

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 9, 2021

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 Maloney-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday November 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$9.55 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Amazon or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$2357.66 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems 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 or transfer from available funds a sum of \$615.00 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bill to Traffic Safety Warehouse or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$64.43 to pay prior year Town Clerk's bills to Staples or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$112.68 to pay prior year Fire Department bills to Comcast or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$398.50 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bills to Microbac or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1547.85 to pay prior year Police Department bills to MHQ or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$2,032.07 to pay prior year bills to Advance Auto Parts or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. Town Operating Budget Adjustments

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the funding of 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 or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. Amending Town Meeting, Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws to Permit Electronic Voting

To see if the Town will 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" .or take any action thereto, 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.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road 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 \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to accept Glenside Drive, Willow Brook Lane and Meadow Lane as public ways or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will 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 or take any other action in relation thereto.

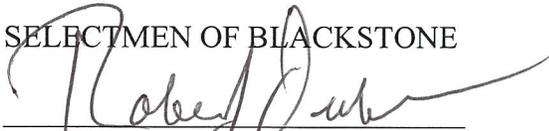
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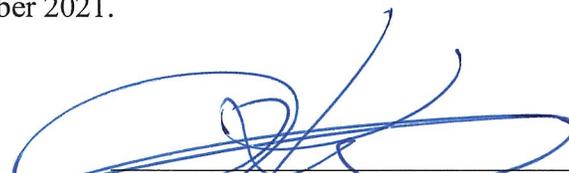
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

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 fourteen (14) 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 fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

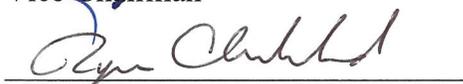
Given under our hands this 5th day of October 2021.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois, Chairman
Chairman


Robert Kluchevitz
Vice-Chairman


Mary Bulso
Clerk


Ryan Chamberland
Member

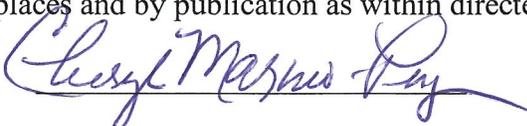

Tanya Polak
Member

A true copy attest:


Cheryl Marnes Day
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 6th day of October 2021 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.


Cheryl Marnes Day
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Tara C. Sullivan
Town Clerk