

**Town of Blackstone
Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee Recommendations
November 9, 2021
6:00pm**

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ARTICLE 1 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9.55 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Amazon.

ARTICLE 2 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,357.66 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems, Inc.

ARTICLE 3 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$615.00 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bill to Traffic Safety Warehouse.

ARTICLE 4 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$64.43 to pay prior year Town Clerk's bills to Staples.

ARTICLE 5 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$112.68 to pay prior year Fire Department bills to Comcast.

ARTICLE 6 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$398.50 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bills to Microbac.

ARTICLE 7 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,547.85 to pay prior year Police Department bills to MHQ.

ARTICLE 8 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,032.07 to pay prior year bills to Advance Auto Parts.

ARTICLE 9 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to amend the funding appropriations made under Article 3 of the May 25, 2021, Annual Town Meeting by rescinding the vote of the Town authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the sum of \$260,021.00 and by authorizing the sum of \$260,021.00 to be raised from FY22 Estimated Receipts.

ARTICLE 10 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town amend Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws, Manner of Voting by adding after the words "determined by" in the first sentence, the phrase "electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by" and by adding after the words "the vote by" in the second sentence, the words "electronic voting", and by deleting the final sentence reading "All

capital appropriations of \$150,000 or more shall be voted on by a written ballot” . Such that the bylaw as amended, shall read as follows:

§ 5-15

Manner of voting.

[Amended by 2-13-1989 STM, Art. IV]

When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by the voices of the voters, and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by electronic voting, sound by the volume of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, the Moderator shall determine the vote either by ordering a show of hands or by a standing vote and he shall appoint tellers to make and return the count, or the meeting itself may specifically order, by proper motion in due order, that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" written ballot which shall be prepared by the Clerk in printed or mimeographed form in two divisible sections, one section with the word "yes" and the other with the word "no." The section showing the desired vote shall be detached by the voter and handed to the teller, and the unused section shall be retained by the voter.

ARTICLE 11 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road.

ARTICLE 12 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street.

ARTICLE 13 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to accept Glenside Drive, Willow Brook Lane and Meadow Lane as public ways.

ARTICLE 14 The Finance Committee recommends, and I so move, that the Town vote to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Blackstone and the Blackstone Local 4139 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and adopt any necessary changes to the Compensation Schedules.