

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 14, 2020

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 Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town of Blackstone will vote to approve the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement as presented by the School Committee dated April 27, 2020, which are on file at the Blackstone Town Clerk's Office, Superintendent of Schools Office and the Blackstone Public Library.

These amendments are on file at [BMRSD.net](http://BMRSD.net) and will be available at both Town Offices and Libraries. This is being proposed as outlined in the current Regional Agreement Article IX which states:

*Article IX. Any proposal for amendment, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section (VIII)), may be initiated by a majority vote of all the members of the Committee or by a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the Town Clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town, and said petition shall be presented to the Secretary of the Committee. In either case, the Secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signatures in the case of a proposal by petition). The Selectmen of each of the member towns (there being no requirement that all of the member towns act in the same manner) shall either include in the warrant for the next Annual or a Special Town Meeting called for the purpose an article stating the proposal or the substance thereof or cause to be presented for determination by vote at the next annual or a special election called for the purpose the question of accepting the proposal. In the latter case, the article in the warrant for such annual or special election and the question on the official ballot to be used at such election shall include the proposal or the substance thereof. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a Town Meeting or an election as aforesaid.*

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund implementation of the regulatory requirements of the Stormwater Permitting Program (MS4) which must be completed on a yearly basis or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable related revenues in the amount of \$120,000 for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for FY2021, which begins on July 1, 2020 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to propose the following amendment to Article V, Section C5-1 of the Blackstone Home Rule Charter for consideration by the voters of the Town: Add the following sentence to the existing language of said Article V, Section C5-1: “The Town Administrator shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen to secure the faithful performance of his duties”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Finance Committee to oversee a study to determine the feasibility, legal requirements and costs/expenses of withdrawing from the school/education regionalization with Millville and to further authorize and allow the allocation of \$75,000 for the purpose of conducting said study or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

**ARTICLE 6.** 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 lots 5 and 4, Town will cover snow removal plowing, street sanding, and 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.

(Submitted by Petition)

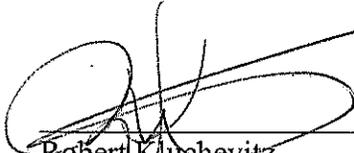
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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 <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~14<sup>th</sup>~~ day of <sup>October</sup> ~~November~~ 2020.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

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Robert J. Dubois  
Chairman

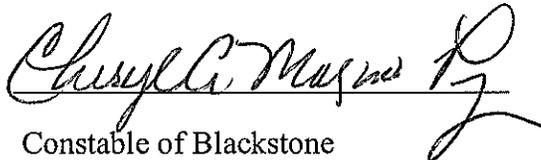
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Robert Klushevitz  
Vice-Chairman

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Mary Bulso  
Clerk

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Taylor Greene  
Member

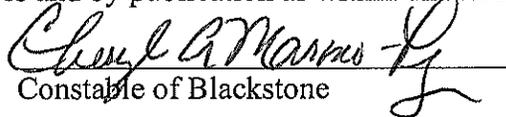
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Daniel P. Keefe  
Member

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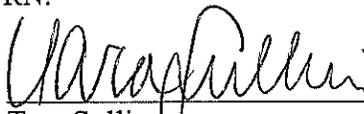
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Cheryl A. Marmo  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~15<sup>th</sup>~~ day of <sup>October</sup> ~~November~~ 2020 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.

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Cheryl A. Marmo  
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:

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Tara Sullivan  
Town Clerk

