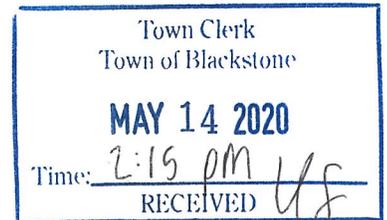


Town of Blackstone
Finance Committee Recommendations
Annual Town Meeting
May 26, 2020
7:30pm



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, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 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 as set forth in the respective departmental budget line items; 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.

ARTICLE 5 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, 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.

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, Section 5-33.1 of the General Bylaws up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during FY2021.

ARTICLE 9 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 any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

ARTICLE 10 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of money in the amount of \$228,600 and from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$21,400, totaling \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established and 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.