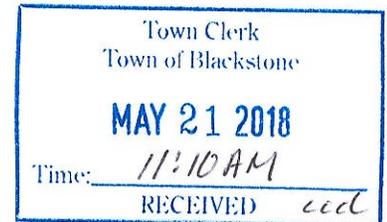


**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 29, 2018
7:30PM**



ARTICLE 1. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 2. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, 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.

ARTICLE 3. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 4. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, 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 amount of said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in 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) 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.

ARTICLE 5. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said 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 said dates.

ARTICLE 6. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 7. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, 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.

ARTICLE 8. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article IV, amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2019.

ARTICLE 9. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 10. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended' cab for the Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 11. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$162,648 to install a fire alarm system at the Blackstone/Millville Regional High School.

ARTICLE 12. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,344 to purchase a Sigcom TRX50 Legacy Migration Upgrade Emergency Reporting System.

ARTICLE 13. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$41,273 to purchase a Polaris Gator vehicle for Police & Fire Department.

ARTICLE 14. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to approve an extension of the term of the Fire Chiefs employment agreement through July, 2022.

ARTICLE 15. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$68,000 for a new skid steerer for the Recycling Department.

ARTICLE 16. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$280,000 for a sweeper for the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 17. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, 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, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

ARTICLE 18. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money in the amount of \$209,623, from Water Sewer retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$20,025, and from Overlay Surplus a sum of money in the amount of \$20,352, totaling \$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.

ARTICLE 19. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus 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.

ARTICLE 20. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to 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.

ARTICLE 21. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town 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%.

ARTICLE 22. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Stabilization 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.

ARTICLE 23. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 24. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote NOT TO APPROVE this article.

Original Article:

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.

ARTICLE 25. The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer any leftover funds into the Stabilization Fund.