



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
April 25, 2023
7:00 PM

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 Tuesday April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain the land and buildings thereon known as St. Theresa's Catholic Church, situated at 630 Rathbun Street (Assessors' Parcel 1-146) for general municipal purposes on such terms as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of \$1,370,000 for the purpose of such acquisitions.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Two-Thirds Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would allow the Town to acquire the property at 630 Rathbun Street that currently houses St. Theresa's for general municipal purposes, with specific potential uses to be determined after a feasibility study.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote, contingent upon the passage of Article 1 to acquire the property known as St. Theresa's Catholic Church, situated at 630 Rathbun Street (Assessors' Parcel 1-146), to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$10,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of paying the costs of operating expenses through June 30, 2023 for such property once acquired by the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

If the Town votes to acquire the property at 630 Rathbun Street, passage of this Article would provide for operating expenses for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023 once the property is under the ownership and control of the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote, contingent upon the passage of Article 1 to acquire the property known as St. Theresa's Catholic Church, situated at 630 Rathbun Street (Assessors' Parcel 1-146), to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$80,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to fund a feasibility study with regard to the utilization of that property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the purposes of this Article, including engaging a designer to perform such study, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

If the Town votes to acquire the property known as St. Theresa's Catholic Church for general municipal purposes, passage of this Article would allow the Board of Selectmen to commission a feasibility study to determine the possible municipal uses for the property.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$80,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for expenses related to design services for renovations to Town Hall, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the purposes of this Article, including engaging a designer to perform said services, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Majority Vote Required

Article Summary:

This Article would allow the Board of Selectmen to hire a designer and pay related expenses to create plans for the redesign of Town Hall.

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

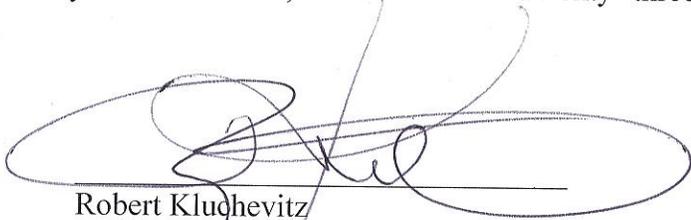
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on 200 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 7th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty -three.

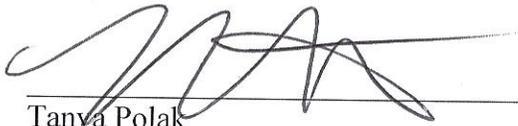
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE



Ryan Chamberland
Chairman



Robert Kludhevitz
Vice-Chairman



Tanya Polak
Clerk



Mary E. Bulso
Member



Brian Scanlan
Member

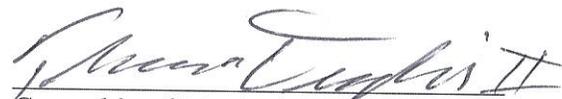
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Constable of Blackstone

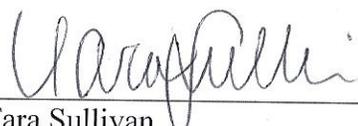
Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 8th day of March 2023 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.



Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:



Tara Sullivan
Town Clerk