

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 29, 2018

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 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will 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 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019 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 Superintendent of Schools)

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 authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article IV, §5-33.1 of the General Bylaws, up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Parks & Recreation)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$162,648 to install a fire alarm system at the Blackstone/Millville Regional High School 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 the sum of \$65,344 to purchase a Sigcom TRX50 Legacy Migration Upgrade Emergency Reporting System or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$41,273 to purchase a Polaris Gator vehicle for Police & Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve an extension of the term of the Fire Chief's employment agreement through July, 2022 or take any other 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 the sum of \$68,000 for a new skid steerer for the Recycling Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$280,000 for a sweeper for the Department of Public Works or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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 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, or take other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$217,000 for study, inspection, design and repair services relative to town bridges, roadways and walkways in need of repair, upgrade or replacement or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Vocational Tuition budget line item (#01303-53300) the sum of \$2,504.70 for the purpose of reimbursement of student transportation costs to Angela Laplante or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c.64N, section 3, to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3% or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$198,500 for a reimbursable grant to repair the Elm Street bridge as part of the second round of Municipal Small Bridge Program or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available Water & Sewer Enterprise retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase and install a generator for the Bellingham Road water tanks and a replacement sewer pump for Staples Lane, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen to authorize the end of School Taxes for town residents that have paid taxes to the Town of Blackstone for twenty years or more and are over the age of sixty-two or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 25. 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)

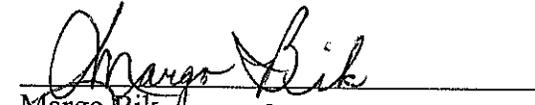
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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 seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than seven (7) days before the days fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

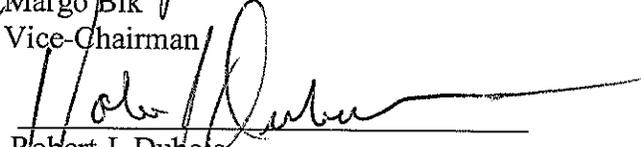
Given under our hands this 7th day of May 2018.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman

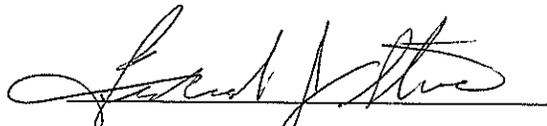

Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk


Robert J. Dubois
Member

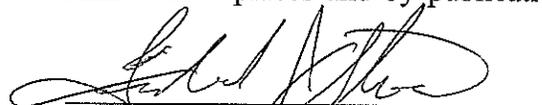

Gerald P. Rivet
Member

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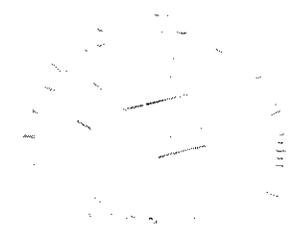

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 8th day of May, 2018 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:




Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk
Asst. Town Clerk