #1300-53202 Additional Contribution in the amount of \$280,000 to now read \$774,647 for a new department total of \$8,803,252. The amended amount of \$280,000 to be transferred from free cash. This in accordance with MGL C 70 S 6 and 603 CMR 41.00.

Allen Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools, had a Power Point presentation portraying facts for the voters' consideration.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Voicing their opinions were Selectmen Chairman Daniel Keefe, 269 Main Street; Constance Perrault, of 99 Harris Pond Road, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes; James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane; Tammy Lemieux; and Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way.

Moderator Poirier called for a vote on the amendment.

194 YES 59 NO
MAJORITY STANDING VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$8,803,252	
TOTAL	\$8,803,252	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED)

01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$720,423	
TOTAL	\$721,923	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$524,192	
TOTAL	\$524,192	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01412 ENGINEERING		
EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$29,727	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$29,727	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$282,060	
TOTAL	\$282,060	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$44,189	
TOTAL	\$44,189	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,171	
TOTAL	\$110,671	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$109,375	
TOTAL	\$109,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$71,500	
TOTAL	\$71,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$608,000	
TOTAL	\$608,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$570,284	
TOTAL	\$570,284	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01434 RECYCLING		
SALARIES	\$154,220	
EXPENSES	\$57,800	
TOTAL	\$212,020	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$22,421	
EXPENSES	\$71,638	
TOTAL	\$94,059	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$194,110	
EXPENSES	\$12,520	
TOTAL	\$206,630	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,517	
EXPENSES	\$136,170	
TOTAL	\$141,687	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$250,966	
EXPENSES	\$216,480	
TOTAL	\$467,446	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$72,853	
EXPENSES	\$52,875	
TOTAL	\$125,728	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
SALARIES	\$1,800	
EXPENSES	\$8,300	
TOTAL	\$10,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$894,148	
TOTAL	\$894,148	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$296,404	
TOTAL	\$296,404	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$44,069	
TOTAL	\$44,069	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	-	
TOTAL	-	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$666,186	
TOTAL	\$666,186	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$654,755	
TOTAL	\$654,755	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$70,000	
TOTAL	\$70,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES		
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCES		
EXPENSES	\$7,500	
TOTAL	\$7,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01960 CAPITAL TRUST		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL TRUST	\$1,964,749	
TOTAL	\$1,964,749	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,923,674	
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE		

60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$159,650	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$159,650	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$201,153	
TOTAL	\$201,153	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$428,150	
TOTAL	\$428,150	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL SEWER	\$838,953	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$165,759	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$165,759	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$74,557	
TOTAL	\$74,557	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$530,134	
TOTAL	\$530,134	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$160,000	
TOTAL	\$160,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$23,850	
TOTAL	\$23,850	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$1,006,300	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,845,253	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS	\$24,768,927	

Tammy Lemieux made a motion, which was seconded, to reconsider Article 3.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amounts of said compensation as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2018 departmental annual budgets; said compensation to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds to overlay town streets and roads, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new section, ARTICLE IV, §5-34. DEPARTMENT

REVOLVING FUNDS, as set forth in Article 8 of the Warrant, to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 § 53E ½.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to establish a \$3,000 limit in the amount of funds that may be spent from the Library Revolving Fund during Fiscal Year 2018.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for the maintenance and repair of the Blackstone Public Library's HVAC system.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to propose an amendment to the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town to convert the office of Collector-Treasurer from an elected office to an appointed office by deleting the reference to the Collector-Treasurer in Article IV, Section 4-1A, and adding a reference for the Collector-Treasurer to Article V, Section C5-2A, (1), with a Term of Appointment of 3 years.

Robert Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, a member of the Board of Selectmen, spoke in favor of Article 11.

Constance Perrault, 99 Harris Pond Road, urged voters to keep the position of Collector-Treasurer as an elected position. She said the townspeople voted on this just short of a year ago and asked Town Counsel to explain why the issue is on the warrant again this year. Mr. Costello said that under MGL Chapter 43B, Section 10, there are two ways to amend a Home Rule Charter: Section 10A allows town meeting by two-thirds vote to propose an amendment to the charter. Section 10B says that in addition to an amendment proposed by town meeting, town meeting can consider and vote upon proposed amendments made to the charter offered by other boards, individuals, etc. That section is subject to the one-year provision. He said Article 11 is a Section 10A amendment, and Section 10B is not applicable.

Celeste Langlois, 4 Castagnaro Way, asked whether the matter would be concluded if it were approved by two-thirds vote and on the ballot. Mr. Costello said that the town meeting vote would first have to be sent to the Attorney General's Office. If the Attorney General concurs, then it would go on the ballot. If it were then voted down, it could come back again next year.

Mr. Dubois again voiced supporting arguments in favor of the article as did Paul Haughey, 130 Elm Street, a former member of the Board of Selectmen, and John Wozniak, 194 Farm Street, also a former member of the Board of Selectmen.

Jim Watson, 5 Fairway Lane, voiced his reasons for being against the article, and Mrs. Perrault again spoke against it.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO DEFEAT ARTICLE 11

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation the sum of \$55,285 to purchase a stryker power lift stretcher system for the ambulance.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a one ton utility truck with a 9' plow and emergency lights for the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000 to purchase a new backhoe for the Department of Public Works.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$47,509.75 to purchase a cruiser for the Police Department.

Paul Muller, 3 State Street, asked whether this amount was already included in the budget. Town Administrator Keyes replied that it was not.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000 to address the report provided by US Army Corps of Engineers.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$44,600 to develop a collection system GIS mapping/data layer and initial flow monitoring.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 for a water filtration plant study for the Water & Sewer Commission.

Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road, asked what the benefits would be for this study. Charles Sawyer, 30 Orchard Street, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Commission replied that this is a requirement from DEM to do a study on removing the iron and manganese from our water supply. This money is coming out of retained earnings and will not increase rates this year.

Jeffrey McClure of Weston & Sampson Engineers said this will begin the process of giving the town a look to see what the town has to do to create the right kind of water treatment for its specific wells in order to give the best quality water.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 to install a master meter for the Town of North Smithfield, RI.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Finance Committee Vice Chairman Goudreau stated that there was a typo in Article 20 referencing Section 123-23 (Village Overlay District). It should be Section 123-23.2.

ARTICLE 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Subsection E to Section 123-23.2 (Village Overlay District), and to amend Subsection C of Section 123-2 (Site Plan Review, as set forth in Article 20 of the Warrant.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum 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 the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of (\$53,025.87) to the Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24.
Original Article

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Rolling Brook Lane off of Elm Street as a public way. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain taking

any land necessary for the purpose of such was as so laid out, and, as necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the way, provided; however, that the construction of said road is subject to compliance with the following conditions: all stormwater management to be handled entirely by Homeowner's Association, demarcation of the Open Space areas; trail heads being marked Lot 6 and 7 and Lot 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal, plowing, street sanding, trash recycling, general town services, police, fire and Town vehicle access, future unforeseen town services, and no taking or cleaning of the street sweeping/catch/retention basins, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Attorney John Wozniak made the following motion, which was seconded:

I move to request that the town direct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen and Blackstone Planning Board to work with the Rolling Brook Lane homeowners' association for the purpose of having the private way known as Rolling Brook Lane accepted and/or approved as a public way in the town of Blackstone.

Mr. Wozniak said that the purpose of this article is basically a nonbinding directive to give direction to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to allow the homeowners' association to pursue, through the proper channels and boards of the municipality, the approval of the roadway and quite possibly be back before town meeting to have it accepted as a public way next year.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Participants were Celeste Langlois, James Watson, William Davidge of 3 Windsor Road, Amy Rousseau of 21 Chestnut Street, Constance Perreault, and Stephen Goudreau.

Attorney Costello said that the article appearing in the warrant is a wholesale layout acceptance acquisition of easements article, the whole "kit and caboodle" to accept this particular road as a public way. The petitioner has decided not to pursue that action but instead obtain a directive to direct the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to work with the property owners toward the layout. He said the motion is proper and is not an amendment to the article. It is suitable for consideration before town meeting. He said there will be no expenses incurred by the town regarding this article. He said that in order to lay out a town way under the town's ownership, there are two steps to be taken: The Board of Selectmen has to approve, and town meeting has to approve.

Selectmen Chairman Keefe said the homeowners' association is looking for guidance. He said the developer who made the deals with the Planning Board is long gone. Eric Goding of 8 Rolling Brook Lane indicated that the homeowners did not buy the property on Rolling Brook knowing it was a private street. They simply are looking for the proper channels to go through to get it approved as a public way.

ARTICLE 24. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to direct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen and Blackstone Planning Board to work with the Rolling Brook Lane homeowners' association for the purpose of having the private way known as Rolling Brook Lane accepted and/or approved as a public way in the town of Blackstone.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Moderator

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Frederick J. Stone	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mary E. Bulso	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Catherine Norcross-Melson	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Johnathan Joseph Savoie	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2020
Amy Walsh	Unex. 3 yrs Expiring ATM 2018
John M. Wozniak	Unex. 3 yrs Expiring ATM 2019

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

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