



In memory of **Stephen R. Allaire**, Conservation Commission – 1978-1984, **Richard R. Berard**, Finance Committee – 1978-1980, **John F. DiLibero**, Parks & Recreation – 1984-2000, **James M. Eldridge**, Board of Selectmen – 1973-1976, **Jules R.C. Gadoury**, Library Building Committee – 1999-2009, Board of Selectmen – 1968-1969, Blackstone Housing Authority – 1991-1996, **Dolores B. (Robidoux) Giordano**, Community Planning Committee – 1975-1977, Assistant Town Administrator – 1980-1981, Town Accountant – 1977-1988, Finance Committee – 1974-1977, **Robert R. Lachance**, Capital Outlay Committee – 1980-1986, **Adam J. Tellier**, Zoning Board of Appeals – 1975-1977 and 1986-2004, Board of Health – 1995-1996, Local Growth Policy Committee – 1976, Board of Selectmen – 1972-1974, Finance Committee – 1971-1972, Blackstone Housing Authority – 1975-2013, **Wilfrid H. Therrien**, Zoning Board of Appeals/Alt, Finance Committee – 1972, Gas Inspector – 1974-1976, Board of Health – 1975-1976, Plumbing Inspector – 1971-1976, Board of Sewer Commission – 1968-1972

Front Cover:

Back Row: Left, William Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, James Sullivan, DPW Director, Daniel M. Keyes, Town Administrator, Paul Haughey, Member, Board of Selectmen, Robert J. Dubois, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Ryan Chamberland, Vice-Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Margaret Bik, Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Police Chief Ross Atstupenas, Steven Perrault, Collector/Treasurer

Front Row: Left, Michael Catalano Jr., Member, Board of Selectmen, Jean Doiron, COA Director, Lisa Cheever, Library Director, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor, Claudette Dolinski, Town Clerk, Julie Hebert, Town Accountant

2013

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OF OFFICERS
OF THE

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS



THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845
COUNTY: Worcester
POPULATION: 8985
ELEVATION: 200' to 490' above sea level

The topography ranges in elevation of 200' in the Elm and Mendon Streets areas to 490' above sea level on "Southwick Hill" off Milk Street. Several brooks and rivers flow through to also scattered ponds. The Blackstone River flows through the Southwest portion of Town.

ABUTTING TOWNS: Bellingham, Mendon, Millville, Massachusetts and North Smithfield and Woonsocket, RI DISTANCE: approximately 37 miles (southwest of Boston) approximately 30 miles (from Worcester) approximately 22 miles (north of Providence) NEAREST DISTRICT COURT: Rte. 122 Uxbridge, Mass. REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES: offices in Milford, N. Attleboro & Worcester, MA. FY 2014 TAX RATE: \$18.83. FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Town Meeting, 5 Member Board of Selectmen, appointed Town Administrator. NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO: (local) WNRI (1380), WWON (1240) both in Woonsocket, RI; The Blackstone Enlightner, a monthly newspaper published in Blackstone; The Woonsocket Call, a daily newspaper published in Woonsocket; Local cable access; The Milford Daily News, a daily newspaper published in Milford; The Blackstone Valley Tribune, a weekly published in Northbridge, Massachusetts. MEDICAL FACILITIES: Landmark Medical Center-Woonsocket Unit, Cass Ave., Woonsocket, RI & Fogarty Unit, Rte. 146, North Smithfield, RI; Milford Hospital, Rte, 140, Milford, MA CHURCHES: (LOCAL) St. Paul's Church, St. Paul St.; St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Rathbun St.; Christ Community Church, Church St.

HOUSING

There are approximately 3,461 housing units in Blackstone. The Blackstone Housing Authority directs Fox Brook Manor, a developed Housing structure 56 units for the elderly. The Blackstone Housing Corporation, a non-profit group similar to the Housing Authority directs the elderly and handicapped complex containing 48 units at the Joseph D. Early Village on Blackstone Street.

ORGANIZATIONS

Blackstone offers its residents a variety of Civic Organizations. Many are political, religious, recreational, or service oriented. In addition, there are those that cater to primarily senior citizens or area youth.

Most of these groups often have articles published in local newspapers, which relate their activities and also make mention of time and place when future meetings will be held.

Listed are below are several civic organizations. Information on Church organizations may be obtained by contacting each Church rectory.

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 17
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Blackstone Police Youth Center Association
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts of America
Brownies
Girl Scouts of America
Democratic Town Committee
Republican Town Committee
Lion's Club
Senior Citizens Drop-In Center
B-M Music Association
Blackstone-Millville Youth Baseball
Blackstone-Millville Athletic, (BMAA), Inc.
Farm League
Men's Basketball League
Blackstone Rod & Gun Club
Youth Basketball League
Blackstone Housing Authority
Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club

ELECTED OFICIALS 2013

| Position | Name |
|---------------------------|--|
| ASSESSOR OF TAXES | GILBERT, ROBERT A |
| ASSESSOR OF TAXES | Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena B |
| ASSESSOR OF TAXES | WHITELEY, CAROLE A |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK | BUCKLEY, MICHAEL J |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK | CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F, JR |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK | GREENSTEIN, WENDY L |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK | ROBIN, DIANE C |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL | FAULKNER, BRIAN T |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL | ROBINSON, CATHERINE A |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL | TRINGALI, STEVEN J |
| B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL | VINACCO, ERIN P |
| BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY | DRAINVILLE, ROBERT A |
| BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY | KELLENBERGER, GARY |
| BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY | MORIN, LYNN J |
| BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY | TELLIER, ADAM PETE (deceased 10/12/2013) |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | EBBELING, JAMES |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | FINN, GERALD M |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | HALL, JOSEPH M |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | HANRATTY, CHESTER P |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | INTINARELLI, MITCHELL A |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | KOOPMAN, JEFF T |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | LAVIN, JOHN C, III |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | MORIN, ARTHUR E, JR |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | PEDERSEN, KENNETH M |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | PETERSON, MICHAEL D |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | PONTES, WILLIAM J |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | YANOVITCH, PAUL M |
| B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST | YITTS, ANTHONY M |
| COLLECTOR TREASURER | PERRAULT, STEVEN J |
| CONSTABLE | BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E |
| CONSTABLE | LAPIERRE, GERALD G, SR |
| CONSTABLE | MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL A |
| CONSTABLE | MARTINELLI, LEO H |
| CONSTABLE | STONE, FREDERICK J |
| HEALTH/BOARD OF | RYAN, KEVIN J |
| HEALTH/BOARD OF | RYAN, PETER C, SR |
| HEALTH/BOARD OF | WALSH, WILLIAM T |
| MODERATOR | STONE, FREDERICK J |
| PARKS & RECREATION COMM | COX, DONALD C |
| PARKS & RECREATION COMM | HART, KEVIN M |
| PARKS & RECREATION COMM | LANGLOIS, CELESTE M |
| PARKS & RECREATION COMM | MARTINELLI, PAUL J, SR |
| PARKS & RECREATION COMM | MORSE, ROBERT J |
| PLANNING BOARD | BEBEAU, OWEN T |
| PLANNING BOARD | BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR |
| PLANNING BOARD | MARVELLE, PAUL E |
| PLANNING BOARD | RIVET, GERALD P |
| PLANNING BOARD | VAN DYKE, KIRK |
| SELECTMEN/BOARD OF | BIK, MARGARET |
| SELECTMEN/BOARD OF | CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR |
| SELECTMEN/BOARD OF | CHAMBERLAND, RYAN STEFFIN |
| SELECTMEN/BOARD OF | DUBOIS, ROBERT J |
| SELECTMEN/BOARD OF | HAUGHEY, PAUL S |
| TOWN CLERK | DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2013

| Position | Name |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| AD HOC CABLE COMMISSION | BIK, MARGARET |
| AD HOC CABLE COMMISSION | DOLINSKI, ALLAN J |
| AD HOC CABLE COMMISSION | JACOB, PAUL |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | ANDO, MICHAEL |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | BLANCHETTE, ANDREW |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | CATALANO, ANTHONY |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | CHAMBERLAND, RYAN S |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | LEE, MARY JANE |
| AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | ROBERTSON, ANITA |
| ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A |
| ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE | WALSH, WILLIAM T |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST | SULLIVAN, KEVIN D |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS |
| ANIMAL INSPECTOR | RYAN, PETER C |
| ANIMAL INSPECTOR | SULLIVAN, KEVIN D |
| ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT | SALAMONE, PATRICIA J |
| ASSESSORS/ADMIN ASST | CAMPOPIANO, RACHEL |
| B M REG DIST SCH/D-COUNSL | GOULD, HAROLD D JR |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | ANDREWS, MARK J |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | BERGERON, NORMAND A |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | BOUVIER, ERIC R |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | FOX, EDWARD V |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | GAUTREAU, RONALD P |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | KEEFE, ROBERT A |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | MERCIER, PAUL E |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | MULLER, PAUL |
| B M REG MID SCH BLDG COM | SULLIVAN, CHARLES F, JR |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | BIK, DONNA |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | CARTIER, FRANCIS E |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | CARTIER, LESLIE A |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | KUBASKA, DAVID |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | NOBLE, CYNTHIA |
| BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT | RYAN, KEVIN J |
| C M R P C/DELEGATE | BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | CHAMBERLAND, RYAN |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | MARVELLE, PAUL |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | PERRAULT, STEVEN J |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | RIVET, GERALD |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | SALOIS, STEPHEN R |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | WATSON, JAMES T, III |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT | WALSH, WILLIAM |
| COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX | TARTAGLIA, RICHARD |
| COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER | MULLER, CATHERINE A |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | BRITA, LISA M |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | PITLER, JAMES P |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | PLASSE, JAMES |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | PLASSE, MADELEINE T |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | ARSENAULT, HUBERT N |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | CLIFFORD, DOROTHY |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | COLLIN, JUDITH C |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | DILIBERO, JAMES |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | GARIEPY, MARY W |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | RITTWAGER, ARTHUR |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2013

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| COUNCIL ON AGING | STROCKY, M EILEEN |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | COLLIN, JUDITH C |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | HENNEDY, JANE M |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | PARMENTIER, JOYCE T |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | PISANI, WARREN M |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | WALSH, CAROLYN R |
| EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER | COTNOIR, KENNETH |
| EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR | SWEENEY, MICHAEL J |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | BELISLE, JAMES P |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | DELEO, KEVIN G |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | MACY, WILLIAM B |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | MULLER, PAUL M |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | NICOLORO, ADRIENNE |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | SALOIS, STEPHEN R |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | WATSON, JAMES |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | WELLS, RUSSELL L, SR |
| FIRE CHIEF/FORREST WARDEN | SWEENEY, MICHAEL J |
| HEALTH AGENT | GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M |
| HEALTH INSPECTOR | GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | DEACON, JESSE E |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | GILLIS, KELLY L |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | MURRAY, HELEN F |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | POWERS, CAROLYN |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | RYAN, RICHARD A, SR |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | WEBER, LAWRENCE A |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | WESTBERG, DONALD J |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT | MARCHAND, THERESA J |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT | MARCHAND, THOMAS |
| INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION | ARSENAULT, HUBERT N |
| INSPECTOR OF BLDG/ASST | VATER, EARL J |
| JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE | CHAPLIN, WILLIAM F, JR |
| JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE | GATCHELL, JOSEPH T |
| JFK/AFM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE | STANSFIELD, RONALD, JR |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | GUZINSKI, PATRICIA |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | HEMPHILL, LINDA |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | RISTAINO, DEBRA L |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF | SPARKS, LISA |
| MEAT INSPECTOR | GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | CATALANO, ANTHONY M |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | COX, DONALD C |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | DUNAYESKI, THOMAS |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | ELDRIDGE, JOHN J |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | JACOB, PAUL |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | PATERSON, DONALD |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | POIRIER, MARK N |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | POIRIER, MICHAEL H |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | RITTWAGER, ARTHUR M |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | RYAN, PETER C, SR |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | SAWYER, CHARLES J |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | SULLIVAN, JAMES |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2013

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| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | SWEENEY, MICHAEL J |
| MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE | WALSH, WILLIAM T |
| MILK INSPECTOR | GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M |
| MODERATOR/DEPUTY | DOYLE, DANIEL T |
| MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG | SWEENEY, MICHAEL J |
| MUNICIPAL INSP/BLDG COMM | LECLAIRE, STUART S |
| PARKING CLERK | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS |
| PLANNING BOARD/ASSOC MEMBER | LABONNE, DARREN R |
| PLUMBING INSP/ASSISTANT | PAIGE, JAMES |
| PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR | WALSH, WILLIAM T |
| POLICE MATRON | FARRINGTON, SANDRA M |
| POLICE MATRON | WEBER, BETTINA A |
| POLICE/CHIEF OF | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | DOIRON, JEAN |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | DUBOIS, ROBERT J |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | KEYES, DANIEL M |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | NICOLORO, ADRIENNE |
| POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM | SWEENEY, MICHAEL |
| POLICE/LIEUTENANT | GILMORE, GREGORY |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | BLANCHETTE, DAVID P |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | BRODEUR, SHAWN M |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | DAIGLE, PATRICK |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | DION, SCOTT J |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | GIARDINO, DANIEL C |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | HAYNES, GREGGORY M |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | HURWITZ, MAXWELL |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | LOETHER, TRAVIS T |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | LUIS, KEVIN |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | MANTONI, MATTHEW S |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | METZ, CRAIG P, JR |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | MOWRY, WAYNE D |
| POLICE/PATROLMEN | NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E |
| POLICE/SERGEANT | RYAN, RICHARD A |
| PROCUREMENT OFFICER | KEYES, DANIEL M |
| PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A |
| PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE | KEYES, DANIEL M |
| PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE | SWEENEY, MICHAEL J |
| REGISTRARS/BOARD OF | DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C |
| REGISTRARS/BOARD OF | DOYLE, DANIEL T |
| REGISTRARS/BOARD OF | GREENWALD, MARC J V |
| REGISTRARS/BOARD OF | MERCIER, SUZANNE M |
| SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE | BEBEAU, OWEN T |
| SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE | CATALANO, MICHAEL A |
| SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE | SALOIS, STEPHEN R |
| SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE | WALSH, WILLIAM T |
| SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE | WELLS, RUSSEL L, SR |
| STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON | ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A |
| TOWN ACCOUNTANT | HEBERT, JULIE M |
| TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST | ENGLUND, MAUREEN |
| TOWN ADMINISTRATOR | KEYES, DANIEL M |
| TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT | BIK, DONNA M |
| TOWN COUNSEL | COSTELLO, PATRICK J |
| TREE WARDEN/MOTH SUPT | WEBER, LAWRENCE A |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2013

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF | GREENHALGH, ROBERT W |
| WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | DEVLIN, THOMAS F |
| WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | KEEFE, DANIEL P |
| WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | PARMENTIER, JOHN |
| WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | PATERSON, ROBERT BRUCE |
| WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | SAWYER, CHARLES J |
| WIRING INSPECTOR | RAY, LAWRENCE I, JR |
| WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST | CASAVANT, CRAIG |
| WOONSOCKET REG WASTEWATER COMM | CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | JOLICOEUR, GARY A |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | MARVELLE, PAUL E |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | MILLER, WENDY M |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | PITLER, JAMES P |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | THERRIEN, JOHN H |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT | BELROSE, JOSEPH |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT | GREGOIRE, MARC |

OFFICIALS WHO RESIGNED IN 2013

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BOARD</u> | <u>RESIGNATION DATE</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Normand A. Bergeron | Finance Committee | 1/2/2013 |
| Constance D. Perreault | Verizon Ad Hoc Committee | 1/10/2013 |
| Nicholas Ensko | Finance Committee | 1/11/2013 |
| Stephanie L'Etalien | Assistant Treasurer | 2/1/2013 |
| Brian J. Davidge | Finance Committee | 2/13/2013 |
| William F. Chaplin, Jr. | Finance Committee | 4/1/2013 |
| Eric R. Atstupenas | Water & Sewer Commission | 8/20/2013 |
| Ryan S. Chamberland | Memorial Day Parade Committee | 10/7/2013 |
| Wayne D. Mowry | Police/Patrolmen | 10/12/2013 |
| Kevin DeLeo | Capital Outlay Committee | 11/21/2013 |

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen, with the cooperation of the Finance Committee and the town department heads, will once again work to balance the budget. Although we will be receiving revenue from the International Power plant, we must apply these funds for capital items and not use more than a minimal percentage for the operation budget. Several years ago the Board introduced an article at town meeting addressing this concern so it remains that way in the future.

The Board will meet with power plant representatives to negotiate a ten year extension, which will bring additional revenue to the Town of Blackstone.

The Board recently signed a bond for \$1,007,000, at a 0.6% interest rate, to upgrade a new meter system in the amount of \$382,000; \$500,000 will be expended to upgrade the water tanks. The remaining \$125,000 will be spent on the material sorting recovery facility. The Town, through the efforts of a new hard working financial team saw its bond rating improve from AA- to AA+. According to the Standard and Poor's rating services the rating attributes to the Town's strong economy and budgeting flexibilities, with general fund reserves above 15 percent of expenditures for the most recent two audited years and no plans to significantly spend them down.

The Town recently settled with the Blackstone-Smithfield Corporation after an eight year battle. As a result the Town will receive a one-time \$100,000 water connection fee. In addition, the Board recently agreed on a new 30 year agreement with the City of Woonsocket regarding the new waste water facility.

All five union contracts have been settled and were approved at to the Annual Town Meeting. The contracts will expire June of 2016. New roofs have been completed at the John F. Kennedy and A.F. Maloney Elementary Schools. In addition, a new roof has been completed on the Pavilion at Roosevelt Park, which was donated approximately 40 years ago by the Blackstone Lions.

In 1997, the Board of Selectmen signed an agreement with the state to receive a portion of the new bike trail that runs from Worcester to Providence. We are looking forward to the trail completion this summer.

Through the efforts of our Department of Public Works, Bellingham Road has been completed. The Privilege section of town was addressed, in spite of the Governor withholding half of the Town's Chapter 90 monies. Well #8 is now on line and with Well #9 pending completion shortly, will prove to be the best quality and quantity of water within the Town of Blackstone. This was presented in a town paid research project completed by D.L. Mahr in 1987.

The Board welcomes new Senior Director, Jean Doiron and wishes her the very best. The Board approved a tax work-off program for veterans and seniors, which will allow property tax reductions in exchange for work completed. Ms. Doiron, along with the Town Administrator, will have a great deal to do with implementing this program.

The Board would like to thank the Town Administrator in successfully receiving the approval of a \$151,000 grant to reconfigure our heating and cooling systems. The cash books have now been reconciled for a second straight year with great thanks to the hard work of our financial team. The Board appointed a new task force which will address our needs regarding the Municipal Center involving the Senior Center and Police and Fire Departments. We have also appointed members of a new Economic Development Committee.

The Board would like to thank the townspeople and employees of the town for their patience and understanding. Together we are going through a great deal of change; however, together we can make a positive difference for our community. We wish all a Happy New Year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Dubois, Chairman
Ryan S. Chamberland, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Bik, Member

Paul S. Haughey, Member
Michael Catalano, Member

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2013, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court proceedings, provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officers, boards and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, municipal contracts/ agreements, leases/ real estate, zoning/building code enforcement, inter-municipal agreements, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings and other general legal issues.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2013 to the present is set forth below.

Blackstone Smithfield Corporation v. Town of Blackstone, et al. **Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. WOCV2008-01211B**

This is a Declaratory Judgment action filed by the Blackstone Smithfield Corporation in response to the Town's decision to discontinue the public water supply to the corporation's property located in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. On May 13, 2009, the Court issued its Decision allowing Blackstone Smithfield Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Declaratory Judgment count declaring that the Town is obligated to continue providing water to the Blackstone Smithfield Corporation property at "reasonable rates." A trial on this remaining issue was held on October 29, 2012. A judgment was rendered by the Court on November 30, 2012 rejecting the Town's assertion that a water connection fee was payable to the Town based on the number of residential units in the condominium complex, but otherwise affirming the Town's right to implement its water regulations (including the potential requirement for separate meters on a unit basis) with respect to this property. Cross- appeals from the Court's Judgment and Order were filed by both Parties. After engaging in post-appeal settlement discussions, the parties stipulated to a comprehensive payment from Blackstone Smithfield Corporation in lieu of any and all water connection, service inspection, user, meter installation and inspection fees which may have been assessed or which may prospectively be assessed with respect to the existing water service improvements constructed and installed at BSC's High Rocks Condominium Development property. Additionally, a comprehensive Municipal Water Service Agreement was agreed upon by the parties addressing all outstanding jurisdictional, access, right of inspection, water rate/usage terms, water use restriction, rate collection and other issues typically encountered in such an inter-municipal water supply service arrangement. The settlement payment has been tendered to the Town and the appeals were thereafter dismissed. The matter is now closed.

Blackstone v. Roland M. Michaud **Worcester Superior Court No. WOCV2012-00150C** **(Related to Cornell v. Zoning Board of Appeals et al.** **Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 05-CV-2265B)**

This is an enforcement action whereby the Building Commissioner and the Code Enforcement Officer seek a declaration as to the enforcement rights and obligations of the parties and an Order of the Court compelling the defendant to comply with the Building Commissioner's Cease and Desist Order issued on December 8, 2011 pursuant to the Worcester Superior Court's Order dated July 6, 2011, to forthwith remove any and all structures currently situated on the real

property know as 98 Edgewater Drive, Blackstone. The residential structure was removed from the lot per the Court's Order. In August 2013, upon issuance of a follow-up Enforcement Order by the Town Inspector, the Plaintiff undertook further measures to restore the subject lot, including, backfilling the remaining foundation, removing debris from the lot and re-grading/seeding the lot. The only issue then remaining was whether Michaud had complied to the full extent of the Court's Order relative to "restoration of the lot to its pre-development condition". At an October 31, 2013 Pre-Trial Hearing in the Superior Court, Counsel for the Parties discussed their respective positions with the Judge and submitted photographs of the subject property which were taken by the Town in August 2013 and, thereafter, by Michaud in late October 2013. The Parties also submitted a definitive Pre-Trial Memorandum, which included a Joint Statement of Facts which summarized the history of the matter and the existing conditions at the site. Given the limited issue in dispute, counsel for the Parties and the Judge agreed that the matter could be resolved by the Court, with finality, upon consideration of the pleadings, the stipulated Statement of Facts, and the photographs submitted into evidence by the respective Parties. The Court thereupon declared that Michaud did, in fact, restore the subject premises, as nearly as possible, to its undeveloped state and has no further obligations under that Order. Likewise, the Court declared that the relief sought by the Town and its Inspector in this case is granted by the Court and has been executed by Michaud. Accordingly, the Town has no further cause of action or basis to request any further relief under its Verified Complaint. This matter is now closed.

Robert L. Massucco, Jr. v. Paul Marvelle, et al.

(Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals)

Worcester Superior Court No.

This is an appeal challenging the approval of an appeal by the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals of a cease and desist order issued by the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, on March 26, 2013 enjoining the use of a dirt bike all-terrain vehicle track on a one acre residential property. On September 23, 2013, the abutters filed an appeal of the Zoning Board's decision. Shortly thereafter, on October 8, 2013, this office filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Town of Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals. As is the common practice with Zoning Board appeals, the Town has taken a passive stance to the litigation, placing the onus of defending the Board's action on the resident. To date, however, the resident has not filed an answer. This office will continue to monitor the case going forward.

Town of Blackstone v. James A. DeWolfe, et al.

Uxbridge District Court No. 1365CV0322

On April 17, 2013, the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Blackstone Board of Health inspected the subject property and determined that the dwelling did not comply with the Blackstone Town Bylaw on Littering and Refuse Disposal, Sections 95-3 and 95-7 and the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 105 410.602(A), maintaining such parcel in a clean and sanitary condition. On April 17, 2013, Mr. DeWolfe was issued a "Notice Violation of State Sanitary Code – Not Maintaining Property Free of Refuse." Based on Mr. DeWolfe's failure, despite repeated notices, to abate the nuisance and to bring the premises into compliance, the Defendants were fined \$50.00 per diem as provided for within Section 95-8 of the Town Bylaw. Due to the defendant's continued failure to remediate the issue, the Code Enforcement Officer filed a civil complaint in Worcester District Court on October 22, 2013 for violations of the

Town By-Laws. The Town has yet to receive an answer from the defendants. We are awaiting the scheduling of a hearing by the Court.

Town of Blackstone v. JP Morgan Chase Bank
Housing Court No. 13H85CR000040

On August 1, 2012, the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Blackstone inspected the residential premises located at 269 Blackstone Street, Blackstone, MA and determined that the dwelling did not comply with the Town By-Laws on littering and refuse disposal, Sections 95-3 and 95-7, as well as the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR 118.4. Accordingly, the Town issued a Notice on August 1, 2012 which ordered that the above-referenced property be brought into compliance within 3 days from receipt of the “order” and failure to comply would result in court action and/or fines. The Town filed a request for a criminal complaint against JP Morgan, as owner of the property, on May 23, 2013. On August 29, 2013, the matter was converted from a criminal proceeding to a civil action. Additionally, a hearing on the Town of Blackstone’s Request for Preliminary Injunction was heard and allowed resulting in an Order. Thereafter, the property was brought into compliance and an agreement was reached whereby JP Morgan agreed to pay the Town a sum of ten-thousand (\$10,000,000.) dollars in full satisfaction of all fines accrued to date. Upon payment of the stipulated fine, the matter will be dismissed.

We are honored to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone, and we remain committed to providing the Town with high quality, cost-effective, and timely legal advice and representation. We look forward to working with the Town Administrator, the Selectmen, and other officers, boards and agencies of the Town to secure and advance the interests of the Town in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Costello, Esq.
Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP
Town Counsel

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
2013 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Community Members:

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District is deeply appreciative of the support it receives from the families and citizens of the towns of Blackstone and Millville.

The Mission of the School District is: Schools and Community Working in Unity. The Vision of the District is: The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District embodies an appreciation of life-long learning; excellence in individual and educational programs; and shared accountability among students, staff, parents and citizens of the community. Everyone works together in an environment founded upon trust, integrity, fairness, open-communication and the belief that all individuals can learn.

Ms. Shaver-Hood resigned July 2013 as the Superintendent of Schools to take another position. I was appointed to serve as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2013-2014 school year. The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee is conducting a search for a new Superintendent of Schools and is scheduled to appoint a candidate in the spring of 2014.

On behalf of the District I want to acknowledge the work of Ms. Shaver-Hood and her many years of service to the District.

The administrators, faculty and staff are engaged in the difficult work of ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to reach their full potential. The students continue to excel in both academic and extra-curricular activities and everyone in the communities of Blackstone and Millville should be proud of their success.

Respectfully submitted,

Perry P. Davis, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent of Schools

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2013

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Perry P. Davis, Ed.D

Superintendent's Office Staff

Donna M. Scungio, Office Manager

Tina M. Lacroix, Financial Assistant

Monique F. Simard, Financial Assistant

Brigitte B. Walsh, Secretary

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Blackstone Members

| | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| William F. Chaplin, Jr., Chair | 2017 |
| Wendy L. Greenstein, Treasurer | 2016 |
| Michael J. Buckley | 2014 |
| Diane C. Robin | 2015 |

Millville Members

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| Steven J. Tringali, Vice Chair | 2017 |
| Erin P. Vinacco, Secretary | 2016 |
| Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant Treasurer | 2014 |
| Brian T. Faulkner | 2015 |

Assistant District Treasurer

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| Donna M. Scungio | 2014 |
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District Counsel

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| Harold D. Gould, Jr., Esquire | 2014 |
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The Chairman, William F. Chaplin, Jr., and Vice Chairperson, Steven J. Tringali, elected at the Committee Organizational Meeting held at a regular scheduled meeting on April 4, 2013 in accordance with Section 1 (E) of the Agreement as amended.

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School – 2013 Report of Principal

The 2013 school year was highlighted by the forty-third Commencement Exercises which were held in the high school gymnasium on Friday evening the thirty-first of May. Class advisor, Mr. Russell Arnold led the one-hundred thirty-six graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Kim Shaver-Hood presented diplomas to the new graduates. Class Valedictorian, Jennifer Morrison, Salutatorian, Anna Franciosa, and class president Kevin Gautreau delivered timely messages to the graduates, family and friends. The class of 2013 has distinguished themselves as a hardworking class with many selecting prestigious colleges and universities including Northeastern University, Ohio State University, UMass Amherst, Syracuse University, Boston College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Savannah College of Art and Design.

The National Honor Society members continued to actively work within the school and greater community. Several members volunteered time in the local food pantry, the Blackstone Nursing Home and the Verry Family Cemetery. Honor Roll students from each quarter were recognized and honored by a breakfast organized by the NHS members. Students of the month were also recognized by the Society.

The high school Student Council was also active in the school and community. The Council ran Homecoming Day events which were greatly enjoyed by parents, students, and alumni. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising drives during the school year. The highlight of the year was the much anticipated Winter Pep Rally. The season themed lip sync contest put on by each class plus the faculty entry made the day truly memorable. Additionally, events including the annual community bon fire, “under the lights” soccer games, and powder puff football game, established spirited memories for all.

The Music Department had a very successful year in 2013. The Marching Band received a gold medal at MICCA State Finals, 1st Place at the Bands of America Regionals held at Towson University and 1st Place at the NESBA Championships. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band both received a silver medal at the MICCA Music Festival. The Jazz Band received a Gold medal at the District Jazz Festival and a Silver medal at the State Jazz Band Festival. The Winter Guard placed 5th at the NESBA Championships and the Winter Percussion placed 1st at the NESBA Finals.

Many other departments and student clubs supported our students with various events and leadership opportunities. Student leaders attended several conferences including Girls State and Boys State, as well as the Hugh O’Brien Leadership Conference. Our guidance and physical education department welcomed agencies that allowed students to experience outdoor climbing walls and driving simulations. Additionally, our SADD group hosted an assembly with speakers stressing the importance of making good choices.

BMR athletics welcomed both girls’ volleyball and football to the high school. Our new athletic programs added fifty new student participants to our fall athletic season. BMR continued their strong representation in Central Mass competition. Our boys’ basketball and tennis teams

both made the district tournament. "Charger Pride" t-shirts and spirited fans filled home and away games in support of all our athletic teams.

Entering my second year here at BMR, it is my honor to serve the community as high school Principal. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. It amazes me to see and experience the many talents of our students. My goal is to continue the great efforts of our district, while also setting higher goals for all of the BMR community to reach.

Respectively,

Michael E. Dudek

Principal

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School

2013-2014 Report of the Principal – Justin Cameron

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School proudly opened for the school year on September 5, 2013.

As of October 1, 2013 the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6 150 students

Grade 7 153 students

Grade 8 148 students

Total 454 students

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill Building. Band is an elective class for sixth grade students as well as Fitness for Life and Exploring the Arts.

Students in grade 7 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra or Standard Math, Science, World Geography, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill Building. Band is an elective class as well as Fitness for Life and Exploring the Arts.

Students in grade 8 are enrolled in ELA, Extended Algebra/Algebra, Science, World Geography, Skill Building, PE, Wellness, Art, Spanish, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) and Math Skill Building. Band is an elective class as well as Chorus.

Our students are privileged to have dedicated teachers and staff working with them on a daily basis. Our staff is dedicated to provide our students with a quality education.

Working closely with the Director of School Nutrition, the middle school has piloted a second chance breakfast program that has led to a 500% increase in students eating breakfast at the middle school.

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have a very active and supportive Parent/Teacher organization. Starting in September, the FWHMS began funding the following after school programs: Lego Robotics Club, Volleyball Club, Hiking Club, Hularobics Club, Flag Football Club, Debate Club, PBIS Heroes for Change Club, Cooking Club, Art Club, Photography Club, Homework/Study Club. In the mid-Winter and Spring sessions staff and students have expressed interest in the following clubs: Dance Club, MineCraft Club, French Club and Reading Club. The funding sources have come from very successful PTO fundraisers.

In October, FWHMS hosted the Harlem Wizards of New York to play against the BMR Dribblers in an exciting fundraising basketball game that drew a crowd of over 500 spectators.

Student Council has been active in providing community service opportunities for our students as well as sponsoring monthly dances for our students.

National Junior Honor Society Members have provided tutoring services as well as other community services for our school community.

This has been an exciting year for students and staff at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School. Everyone feels extremely fortunate for the support which the communities have graciously extended to our school family. We offer our sincere appreciation to the communities and the school administration for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin A. Cameron
Principal

John F. Kennedy and Augustine F. Maloney Elementary Schools

2013 Principal's Report

The 2013/2014 school year began on September 5, 2013 with 602 students in kindergarten through grade five and 96 staff in attendance. Students and staff were welcomed by Principal Brown and Assistant Principal Staples. The year began with a continued commitment to the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District's Mission Statement: School and Community Working Together.

Literacy instruction and teacher professional development continues as a focus for the 2013/2014 school year. A phonemic awareness program was implemented for students in kindergarten through grade 2. The Foundations program is a phonics and spelling program which targets phonemic awareness instruction. It is a supplemental program which compliments the Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program and consists of a daily 30 minute lesson. Teachers participate in four professional development days. In collaboration with consultants from Teachers for Teachers, faculty in grades 3-5 participated in professional development imbedded throughout the school year. Benchmark assessments kits were purchased to aid in efforts to tailor instruction to student need and assess student growth. The commitment to literacy is long term and will continue to be a main focus of learning and teaching.

After much planning, the roof project at the Complex became a reality. The roof was replaced while school was in session, making the need to move classrooms to other locations within the complex a necessity. Students and staff were extremely flexible as teaching and learning continued through the process. The support of the community, students and staff helped make the transitions through the duration of the project run smoothly.

The Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) continues to be committed to our students and staff. Their efforts to provide our students with educational experiences have not waned, as this year they are generously offering to cover the cost of field trips for our students. During any given month there are after school and evening activities for our students and their families provided by BEPO. This organization is a vital part of our school community and we continue to be very grateful to them for their dedication to our students.

We continue to be appreciative of the support from Police Chief Atstupenas and Fire Chief Sweeney for their support and partnership in ensuring the safety of our students.

Under the leadership of Interim Superintendent Dr. Perry Davis, our efforts to provide a quality education for our students have been encouraged and supported. The commitment of the School Committee is vital and much appreciated. As we look to the future, we are committed to the District's initiatives as we move forward united in our vision to provide a rigorous education and a healthy and safe environment for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Brown, Principal

Millville Elementary School
2013-2014 Annual Report of the Principal

Three hundred smiling students arrived back to school on September 5, 2013.

Literacy was our overarching focus this year. All kindergarten through grade 2 staff attended conferences and Professional Development for “Foundations” a phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling program for the regular education classrooms. Teachers in grades 3-5 had yearlong literacy professional development training provided by “Teachers for Teachers”. “Teachers for Teachers” created a customized literacy plan for our district.

Millville Elementary School took a green initiative by posting the “Principal’s Newsletter” on the Blackstone Millville Regional School District website. Parents who do not have access to the internet receive a hard copy each month. In an effort to reach out to parents, the Principal calls some parents each month to get their feedback about their child’s experience in school.

Our staff took steps to support our community. The Millville Elementary School Parent’s Association (MESPA) supported the reading specialist’s initiative by facilitating book donations. Using these book donations, Mrs. Allard, reading specialist, created a customized lending library that she oversees to provide students with books at their reading and interest level. Books that were appropriate for preschool level reading skills were donated to the preschool classes. Mrs. Smith, 3rd grade teacher, hosted a “Williamsburg Christmas” program which raised more than \$2,500 for the Kyle Connors College Foundation.

Staff acknowledged the good deeds and efforts of our students by presenting them with “Give Em a Big Hand” certificates. Students were recognized during morning announcements and the Principal called home to share the good news. We also have monthly goals for all students and teachers select students who achieve these goals. Selected students enjoy a Student of the Month Lunch with the Principal which is generously supported by MESPA that provides the lunch.

MESPA continues to support our staff and community. This year, MESPA appreciated MES teachers each month throughout the year by providing treats, lunch, and customized notepads, rather than a “once a year” teacher appreciation event. MESPA also hosted a very successful Holiday Shop and held several fundraisers. The Town of Millville Cultural Council arranged for an interactive presentation by the Plimoth Plantation for all grade level students. Our community is very lucky to have their support.

Special thanks to Dr. Davis, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for providing guidance and support this year. I truly appreciate the hard work by all staff members who help each student put forth his/her personal best effort. And, finally, we are blessed to have parents who volunteer and support our school.

Respectfully Submitted,

Varsha B. Desai, Principal

BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 2013

SALARY LISTING

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|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Abisla, Stephanie P | \$75,223 | Blackburn, Rebecca L | \$15,203 |
| Abrams, Amy L | \$73,978 | Blanchard, Michele M | \$77,079 |
| Adamz, Elizabeth M | \$76,976 | Blomstedt, Rachel O | \$64,450 |
| Ahearn, Kate E | \$23,131 | Boisvert, Kathy A | \$76,576 |
| Aicardi, Kathleen M | \$18,581 | Borges, Ann L | \$4,750 |
| Alfonso, Christina D | \$15,650 | Bostock, James T | \$28,958 |
| Allaire-Adams, Pauline | \$2,250 | Bourassa, Susan D | \$15,045 |
| Allard, Denise L | \$33,183 | Bourgery, Patricia A | \$70,568 |
| Allard, Pamela J | \$49,358 | Boyan, William J | \$42,821 |
| Almquist, Gail D | \$69,951 | Boyko, Michael | \$40,243 |
| Amatucci, Sarah M | \$728 | Brandin, Frances | \$4,088 |
| Anderson, Jillien L | \$42,536 | Breault, Karen J | \$50,254 |
| Anderson, Stefanie A | \$77,074 | Brown, Carol A | \$103,970 |
| Andrade, Denise M | \$16,082 | Burke, Dana D | \$18,056 |
| Angelini, Stephen T | \$21,115 | Buskey, Danielle F | \$525 |
| Archetto, Joann H | \$37,586 | Buteau, Karen E | \$17,232 |
| Arnold, Russell P | \$62,451 | Buurma, Ann P | \$27,732 |
| Atstupenas, Hillary J | \$18,135 | Caldarone, Jessica M | \$7,988 |
| Ayotte, Sharon E | \$11,957 | Cameron, Justin A | \$102,242 |
| Azevedo, Elizabeth A | \$10,220 | Campbell, Everett B III | \$4,577 |
| Bacon, Paul M | \$41,124 | Campopiano, Erin F | \$3,405 |
| Bacon, Wilfred R Jr | \$45,675 | Campopiano, Mark E | \$67,329 |
| Bak, Tracy J | \$6,678 | Carroll, Deborah A | \$72,423 |
| Baker, Kelsey T | \$728 | Carter, Nadine L | \$26,625 |
| Barbato, Jessica A | \$825 | Chaplin, Victoria A | \$16,564 |
| Barber, Wendy S | \$18,567 | Chase, Louise W | \$71,365 |
| Barrette, Katherine M | \$49,239 | Church-Smith, Kathleen M | \$1,920 |
| Bartusek, Karen E | \$25,208 | Cignoli, Anne | \$46,253 |
| Basal, Linda | \$76,207 | Clark, Sarah T | \$420 |
| Beard, Bruce J | \$9,650 | Colahan, Elizabeth T | \$55,946 |
| Beauchemin, Felice J | \$15,006 | Coleman, Benjamin J | \$6,300 |
| Beaven, Donna M | \$6,809 | Colgan, Susan M | \$52,089 |
| Beech, Lona M | \$8,372 | Collamati, Laura A | \$6,265 |
| Begnoche, Louise M | \$20,296 | Conklin, Samuel AJ | \$54,280 |
| Benoit, Michael G | \$3,000 | Connor, Carol L | \$2,551 |
| Bergin, Jennifer A | \$22,586 | Connors, David S | \$1,275 |
| Bergman, Lisa M | \$63,977 | Conrad, Eleanor M | \$76,380 |
| Bibeault, Ronald | \$93,837 | Conti, Carol M | \$69,994 |
| Corbeille, Megan L | \$46,737 | Donovan, Erin B | \$358 |
| Costa, Maria | \$71,579 | Dorfman, Sarah P | \$44,839 |

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| Costantino, Paul J | \$40,975 | Doyle, Casey E | \$1,092 |
| Costello, Diane L | \$21,925 | Doyle, Cecilia C | \$69,707 |
| Cote, Esther H | \$76,649 | Dube, Darcie L | \$5,810 |
| Cotton, Daniel M | \$29,040 | Dubois, Katharine E | \$56,466 |
| Croteau, Leslie A | \$21,215 | Ducharme, Keith A | \$94,007 |
| Cunningham, Lori J | \$248 | Ducharme, Leona M | \$198 |
| Cunningham, Marcia D | \$73,099 | Ducharme, Tracey L | \$72,310 |
| Curran, Jeffrey M | \$73,355 | Dudek, Michael E | \$105,743 |
| Curran, Mary H | \$35,944 | Duncan, Jenny L | \$17,471 |
| Cusack, Sharon K | \$22,150 | Dursin, Elizabeth A | \$60,760 |
| D'Angelo, Daniela M | \$900 | Dutremble, Carolyn | \$4,942 |
| Daignault, Denise C | \$72,841 | Dwyer, Lauren M | \$62,392 |
| Dailey, Kimberly J | \$35,042 | Dwyer, Nancy A | \$5,134 |
| Dansereau, Linda A | \$53,816 | Dwyer, Sarah L | \$7,575 |
| Davia, Janine M | \$70,057 | Eskeli, Michell J | \$5,805 |
| Davidge, Debra A | \$19,006 | Euglow, Joshua M | \$17,229 |
| Davies, Mary F | \$16,068 | Fanelli, Vicky A | \$71,715 |
| Davis, Karyn A | \$15,825 | Fanning, Kevin T | \$35,932 |
| Davis, Perry P | \$49,000 | Faulkner, Edie A | \$74,137 |
| Day, Susan G | \$56,403 | Finn-Campopiano, Barbara | \$38,062 |
| Day-Lewis, Lisa A | \$9,051 | Finnegan, Kathryn E | \$63,274 |
| DeAngelo, Francis P | \$25,720 | Fitzgerald, Margaret M | \$488 |
| DeAngelo, Gary H | \$30,528 | Folan, Nicole E | \$42,409 |
| Demers, Lisa M | \$70,191 | Foley, Brian P | \$17,541 |
| Denomme, Elise A | \$45,860 | Foley, Cassie L | \$73,916 |
| Denomme, Thomas S | \$1,591 | Franceschi, Tanya A | \$16 |
| DePippo, Elizabeth A | \$23,250 | Franzosa, Tara K | \$66,864 |
| Dery, Diane M | \$19,059 | Frend, Doreen C | \$4,962 |
| Desai, Varsha B | \$96,567 | Frend Mark, Christine P | \$75 |
| Deschamps, Lisa A | \$18,093 | Gallagher, Jason E | \$36,829 |
| Desilets, Mellissa S | \$4,137 | Ganis, Elizabeth | \$41,229 |
| Desilets, Susan J | \$21,743 | Gariepy, Amy C | \$450 |
| Desjardin, Jamie M | \$49,303 | Gaudet, Damien W | \$15,182 |
| Dewolf, Mark A | \$60,336 | Gauthier, Patricia A | \$8,012 |
| Dewolfe, Lynn M | \$10,120 | Gentile, Charlsey L | \$16,274 |
| Dextraze, Michelle D | \$44,871 | Gniadek, Christine M | \$38,202 |
| Diaz, Safia M | \$6,291 | Gomes, Lynne M | \$72,147 |
| DiCecco, Dawn M | \$67,297 | Gordon, Kimberly A | \$31,371 |
| DiCecco, Kristie J | \$69,876 | Gordy, Ryan | \$31,293 |
| Dilibero, Christine | \$72,359 | Gorham, Jennifer A | \$75 |
| Dill, Nicholas R | \$1,427 | Goulet, William M | \$37,397 |
| Grace, Caroline Ann | \$49,158 | Keefe, Lucille A | \$8,599 |
| Graham, Selena T | \$1,393 | Keller, Amy L | \$50,270 |
| Greene, Roy E | \$70,123 | Kennedy, Mary Ellen | \$34,760 |

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| Greer, Christina A | \$70,215 | Kiely, Kevin P | \$71,865 |
| Griffiths, Kimberly M | \$48,132 | King, Kenneth L | \$15,203 |
| Grube, Lynnell | \$31,568 | Kosciak, Cynthia | \$2,495 |
| Guilbeault, Holly B | \$18,897 | Kozlowski, Rosann M | \$63,607 |
| Hagan, Maribeth | \$105 | Labonte, Tracy L | \$555 |
| Haggas, Lory J | \$24,284 | Labrecque, Diane F | \$50,938 |
| Haig, Darin W | \$21,080 | Labrie, Lauri A | \$17,447 |
| Halacy, Margaret E | \$11,217 | Lachance, Constance | \$9,779 |
| Hand, Donna M | \$3,006 | Lacroix, Tina M | \$49,542 |
| Hannon, Heather M | \$43,655 | Laliberte, Jeanne M | \$35,452 |
| Hardy, Natalie A | \$52,195 | Lanari, Joann E | \$31,349 |
| Harpin, Aimee L | \$4,619 | Lanctot, Richard J | \$42,725 |
| Harpin, Rebecca E | \$59,621 | Landry, Mary J | \$2,766 |
| Hartmann, Patrick D | \$16,988 | Landry, Richard N | \$41,342 |
| Haughey, Paul S | \$105,404 | Landry, Susan A | \$26,437 |
| Healy, Brendan M | \$42,317 | Lane, Margaret I | \$37,220 |
| Hebert, Debra A | \$17,055 | Langone, Kerri | \$73,008 |
| Hebert, Ethan J | \$36,014 | Laporte, Janis H | \$83,082 |
| Hebert, Rosalind A | \$73 | Laren, Norma C | \$70,845 |
| Hebert, Scott A | \$45,660 | LaRose, Dennis J | \$42,976 |
| Hickman, Anne | \$108 | Laskowski, Cynthia L | \$994 |
| Highcove, Dawn | \$71,536 | Latraverse, Debra | \$21,201 |
| Holihen, Amy M | \$71,472 | Lauzon, Karen E | \$76,997 |
| Hook, David C | \$46,359 | LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L | \$47,777 |
| Houatchanthara, Terry L | \$563 | Leclerc, Jennifer Marie- | \$4,875 |
| Hughes, Karen A | \$22,705 | Lee, Linda P | \$39,712 |
| Ireland, Mickey G | \$19,499 | Leger, Claire | \$20,285 |
| Isenberg, David | \$75,686 | Leonard-Waterman, | \$76,223 |
| Jacene, Sara A | \$5,290 | Levitre, Suzanne E | \$42,009 |
| Jackson, Lynnea D | \$16,463 | Liard, Linda M | \$18,022 |
| Jaros, Kimberly M | \$11,740 | Liard, Roy J Sr | \$69,686 |
| Jennings, Carrie A | \$1,175 | Lipsett, Edward F | \$40,984 |
| Jerome, Geraldine M | \$1,736 | Loynds, Marissa A | \$8,050 |
| Johnson, Catherine M | \$13,118 | Lynch, Timothy A | \$5,453 |
| Johnson, Timothy R | \$48,525 | MacMillan, Maureen | \$76,250 |
| Jones, Kathleen M | \$70,766 | Maguire, Karen E | \$1,000 |
| Juba, Mark P | \$64,794 | Mailloux, Jennifer M | \$9,088 |
| Karolyshyn, Anna D | \$55,264 | Maloney, Deborah A | \$27,344 |
| Kearnan, Julie A | \$12,483 | Maloney, Mary Beth | \$4,180 |
| Keefe, Lauren | \$54,416 | Mandeville, Karen E | \$38 |
| Marchand, Kimberly A | \$15,182 | O'Dowd, Alanna J | \$2,775 |
| Marcotte-Beale, Arlene T | \$75,291 | O'Melia, Rebekka A | \$12,372 |
| Marlborough, Carrie A | \$16,973 | O'Neil, Priscilla J | \$41,344 |
| Marshall, Tammara L | \$7,522 | Olbrys, Maria S | \$61,560 |

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| Martineau, Estelle L | \$58,968 | Oliveira, Rachel R | \$20,834 |
| Martinelli, Christine J | \$19,616 | Oliver, Robert A | \$2,563 |
| Martufi, Caitlin P | \$46,754 | Olson, Kerry A | \$19,562 |
| Maurice, Jamie A | \$61,802 | Osorio, Jennifer R | \$31,074 |
| Maynard, Robin A | \$1,839 | Park, Jennifer L | \$9,870 |
| McCall, Candace M | \$18,324 | Parrotta, Susanna M | \$13,034 |
| McClelland, Rebecca J | \$29,086 | Perier, Amanda L | \$350 |
| McCormick, W John | \$74,169 | Petrozzi, Deborah | \$60,380 |
| McCourt, Kevin M | \$75,184 | Pilibosian, Carol A | \$3,838 |
| McGill, Linda | \$67,445 | Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M | \$9,871 |
| McGillicuddy, Susan L | \$1,200 | Pilling, Christopher S | \$16,448 |
| McKinley, Katie E | \$3,000 | Plante-Goldstein, Sharon | \$76,201 |
| McLean, Marianne J | \$76,062 | Plouffe, Nicole D | \$15,152 |
| McNamara, Keith M | \$57,082 | Plukas, Rachel L | \$150 |
| Medeiros, Jessica S | \$49,795 | Poirier, Tina M | \$24,352 |
| Menard, Jacqueline A | \$20,439 | Poisson, Doris A | \$76,906 |
| Mignanelli, Barbara | \$64,682 | Porter, Richard A | \$15,509 |
| Miller, Karen J | \$3,967 | Porter, Ryan D | \$2,036 |
| Monroe, Bradford A | \$41,520 | Powers, Lisa M | \$2,240 |
| Montague, Barbara A | \$66,737 | Powers, Patricia J | \$75,313 |
| Moran, Seana M | \$29,711 | Pratt, Amy E | \$4,538 |
| Moreau, Linda A | \$62,172 | Privitera, Torie L | \$4,468 |
| Morell, Denise J | \$47,590 | Quinn, Kenneth M | \$2,460 |
| Morgan, John H | \$5,417 | Rampino, Kristen | \$825 |
| Morin, Diane M | \$76,572 | Ranger, Monica M | \$15,650 |
| Morocco, John A | \$49,360 | Ranieri, Christina M | \$71,918 |
| Morrisson, Kelly L | \$750 | Rayos, Lora J | \$26,865 |
| Morse, Steven A | \$14,551 | Reilly, Linda A | \$1,209 |
| Moulder, Donna L | \$9,046 | Renz-Jones, Christine E | \$39,902 |
| Mowatt, Alexander S | \$1,125 | Reynolds, Caryn M | \$274 |
| Najarian, Robin A | \$71,472 | Rielly, Susan S | \$61,801 |
| Nerbonne, Jean M | \$19,664 | Roberts, Kathryn P | \$50,915 |
| Nerbonne, Richard E | \$23,716 | Robertson, Christine R | \$61,516 |
| Newman, Colette L | \$73,249 | Robinson, Lynn A | \$9,276 |
| Normandin, Vanessa P | \$19,390 | Robinson, Patricia A | \$29,062 |
| Nosiglia, Bruno L | \$42,434 | Roche, Jessica L | \$16,274 |
| Notz, Amanda P | \$74,551 | Rodrigues, Patricia A | \$13,068 |
| Nyberg, Deirdre F | \$46,504 | Roe, Ethan | \$77,458 |
| O'Brien, Sean D | \$563 | Romano, Ann M | \$25,977 |
| Rondeau, Jill A | \$38,273 | Stanley, Patricia A | \$46,360 |
| Rosborough, Kelly A | \$8,715 | Staples, Janet D | \$3,137 |
| Rose, Maureen | \$72,972 | Staples, John C | \$85,006 |
| Ross, Gillian M | \$300 | Stearman, Kathy L | \$6,825 |
| Roudabush, Thomas R | \$38 | Stefanik, Karen M | \$19,642 |

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|------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Rounds, Lisa A | \$18,109 | Sugden, Kimberley F | \$1,080 |
| Rousselle, Linda A | \$77,759 | Sullivan, Timothy J | \$5,543 |
| Rousselle, Renee | \$75,189 | Swanson, Gwyn J | \$34,437 |
| Ruscitti, Ann V | \$73,981 | Swenson, Ann M | \$16,680 |
| Ryan, Michelle J | \$5,353 | Sztabor, Mary Beth E | \$837 |
| Ryan, Paula M | \$52,459 | Takessian, Brenda L | \$10,086 |
| Ryder, Wendy H | \$2,400 | Tanzi, Cynthia A | \$2,144 |
| Sacco, Jamie L | \$15,182 | Tasick, Lori A | \$69,844 |
| Sacco, Nicole L | \$16,331 | Taylor, Nancy E | \$77,348 |
| Salome, Linda A | \$49,400 | Tenenholtz, Karl N | \$16,743 |
| Salome, Stefanie A | \$75,268 | Tessier, Catherine D | \$52,177 |
| Santoro, Dorothy P | \$68,104 | Tessier, Maureen R | \$79,320 |
| Savignano, Joseph M | \$75 | Tetreault, Jovanna M | \$26,776 |
| Schandelmayer-Davis, | \$568 | Thibeault, Catherine E | \$760 |
| Scott, Lynne S | \$53,587 | Thomas, Kathleen M | \$2,975 |
| Scott, Sean P | \$36,948 | Thompson, Karen P | \$69,969 |
| Scungio, Donna M | \$80,992 | Tibert, Fletcher L | \$75 |
| Shafer, Todd L | \$77,751 | Tocci, Meredith N | \$41,327 |
| Shaver-Hood, Kimberly | \$80,092 | Torvi, Janice A | \$73,008 |
| Sheehan, Chester D | \$43,293 | Toupin, Nicholas M | \$147 |
| Sheridan, Jeanne H | \$32,869 | Toupin, Philip R | \$75,448 |
| Sherman, Mary B | \$72,888 | Towle, Leslie G | \$16,687 |
| Silva, Steven K | \$22,475 | Tracey, Eric F | \$58,711 |
| Simard, Joshua L | \$960 | Trottier, Lisa A | \$72,372 |
| Simard, Monique F | \$50,849 | Turgeon, Emily E | \$54,795 |
| Simonetti, Pamela J | \$4,191 | Tympanick, Stacia M | \$400 |
| Skorupa, Dana J | \$17,574 | Vallee, Lynne M | \$71,536 |
| Slate, Steven H | \$63,428 | Varon, Regina N | \$62,655 |
| Smith, Daria L | \$225 | Vaughan, Maryalice | \$15,182 |
| Smith, Marie G | \$74,849 | Venkataraman, Suzanne M | \$31,349 |
| Solari, Jennifer A | \$71,297 | Volk, Kari M | \$49,724 |
| Soscia, Nicole S | \$7,834 | Walker, Matthew B | \$39,134 |
| Soule, Patricia E | \$69,844 | Walsh, Brigitte B | \$23,699 |
| Spont, Anne M | \$50,915 | Warren, Maureen L | \$71,975 |
| Spont, Anne Miriam | \$3,207 | Weber, Marielle B | \$245 |
| St. Germain, Kelli S | \$1,650 | Wenrich, Hayley L | \$5,275 |
| St. Laurent, Jillian S | \$2,195 | Wethey, Elaine M | \$3,465 |
| Stalnaker, Carrie M | \$753 | Whittemore, Janice A | \$22,867 |
| Woelflein, Elizabeth B | \$29,797 | | |
| Wolfgang, Lea D | \$18,098 | | |
| Wolford, Julianne C | 17, 860.72 | | |
| Young, Karen M | \$12,102 | | |
| Zisiades, George E | \$2,750 | | |

**Blackstone Valley
Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Our Mission:

To create a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

To understand the depth of our commitment to this mission, simply turn the page, meet three of our students, and get to know their stories of success. Each one came to us with unique challenges, talents, and interests. During their four years they had very different high school experiences, and graduated with the skills and strength of character required for lifelong learning and career success.

The success of our mission wouldn't be possible without the support of our district. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is based in Upton, Massachusetts and proudly serves: Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton and Uxbridge.

Andrew's Story

Meet Andrew Desjardin of Uxbridge...recently named USA's best welding student, although it was far from his mind when he entered BVT. He had no idea that he loved welding, but he did know that he wanted to work with his hands.

"I was looking for a trade that would get me somewhere in life. I wasn't sure that college was in my future, so coming to BVT and focusing on a trade seemed like a perfect fit for me."

Entering the ninth-grade exploratory program, Andrew expected to enroll in either Auto Tech or Auto Body. But as he explored the various career paths, he was surprised at his growing interest in welding. “Welding was almost entertaining. It’s cool that you can bond metal together so easily. You have to have a steady hand and be able to really concentrate, almost like a surgeon.”

Motivated by his emerging passion, Andrew enrolled in Manufacturing and Engineering Technology, and displayed a natural aptitude for welding. Andrew’s instructors encouraged him to put his skills to the test in the SkillsUSA competition. In his third year competing, Andrew earned a gold medal at the state level and became the first Massachusetts student to win the national gold medal in welding.

The accomplishment, according to Andrew, would not have been possible without a lesson in dedication from BVT. “At times, it was difficult to keep motivated, when I might rather be out doing something with my friends. But instead, I came in after school and on the weekends, and I put in the extra time. I’m glad I did. It’s true what they say...hard work really pays off.”

For Andrew, hard work paid off not only in gold medals, but also in the form of career opportunities. Following graduation, Andrew began working as a welder on government contracts and remains confident in his future.

“My new employers were impressed by what I’ve accomplished at BVT and by how well I present myself. Blackstone Valley Tech prepared me for the real world. I’m grateful I ended up taking the path that I did.”

CAREER PLANS - Upon graduation Andrew received numerous job offers and was hired as a welder by Randolph and Baldwin Inc., in Ayer, MA.

Alex’s Story

Say hello to Alex Delmore of Milford...our wicked smart 2013 Valedictorian whose career plans changed from C.P.A. to M.I.T.

Attracted to BVT by its offer of a rigorous academic and vocational technical education, Alex’s goal of becoming a certified public accountant led her to enroll in the Business Technology program. But as she gained a sound understanding of accounting principles and skills, Alex began looking for new challenges through her academic studies and extracurricular activities. She enrolled in various AP courses, joined the Leo Club and took part in SkillsUSA and robotics competitions. The more she experienced, the more Alex realized that accounting was not the field for her.

“What I loved the most was math and science, especially physics. Physics was the class that made me study the most and work the hardest. I loved it! I wanted to go above and beyond.”

Encouraged by her BVT teachers, Alex embraced her new found love of math and science and soon knew for sure that she wanted to pursue a career in physics. When it came time to apply to colleges, Alex’s teachers encouraged her to “go above and beyond” by applying to the country’s best schools. Although hesitant, Alex took her teachers’ advice and was accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as her backup schools of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and UMass Amherst.

Heading into her first semester at M.I.T. (which has an undergraduate admissions rate of 9%), Alex is grateful to BVT for helping her discover her true passion and proper career path. In her Valedictorian’s speech, Alex encouraged her fellow BVT grads to join her in embracing the school’s lasting impact on their lives.

“If I hadn’t gone to BVT and hadn’t explored so many different options, career paths and clubs, I wouldn’t have ended up so certain that I want to pursue math and science. My experience at BVT contributed so much to my certainty going forward.”

CAREER PLANS - Following graduation from M.I.T., Alex hopes to someday attain her PhD and become a college professor.

Cody’s Story

This is Cody Saucier of Sutton...by the time he started first grade, he had already overcome more obstacles than many people face in a lifetime. Born four months premature, Cody weighed in at a mere one-pound and was unlikely to live, but he proved the doctors wrong. Facing the effects of his premature birth and mild cerebral palsy, Cody embarked on a childhood full of various surgeries and procedures.

Perhaps his early ability to overcome the odds explains why Cody loves a good challenge. In elementary and middle school, Cody took pride in his perfect attendance and good grades. Cody’s passion for learning led him to enroll in BVT.

“I came to BVT because it offers an academic program and a vocational technical program. It’s like getting two educations at once.” For Cody, however, getting two educations wasn’t quite challenging enough. “I wanted to make the BVT Commendation List every year. That’s what I set out to do.”

As a freshman, Cody struggled with the rigor of BVT, but his teachers united and formed a plan to help him adjust. Cody's academic performance improved and he earned a spot on the Commendation List in eleven of his twelve trimesters. As for the one trimester in which he missed his goal, Cody was only one GPA point shy of completing his perfect Commendation List streak.

Amazingly, the streak of perfect attendance that Cody began in elementary school continued at BVT. At the annual Senior Awards Ceremony, Principal Anthony Steele informed the audience that Cody's perfect attendance included not only his time at BVT but also his entire educational career. The crowd of over 600 people honored Cody with a standing ovation.

No matter what challenges the future brings, Cody has already proven that his perseverance will lead him to success, and he remains admirably humble. "I just really like school. Blackstone Valley Tech has provided me with a sense of independence, leadership, and dedication to my work. If I wasn't dedicated, I wouldn't be here."

CAREER PLANS - Following his graduation from the BVT Business Tech program, Cody has enrolled at UMass Dartmouth, where he plans to put the 21st century skills he acquired at BVT to good use.

Nurturing an Aptitude for Lifelong Learning

Bigger, Better, Stronger

Andrew, Alex, and Cody are just three of the 270 members of the Valley Tech Class of 2013 who successfully completed our rigorous program of studies this year and earned both a high school diploma and technical credentials in their chosen career field. Their stories are noteworthy, but are certainly not unique. Ask any of the talented and hard-working students from our diverse thirteen member communities about their Valley Tech high school experience, and you will hear similar messages of determination, pride, interest, and accomplishment. They are the reason we can say with certainty that Valley Tech is bigger, better, and stronger than ever.

As we look back over the most recent fiscal year, we have grown not only as a school but as a community, yet we remain ever cognizant of our responsibility to operate within the resources available. Our School Committee and our 126 district-based finance committee members expect us to pursue every appropriate method of accessing non local tax resources. This may explain

why we received unanimous support of our FY14 budget from our member towns. We continually seek alternative modes of financing and achieve this through numerous grants and in-kind donations. We continue to reach out to our district members to collaborate with them and constantly seek new opportunities to engage in cooperative and cost-saving ventures which provide hands-on learning experiences for our students.

We have reached new heights in our vocational and academic achievements and continue to strive for excellence in all we do. In a constant improvement approach, our dedicated leadership team reviews what we have learned over the past year and will integrate those experiences to continually advance our school system for the benefit of each and every student who will attend for years to come.

With your support, we continue to strive to achieve the ideal platform for teaching and learning in an educational environment that blends challenging vocational technical workplace competencies with integrated academic concepts. The future is bright as we remain diligent in our quest to ensure students such as Andrew, Alex, and Cody are equipped with an aptitude for lifelong learning that will allow them to quickly grasp the skills and knowledge needed to meet today's demands and adapt to tomorrow's challenges.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

FY2013 - Another Stellar Year of Vocational and Academic Achievements

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to receive accolades for its outstanding performance in both academic and vocational programs.

Top Ten

Valley Tech was named to the top 10 schools in the GoLocalWorcester's 2nd Annual Massachusetts' Top High Schools 2013. The proprietary ranking system compiled and evaluated

data from 345 public, charter, and technical schools throughout the Commonwealth. Out of 60 central Massachusetts high schools in the survey, Valley Tech placed number nine.

100% Placement

The Class of 2013 departed in May with 100% placement. Of the 270 graduates, 72% will further their education, 23% directly entered the workforce, and 5% joined one of the branches of the military or civil service. The class also amassed nearly \$2 million in merit scholarships and awards that will substantially assist them with future education and career expenses.

213 AP Students

During the 2012-2013 school year, the number of Valley Tech students taking AP classes in English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Computer Science A, Biology, or Physics B jumped from 122 to **213**. The District earned distinction as an AP Honor Roll District, demonstrating that Valley Tech has successfully identified students most likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work. Valley Tech was the only vocational school in Massachusetts, and one of a choice few CVTE systems in the nation, to receive this honor.

11 Years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Spring 2012 test results confirmed improvement by Valley Tech students for the **11th straight year**, with incremental gains in achieving proficiency across all academic requirements. Federal legislation requires all students reach Advanced or Proficient in Mathematics and English Language Arts by 2014. Valley Tech students are well on their way to accomplishing that goal with **98%** doing so in **English** and **92%** in **Math**, which compares favorably to statewide rates of 88% and 78% respectively.

87%

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) also requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. **87%** of Valley Tech students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to 69% statewide.

Historical Valley Tech MCAS Results

| Test Date | Class YOG | Math | | | English Language Arts (ELA) | | | Science and Technology/Engineering | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-----|---|-----|----|
| | | A/P | NI | F | A/P | NI | F | A/P | NI | F |
| Spring 2012 | 2014 | 92% | 7% | 1% | 98% | 2% | 0% | 87% | 12% | 2% |
| Spring 2011 | 2013 | 90% | 8% | 1% | 91% | 9% | 0% | 84% | 15% | 1% |
| Spring 2010 | 2012 | 89% | 10% | 0% | 89% | 10% | 0% | 65% | 16% | 1% |
| Spring 2009 | 2011 | 84% | 13% | 3% | 86% | 13% | 1% | 61% | 21% | 3% |
| Spring 2008 | 2010 | 78% | 19% | 3% | 79% | 20% | 0% | 57% | 32% | 3% |
| Spring 2007 | 2009 | 74% | 23% | 3% | 73% | 26% | 1% | Testing Not Then Required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) | | |
| Spring 2006 | 2008 | 70% | 21% | 9% | 66% | 33% | 2% | | | |
| Spring 2005 | 2007 | 62% | 30% | 8% | 55% | 41% | 4% | | | |
| Spring 2004 | 2006 | 55% | 40% | 6% | 58% | 39% | 3% | | | |
| Spring 2003 | 2005 | 36% | 45% | 20% | 42% | 51% | 8% | | | |
| Spring 2002 | 2004 | 34% | 41% | 27% | 34% | 55% | 13% | | | |
| Spring 2001 | 2003 | 34% | 45% | 21% | 29% | 53% | 18% | | | |
| <i>YOG – Year of Graduation</i> | | <i>NI – Needs Improvement</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>A/P – Advanced/Proficient</i> | | <i>F – Failure</i> | | | | | | | | |

This chart illustrates the dramatic improvement in Advanced/Proficient performance by Valley Tech students over the past 11 years.

What's New On Campus?

Valley Tech's Academic & Vocational Programs Adapt to New Technologies

State-of-the-Art Science Labs

In a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Massachusetts School Building Authority Executive Director Jack McCarthy and others, school officials publicly announced the planned August 2013 opening of two new state-of-the-art science laboratories. Students returning in August will be the first to utilize the new classrooms, which were constructed by retrofitting existing space. They have been designed to serve both lecture and lab functions across multiple academic and technical disciplines in alignment with goals to expand science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM programs. The addition of these labs will allow for a safe work environment for students and provide appropriate storage and prep space for the science program. Our new science labs will provide additional opportunities for students to link scientific exploration with the higher technical skill sets necessary for success in 21st century career paths.

The District was able to avoid incurring debt for the construction by self-funding with available E&D funds, inter-fund borrowing, and timely reimbursement of 52.5% of the costs under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's \$60 Million Science Labs Initiative. This innovative, competitive grant program was touted by the state agency as a unique opportunity for districts to invest in otherwise-sound high school facilities by focusing capital spending on prototype designs for science labs. Valley Tech was one of only eight high schools to receive capital funding under this program. To contain costs, wiring was completed by the school's staff electrician, and a 3-inch drain line was installed by students in the plumbing program. These efforts provided a solid foundation and necessary infrastructure which allowed the project to remain on time and on budget.

New Branding for the Design & Visual Program

To remain competitive in a highly networked, technology-savvy environment, the curriculum of the *Graphic & Multimedia Communications* program is being upgraded to include new internet applications and media tools. The shift to a Design and Visual program from a predominantly pre-press and print production program will give students many more career and college opportunities in large and growing sectors of the communications market, including front end design, marketing and production. The new program will also embrace traditional media such as print and television along with digital photography and digital animation.

This course will emphasize visual design and production from a problem-solving and strategic point of view utilizing the latest technologies and techniques. Students will receive training in visual design, web design and development, photography, animation, videography, illustration, and advertising, as well as business, marketing, concept development, design theory, color theory, typography, outsourcing techniques and digital print production. Using state-of-the-art digital imaging, video, illustration and page layout software, students will learn to apply their creativity to communications media. Students will also become familiar with research related to the marketing and branding of products and services. With these skills, students will have the opportunity to pursue careers in advertising design, business of art and design, computer

animation, digital filmmaking, fine arts, game art and design, graphic and interactive communication, illustration, interior design, motion design, photography, and digital imaging.

Cutting Edge Partnerships with Industry

Thanks to business and industry partnerships, students in the **Construction Technology** program now have access to a heavy equipment operator license simulator and lift operator certification. This new piece of equipment will allow our students to gain valuable skills which will prepare them for gainful employment as heavy equipment operators.

Best of the Best

SkillsUSA

Valley Tech students competed in 41 categories at the 2013 SkillsUSA District V competition in March, capturing a total of 62 medals, including 14 gold, 23 silver, and 25 bronze. The students swept the district competition in six events, including Culinary Arts, Diesel Equipment Technology, Major Appliance Technology, Photography, Practical Nursing, and Technical Drafting.

At the SkillsUSA State Championship, hosted in April by Valley Tech for the sixth year, the team garnered a total of 27 medals. During the day-long intense presentation of their skills, Valley Tech students earned 15 gold medals, 12 silver, and 5 bronze.

A showcase of career and technical education for students, the 49th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference took place in Kansas City June 24-28, 2013, where a 15-member team from Valley Tech joined a strong Massachusetts contingent. Valley Tech students brought home 4 national gold medals, and 1 bronze, besting their peers in Welding, Urban Search & Rescue, Technical Drafting, and Plumbing, and coming in 3rd in Commercial Baking. Medalists included senior Andrew Desjardin of Uxbridge (Welding), junior Robert Silberberg of Mendon and sophomore Dillon Arnold of Northbridge (Urban Search & Rescue), junior Jake

Rivard of Northbridge (Technical Drafting), junior Anthony Collari of Upton (Plumbing), and senior Anthony Young of Milford (Commercial Baking).

In a testament to the effectiveness of the state's vocational technical system, Team Massachusetts returned from this national competition with the second-highest medal count in the nation, second only to the state of Florida, and the highest percentage (71%) of top-ten finishers in the high school division. Clearly, we are doing something right!

Learn & Live Well

Our Students Embrace Healthy Living Choices

Students from every corner of the school participated in some capacity throughout the year in a variety of health related initiatives, demonstrating the desire to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Culinary students competed in the Rhody Fresh Butterkase Cheese Bowl, creating their own healthy, cheese-based recipes for a chance to be named Top Chef. First place winners were seniors Mary Antanavica of Upton and Andrew Turbesi of Millville for their Blackberry Fennel Pizza. This event was sponsored by Rhody Fresh, the Rhode Island Dairy Farms Cooperative, and the New England Dairy Promotion Board (NEDPB) and was judged by a team of notable experts that included New England Patriots Executive Chef Brad Ozerdem, Johnson & Wales University Culinary Department Chair Chef Bill Idell, and Henry's Farm To Table Restaurant Executive Chef Michele Stone.

Health Services and Culinary students, along with visiting students from Milford's Woodland Elementary School, participated in a first-ever teleconference directly with the White House. Communicating on-screen, students were given an opportunity to discuss healthy food choices and ask questions of Sam Kass, White House Senior Policy Advisor on Nutrition, who works with First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to inspire a healthier generation and ensure kids have the opportunity for long, healthy lives.

The competition center was transformed into a Health & Wellness Fair where numerous booths offered resources and demonstrations on the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. The Health & Wellness Fair provided information on safe driving habits (distracted driving), healthy snack choices, the importance of hydration and healthy beverage choices, oral hygiene, stress reduction, bullying and diversity, concussions, healthy immune systems, and healthy relationships.

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis brought an innovative and effective substance abuse prevention program to the students. With over 1,200 in attendance, the sheriff's Face2Face program used video clips and before and after photos of students to demonstrate the potential long term impact of drug and alcohol abuse on a person's appearance and health. This powerful message was well-received by the entire student body.

Athletics

Football

Under the tutelage of head coach Jim Archibald and defensive coordinator Matt Blood, the 2012 varsity football team proved its all-star champion status by winning the Central Mass Division VI Super Bowl. Valley Tech defeated Bay Path with a final score of 6 to 0 to close out its 12-1 season. Multi-talented quarterback Dan Avery of Milford helped advance the team to the playoff with his remarkable accuracy and tenacity. Making his two biggest plays in a Valley Tech uniform was Shawn Wilkins of Uxbridge with spectacular interceptions that turned the tide for the team.

Girls' Basketball

Second-year coach Britt Kahler emphasized the varsity girls' basketball team's main strength - toughness. The team had a tightly-knit blend of sophomores, juniors and seniors, led by co-captains Kelly Ney of Milford, Meghan Ferschke of Uxbridge, and Kaitlin Hannan of Blackstone. Junior Ashley Thompson of Bellingham emerged as one of the best players in all of central Mass. Her dominance helped pace Valley Tech for a season few teams in the state were able to match. Over the team's career, it has improved every year, from 13-9 in 2011, to 17-6 in

2012, and 18-2 in 2013, with a second straight appearance in the Central Mass Division 3 district semifinals and two regular season league championships.

Ice Hockey

Varsity coach Brian Lehtinen led the Grafton-Valley Tech cooperative hockey team all the way to the Division 3A State Championship finals, ending the season as Coughlin Conference Champions with a valiant 18-5-1 effort. Captains Michael Moran of Milford, Cory Hetu of Sutton, and their teammates had a tremendous run to the tournament and gave an all-out effort throughout the entire season.

Baseball

In three years at the helm of the varsity baseball team, head coach Anthony Leonelli has delivered two Colonial Athletic League championships, leading the team to a perfect 14-0 regular season record this year. Seniors and three-year starters Dan Avery and Chris Kowalik of Milford and Cam Fiorentino of Uxbridge were major contributors to the team's success, which centered around building depth and being aggressive on the mound, at the plate, and on the base paths.

Softball

Valley Tech's varsity softball team won the school's first state vocational softball championship in a win over Worcester Tech in May. Under the direction of Coach Denise Medaglia, all-star shortstop Bella Picard of Upton and winning pitcher Alycia Wagner of Uxbridge led the team to a victorious reign over the season. Bella, who had the nation's best batting average at .904 in her junior year, continued to demonstrate her stellar athletic ability and dominate the field and Alycia eclipsed the 400 strike-outs mark. The team had a phenomenal 12-2 stretch to win the Central Mass Division 3 quarterfinal round and claim additional awards for the trophy display in the school's main lobby.

Golf

Valley Tech successfully appealed an MIAA decision to move the golf program from Division 3 to Division 2. Although our total student enrollment prompted the step up, school officials

argued that student participation levels and other factors warranted maintaining the program at Division 3.

We're Breaking Records ...

Cross Country (8-4)

Fall Cheerleading - CAL and Central District 2 Champions

Field Hockey (7-9)

Football (12-1) Div. VI Super Bowl Champions

Golf (7-9)

Boys Soccer (15-2-1) CAL Conference Champions

Girls Soccer (10-3-3) CAL Conference Champions

Boys Volleyball (2-14)

Girls Volleyball (16-4) CAL Conference Champions

Boys Basketball (13-7)

Girls Basketball (18-2) CAL Conference Champions

Ice Hockey (18-5-1) Coughlin Conference Champions

Baseball (16-4) CAL Conference Champions

Softball (15-3) State Vocational Champions

Lacrosse (12-4) State Vocational Finalists

Track & Field (6-2)

Winter Cheerleading – CAL and Central District 2 Champions

Shaping Policy

Influencing Federal and State Policy, Regulations, and Legislation

As the District's influence has spread, your vocational technical experts have had a hand in shaping federal and state educational policy. On the national front, Superintendent-Director Fitzpatrick was selected to serve on the Executive Committee of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), where his input impacted federal Carl D. Perkins Act funding and helped to shape the organization's position on school safety. Closer to home, the superintendent lobbied successfully for the repeal of Outside Section 89 of the FY2013 State Budget. This legislation would have shifted the burden of out-of-district vocational school tuition

from municipalities to their regional vocational technical partners, potentially resulting in increased tuition costs for our member towns. The superintendent also served on the state's Commission on Regionalization & Collaboration, and the CVTE Task Force, charged with making recommendations to improve relations between career technical systems and their sending schools. He continues to advocate for quality education via roles with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA), and the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS).

Appealing to State Representative John Fernandes of Milford, who successfully filed legislation to address the issue, Valley Tech lobbied for a change in state unemployment claim policy. While state law allows teachers who do not have reasonable assurance of returning to work in the fall to collect unemployment assistance during the summer months, they now will lose eligibility for such benefits as soon as they have been extended an offer of comparable employment. In the past, school districts and municipalities were subject to continuing unemployment costs when laid-off teachers delayed notifying the Department of Unemployment Assistance of subsequent employment until actually returning to work in the fall. This change has the potential to reduce Unemployment Insurance costs for school districts and towns across the Commonwealth.

Global Connections

Valley Tech Hosts Guests from Around the Globe

We encourage visitors at Valley Tech and continue to reach out, not just locally, but globally, to maintain and strengthen the school's standing as a model system for innovative educational programs and as a test site for incorporating the latest new technologies to support the workforce of the future. Over the year, Valley Tech hosted groups from the United States and abroad who expressed interest in learning more about the school's integrated approach to academic and vocational instruction as well as its innovative design for revitalizing an older structure with high performance, energy-savings measures.

US Connections

A group from Metro Technology Centers in Oklahoma was interested in discerning how the school transformed the structure of its building, incorporating old with the new while maintaining integrity throughout. The visiting team sought the superintendent's perspective on the changes made to the campus, especially in the area of energy conservation, and the school's career and technical education programs.

A group from Wisconsin, which included 20 state representatives, senators, superintendents, teachers, and leaders from business and industry, toured the school in December. The group's objective was to obtain a first-hand look at the Massachusetts model of high school vocational technical education.

Global Reach

Two academic groups from Asia visited Valley Tech in January. Several Chinese students from Beijing visited as part of a two-day immersion program to experience "a day in the life" of a vocational technical student in the United States. Valley Tech students from Mendon, Tyler and Zachary Leung and Samantha and Jennifer Morin, accompanied the students for an entire day in order for them to understand the daily activities in a vocational and academic high school. Another group of ten community and junior college administrators from Japan visited to learn about the school's vocational technical instruction at the secondary level as many of their programs replicate a similar curriculum. These visitors reported that they were impressed by the maturity level of the Valley Tech students and how the school provides vocational trade education starting in ninth grade.

Return on Investment

Fiscal Austerity a Priority

The District's operating budget for FY13 was developed to ensure career and technical success as well as academic rigor. As a "Race To The Top" school, Valley Tech continues efforts to procure the necessary resources required to meet the new Common Core Standards. This ongoing initiative is being accomplished over several fiscal years in an effort to be responsive to the financial challenges faced by of our 13 member towns. Maintaining stakeholder confidence

through solid educational practices and related fiscal austerity continues to be Valley Tech's priority. To that end, the total budget was held to a modest 2.77% increase.

The District's FY13 operating budget of \$19,862,213 was funded primarily by State Aid and Member Assessments as indicated in the historical budget data below. In recent years, many of our member towns have experienced increases in state-mandated minimum contributions. Valley Tech is committed to identifying an appropriate mix of cost savings, additional revenue sources, and the use of its unreserved fund balance to help mitigate those increases.

The District continues to explore staffing efficiencies, student work project endeavors, competitive procurement practices, and other green school initiatives that will generate realized savings to replenish the District's unreserved fund balance while providing valued services to our member communities. In FY13, these efforts resulted in direct member credits of \$250,759.

Student work projects, which afford real world application of skills acquired in the vocational technical programs, realized \$580,000 worth of savings during the 2012-2013 school year. A total of 880 projects were undertaken, including 242 completed in-house, for the benefit of local citizens, civic organizations, municipalities, and the school district.

| BUDGETED REVENUE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue Category | FY11 | % Incr | FY12 | % Incr | FY13 | % Incr |
| Member Town Assessments: | | | | | | |
| Minimum Contribution | 8,592,069 | 5.01% | 8,881,138 | 3.36% | 9,269,607 | 4.37% |
| *Non Net School Spending Items | 1,422,458 | | 1,405,543 | | 1,457,476 | |
| Member Credits | (307,946) | | (213,000) | | (250,759) | |
| Debt Service | 658,232 | | 639,394 | | 625,220 | |
| Total Member Assessments | 10,364,813 | 2.99% | 10,713,075 | 3.36% | 11,101,544 | 3.63% |
| State Aid: | | | | | | |
| Chapter 70 - Regional Aid | 7,631,018 | | 7,614,352 | | 7,790,890 | |
| Transportation Reimbursement | 586,914 | | 577,094 | | 625,279 | |
| Total State Aid | 8,217,932 | | 8,191,446 | | 8,416,169 | |
| Other Revenue Sources: | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 130,000 | | 122,761 | | 94,500 | |
| Unreserved Fund Balance | 236,500 | | 300,000 | | 250,000 | |
| Total Other Revenues | 366,500 | | 422,761 | | 344,500 | |
| GRAND TOTALS | 18,949,245 | 2.68% | 19,327,282 | 1.99% | 19,862,213 | 2.77% |
| *Non NSS Items Include: Transportation (over state aid), Capital Equipment & Retiree Medical | | | | | | |

Grants - Additional Funding to Support Our Mission

Valley Tech continues to aggressively pursue any non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations to support enhanced learning, programs, and services for students. Federal and state entitlement grant funding, coupled with MSBA funding for our new science labs and large and small competitive grant acquisitions, provided valuable additional resources to help us prepare students for today's high-demand, high-skill, and high-paying jobs.

In FY2013, the District received nearly \$100,000 in a Massachusetts Life Sciences Center grant for robot arms and CNC lathes, which will be used by students in three target career-tech areas, Drafting and Engineering Technology, Electronics and Engineering Technology, and Manufacturing and Engineering Technology. This equipment will familiarize our students with the equipment they will find when they walk onto the job in any of the many precision bio-manufacturing companies in Central Massachusetts.

The school was also one of 25 across the Commonwealth to receive State House Vocational Equipment Grants. This \$25,000 grant will support our Dental Assisting program with the

purchase of new rear delivery dental work stations which will allow more students to observe dental procedures and help better prepare them for success in dental office or other health related workplace environments.

We acknowledge and appreciate a variety of corporate and private donations to bolster student participation in regional and national robotics competitions. This year, students were able to compete in both FIRST Robotics and VEX Robotics competitions, gaining valuable real world engineering experience and honing teamwork and critical thinking skills in contests in NH, CT, and MA.

The District also receives substantial donations in the form of cash, tools, raw materials, and technology; including an annual gift from a local charitable golf tournament, which was designated this year to add a heavy equipment operator component to the curriculum of the Construction Technology program.

| FY13 Grant Listing | | | |
|---|----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Fed - Title 1 | \$ 79,850.00 | MA Life Sciences - Robot Arms & CNC Lathes | \$ 99,984.00 |
| Fed - Title II A | \$ 20,170.00 | A&F (Gov) Voc Equip - Dental Assisting | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Fed - Title I Carryover | \$ 6,948.00 | Blissful Meadows - Carpentry Program | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Fed - SpEd 240 | \$ 279,427.00 | Waters Corp - FIRST Robotics | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Fed - SpEd Program Improvement | \$ 8,459.00 | MA Dental Society - Project SMILE | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Fed - Race to the Top | \$ 16,283.00 | KenMark - MASBO | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Fed - Perkins | \$ 166,765.00 | National Robotics Competition | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Fed - Perkins Post-Secondary (LPN Program) | \$ 1,023.00 | Merrill Lynch - Murray Project | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Federal Entitlement Grants Subtotal: | \$ 578,925.00 | VTEF - Aviation Club | \$ 1,000.00 |
| State - Academic Support | \$ 720.00 | VTEF - Watch Your Mouth | \$ 1,000.00 |
| State - MSBA Science Lab Initiative | \$ 443,678.00 | BVCCEF - VEX Robotics | \$ 7,000.00 |
| State Entitlement Grants Subtotal: | \$ 444,398.00 | Competitive Grants Subtotal: | \$ 165,984.00 |
| | | FY13 Grant Total: | \$ 1,189,307.00 |

Class of 2013: Blackstone Residents

The graduating Class of 2013 included the following students from Blackstone (National Honor Society members are indicated by NHS and National Technical Honor Society are indicated by NTHS): Jenna L. Archambault, Business Technology (NHS, NTHS); Cody J. Baker-Fisher, HVAC/R; Ilyana A. Bibeault, Construction Technology; Joanna O. Broderick, Cosmetology; Christopher S. Crochiere, Plumbing; James N. A. Donovan, Automotive Collision Repair;

Kaitlin A. Hannan, Construction Technology; Robert E. Holmes, Jr., Electrical (NTHS); Kyle E. Jorge-HVAC/R; Tyler F. Marchand, Construction Technology; Jake R. Nolan, Culinary Arts; Hayley P. Paterson, Graphic Communications; Kurtis A. Paterson, Plumbing; Victoria N. Robidoux, Cosmetology; Michael G. Spratt, Jr., Plumbing; Samantha V. Tancrell, Health Services; Brendan T. Vieira, Construction Technology; David W. Villandry, Electrical (NHS, NTHS).

Our School Committee ...

Valley Tech's School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy.

Chairman - Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham

Vice Chairman - Gerald M. Finn of Millville

Assistant Treasurer – Paul M. Yanovitch of Hopedale

Williams J. Pontes of Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III of Douglas

Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton

Michael D. Peterson of Mendon

Arthur E. Morin, Jr. of Milford

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury

Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge

Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Sutton

Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr. of Upton

James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

District Treasurer – Barbara Auger

Secretary – Diana Pedersen

50 Years of Quality Vocational & Academic Success

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was established in 1964. The first graduating class in 1970 consisted of 102 eager candidates who received technical training in eight trade areas: auto body, auto mechanics, carpentry, drafting, electronics, machine shop, metal fabrication, and plant maintenance. By 1975, the choice of vocational technical study areas had been expanded to include culinary arts, electrical, graphic arts, air conditioning and refrigeration, painting and decorating, and plumbing. The 1978 graduating class consisted of 175 students, including the first females. Since then, health services, business technology, cosmetology, dental assisting, information technology, and a post-secondary practical nursing program have been added to the system's program of studies, with total student enrollment reaching 1,153. Our programs have evolved in response to the needs of business and industry, ensuring that our graduates have the skills, credentials, and technical knowledge to keep Massachusetts and our nation in the forefront of innovation and global competitiveness.

2014 will mark our 50th year. Stay tuned for details of the District's upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration! We hope you can join us!

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2013

Fiscal 2014 has been a very challenging year to date. Fiscal 2014 was a revaluation year with the Department of Revenue. During revaluation years, the Department of Revenue requires substantial support for methodology and more in-depth ratio studies on valuations and levels of assessment.

Blackstone has successfully completed the requirements for Revaluation with the Department of Revenue. The values for Fiscal 2014 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed January 1, 2014.

The Blackstone Board of Assessors' is composed of three members:

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis is continuing to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Assessors. She has served on the Board since July 2002.

Robert A. Gilbert is continuing to serve on the Board as Vice-Chairman and has been a member since his election in April 2005.

Carole Whiteley is continuing to serve on the Board of Assessors and has been a member since her election in 2007.

The entire Board of Assessors, the Assistant Assessor, Patricia Salamone, and the Assistant Administrative Assessor, Rachel Campopiano are all committed to serving the Town of Blackstone residents and hope to keep the residents informed of the assessing process. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors or the Assistants with any questions or concerns.

In 2008 the Board of Assessors voted to readjust the exemption amount for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under Mass General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C. They voted to increase the exemption from \$750 to \$1,000, the maximum allowed by law. This recommendation was placed on the agenda for the 2008 Blackstone Town Meeting and passed. Also, at the 2013 Town Meeting, the Gross Receipts and Whole Estate limit for eligibility for a Clause 41C application were voted to be increased. If you have any questions about this exemption, or any other exemptions, please contact our office.

Fiscal year 2014 began on July 1, 2013 and runs to June 30, 2014. Adjustments have been made to the assessments to reflect the changing market. These adjustments are based on the market value of property as of January 1, 2013. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2012 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, Marshall Swift Cost Publications, and on income and expense information received from commercial and industrial properties. The Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides detailed guidelines to assist assessors to plan and perform a revaluation year

adjustment program necessary to achieve full and fair cash value assessments, in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 and Chapter 58, Sections 1, 1A, and 3.

The residential values are reviewed “in house” while the commercial, industrial, and personal property valuations are sub-contracted to experts in the field. To insure that the information on file concerning sales from July 1, 2010 through June 30 2012 is accurate, the Assistant Assessor has inspected all of the sales. After the inspections, she reviews the information and makes corrections to the data bases that influence assessment levels. To determine the proper assessment, the Assessment to Sales Price Ratios are studied to insure they are within acceptable Department of Revenue standards. The Department of Revenue requires our department to do a number of stratification studies of the appropriate sales prior to any changes and adjustments to land values, cost factors, and depreciation tables. The changes made after these studies will bring the assessment of the general population of residences in line with the sales. The “actual” tax bills that were mailed on January 1, 2014 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2014 is 807,791,020. This reflects a negative .89% change from the previous year.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/10/2013. The meeting was advertised and opened to the public. The Assessors presented information on how a split tax rate would impact the Residential, Commercial, & Industrial properties and Personal Property. The Board of Selectmen voted on maintaining a single tax rate.

The Fiscal 2014 tax rate is \$18.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Abatement forms are accepted by the Board of Assessors up to 30 days from the billing date of the “actual” tax bill. Applications for abatement may be picked up at the Assessors’ Office during regularly scheduled office hours and they are also available on line. Our website address is www.townofblackstone.org.

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to inspect approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of all of the properties in the Town of Blackstone every year, thus inspecting 100% of the Town every four years. The inspectors will knock on your door and request both an exterior and an interior inspection of your home. If it is not convenient for the resident at that time for an interior inspection, a later appointment may be made, at the resident’s convenience. If the resident is not at home, a door hanger is left with instructions on how to schedule another appointment.

These property inspections will insure current and accurate data in our files. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to appraise every parcel of real estate in the community at its Market Value, resulting in an equitable ad valorem distribution of the tax burden. As a property owner in the town, your cooperation with these ongoing inspections will allow the Assessors Department to do our job with fairness and equity to all concerned.

Assessors' property record card information has been available on line for the past eight years and this is the seventh year that the Assessors' office has made the Assessors' Map Data available on line. Assessors' Maps and Property Assessment Data Information is available on the Town of Blackstone Website by clicking on the links located on the Assessors' page. The information currently available on line is updated annually. If you need more current information, you are invited to come into the Assessors' Office.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents of Blackstone for their cooperation during the inspection process. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment.

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman
Robert A. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman
Carole Whiteley, Member
Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor
Rachel Campopiano, Administrative Assistant Assessor

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2013 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2013 there were 268 building permits issued:

| | |
|--|----|
| New Single Family Homes | 16 |
| Additions/Garages | 09 |
| Roof | 43 |
| Remodel | 28 |
| Sheds | 11 |
| Porches/Decks | 21 |
| Vinyl Siding/Replacement Windows/Doors | 31 |
| Pools/ Spas | 11 |
| Demolition | 03 |
| Foundation | 19 |
| Repairs/Renovations | 23 |
| Pellet Stoves | 12 |
| Wood Stoves | 02 |
| Insulation | 09 |
| Fences | 09 |
| Signs | 02 |
| Solar Panels | 11 |
| Sheet Metal | 06 |
| Mechanical | 01 |
| Air Conditioning | 01 |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Estimated Cost of Construction | \$7,231,340.00 |
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Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Building Department | | \$ 55,477.79 |
| Fines | | \$ 650.00 |
| Plumbing/Gas Department | | \$ 13,046.00 |
| Electrical Department | | \$ 16,189.00 |
| Recycling Center | \$375,797.72 | |
| Less: Product Percentage Payments | (<u>21,825.38</u>) | \$ 353,972.34 |
| Board of Health | | <u>\$ 19,075.00</u> |

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|---|---------------|
| Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department | \$ 458,410.13 |
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I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector, Lawrence I. Ray, Electrical Inspector, Craig Casavant, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Assistant Plumbing Inspector and William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart S. LeClaire
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2013 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2013 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We received 215 Wiring Permit Applications, as follows

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| New Single Family Homes | 16 |
| Additions/Garages | 09 |
| Service Entrance | 21 |
| Water Heaters | 03 |
| Fire/Security Alarm | 20 |
| Swimming Pools | 12 |
| Boiler | 18 |
| Vinyl Siding | 17 |
| Service Panel | 21 |
| Septic Pump Units | 02 |
| Generators/AC | 04 |
| Meters | 06 |
| Oil Burner | 06 |
| Misc. Wiring/Renovations | 29 |
| Fixtures/Outlets | 12 |
| Appliance | 02 |
| Hot Tub | 03 |
| Solar panel | 10 |
| Investigations | 01 |
| General Repairs | 02 |
| Pump Stations | 01 |

We have found work being done in accordance with the Massachusetts State Electrical Code. Again, I want to remind residents that swimming pools and spas shall be wired by a licensed electrician.

We want to thank all departments for their help throughout the year, especially Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Stuart S. LeClaire, Building Commissioner, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector and William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer Craig Casavant, Assistant Electrical Inspector.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department \$ 16,189.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence I. Ray
Electrical Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

It has been almost a year since the election, it has been exciting, challenging and thoroughly enjoyable. We began the year learning the duties and responsibilities of being a Collector/Treasurer. Far and away the best part of the job is being able to spend time with the residents of our great town. We sincerely appreciate the welcome that we received by almost everyone we have had the opportunity to meet.

You may have noticed some changes in our practices and procedures. Many of these changes were instituted in order to provide the office with standardized processes, ensuring we maintain and control the receivables and expenditures of the town. Other changes were instituted to better serve you, these include: Computer generated receipt at time of visit, new bills that provide residents with additional information, new online payment system where you can pay with e-check or credit card. The new system includes a shopping cart feature, allowing you to pay several bills for one fee. We now have a direct link to the Registry of Motor Vehicles allowing us to check and clear you for renewal of licenses and vehicle registrations immediately.

We understand everyone is feeling the pressure of these tough economic times, with that being said you continue to make your payments in a timely manner and for that you deserve a big THANK YOU. I would like to publically thank the Assistant Treasurer, Catherine Muller for her exceptional help during my transition, without her knowledge the office would not be where it is today!! I would also like to thank everyone in the Town Hall for the warm welcome I received and the great working relationship we have already developed. Many residents have come to visit our office and all are welcome.

Very Respectfully,

Steven J. Perrault
Collector/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30, 2013

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS | \$900.00 |
| INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS | \$3,976,951.56 |
| TERM INVESTMENTS | \$5,209,447.94 |
| TRUST FUNDS | \$2,049,817.85 |
| TOTAL: Cash and Investments | \$11,237,117.35 |

**Town of Blackstone
Municipal Center
Salary Listing
Calendar Year 2013**

SELECTMEN

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----|----------|
| Dubois, Robert | Chairman Selectmen | \$ | 1,350.00 |
| Wozniak, John | Chairman Selectmen | \$ | 450.00 |
| Chamberland, Ryan | Vice Chairman Selectmen | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Bik, Margaret | Selectmen | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Haughey, Paul | Selectmen | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Catalano, Michael | Selectmen | \$ | 1,350.00 |
| Marchand, Joseph | Selectmen | \$ | 375.00 |

ADMINISTRATION

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----|------------|
| Keyes, Daniel | Town Administrator | \$ | 106,028.12 |
| Nadeau-Lemoine, Sandra | Administrative Assistant | \$ | 32,412.95 |
| Milliken, Kim | Selectmen/Admin Clerk | \$ | 12,881.53 |
| Stone, Frederick | Town Moderator | \$ | 150.00 |

ACCOUNTANT

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Hebert, Julie | Town Accountant | \$ | 52,547.25 |
| Englund, Maureen | Assistant Town Accountant | \$ | 30,765.57 |

ASSESSOR

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----|-----------|
| Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena | Assessors' | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Gilbert, Robert | Board of Assessor | \$ | 900.00 |
| Whiteley, Carole | Board of Assessor | \$ | 900.00 |
| Salamone, Patricia | Assistant Assessor | \$ | 49,199.05 |
| Campopiano, Rachel | Administrative Assistant | \$ | 36,561.71 |

COUNCIL ON AGING

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|----|-----------|
| Doiron, Jean | COA Director | \$ | 39,947.79 |
| Albright, Karen | COA Director | \$ | 4,796.35 |
| Leclair, Gail | Nutrition Manager | \$ | 27,272.56 |
| Pimenta, Dennis | Transportation Manager | \$ | 12,385.51 |
| Greenhalgh, Robert | Veteran's Agent | \$ | 5,148.15 |
| Keefe, Laurie | Outreach Worker | \$ | 8,758.63 |
| Bernardini, Eugene | Van Driver | \$ | 466.20 |
| Bouvier, Dennis | Van Driver | \$ | 8,561.09 |
| Cardinal, Therese | Van Driver | \$ | 7,505.05 |
| Ceolinski, David | Van Driver | \$ | 8,072.29 |
| Davidson, Nancy | Van Driver | \$ | 7,307.44 |
| Rainville, Alan | Van Driver | \$ | 5,304.10 |

COLLECTOR/TREASURER

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|----------------------|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Perrault, Steven | Collector/Treasurer | \$ | 34,331.95 |
| Warren, Diane | Collector/Treasurer | \$ | 12,765.14 |
| Muller, Catherine | Assistant Treasurer | \$ | 36,560.71 |
| L'Etalien, Stephanie | Assistant Treasurer | \$ | 5,535.16 |
| Mulholland, Marianne | Payroll Clerk | \$ | 12,932.47 |
| O'Neil, Kathryn | Assistant Collector | \$ | 1,902.50 |

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|----|-----------|
| Sullivan, James | Superintendent | \$ | 70,621.71 |
| Suprenant, Michael | Superintendent | \$ | 14,423.74 |
| Paterson, Kelly | Secretary | \$ | 30,464.10 |
| Sutherland, Amy | Secretary | \$ | 32,979.03 |
| Marchand, Thomas | Equipment Operator | \$ | 55,652.84 |
| Paterson, Donald | Mechanic | \$ | 54,908.84 |
| Varier, Robert | Lead man | \$ | 67,893.82 |
| Wildes, Arthur | Truck Driver | \$ | 38,409.28 |
| Devlin, Michael | Laborer | \$ | 31,964.19 |
| Faneuf, Randall | Laborer | \$ | 39,151.32 |
| Fournier, Dylan | Laborer | \$ | 8,664.13 |
| Mowry, Beau | Laborer | \$ | 31,173.93 |
| Robidoux, Adam | Laborer | \$ | 39,807.26 |
| Staples, Joshua | Laborer | \$ | 3,415.17 |
| Valastro, Paul-Michael | Laborer | \$ | 40,810.83 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----|-----------|
| Sweeney, Michael | Fire Chief | \$ | 78,348.37 |
| Marcoux, Michael | Deputy Chief | \$ | 74,732.21 |
| Cotnoir, Kenneth | Lieutenant | \$ | 76,374.25 |
| Frade, Paul | Lieutenant | \$ | 81,486.79 |
| Iannetti, Anthony | Lieutenant | \$ | 71,513.67 |
| Sevigny, Joey | Lieutenant | \$ | 74,932.56 |
| Johnson, Ramsey | Firefighter | \$ | 73,271.41 |
| Kwatcher, Brad | Firefighter | \$ | 5,674.94 |
| Marshall, Christine | Firefighter | \$ | 47,741.74 |
| Roy, Kevin | Firefighter | \$ | 65,697.93 |
| Beaulieu, Gregory | Call Firefighter | \$ | 868.00 |
| Beaulieu, Kaitlin | Call Firefighter | \$ | 798.00 |
| Blake, Samuel | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,830.00 |
| Bourget, David | Call Firefighter | \$ | 266.00 |
| Campbell, Michael | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,988.00 |
| Cotnoir, Dennis | Call Firefighter | \$ | 105.00 |
| Cunningham, James | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,652.00 |
| Dunayeski, Thomas | Call Firefighter | \$ | 957.00 |
| Frappier, Robert | Call Firefighter | \$ | 252.00 |
| Gignac, Dennis | Call Firefighter | \$ | 435.00 |
| Jolicoeur, Stephen | Call Firefighter | \$ | 378.00 |
| Lanctot, Christopher | Call Firefighter | \$ | 42.00 |
| Rainville, Daniel | Call Firefighter | \$ | 9,084.35 |
| Rainville, Edward | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,064.00 |
| Rainville, Lucien | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,290.00 |
| Sweeney, Michael | Call Firefighter | \$ | 1,456.00 |

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

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|--------------------|------------------------|----|-----------|
| Walsh, William | Code Enforcement | \$ | 64,489.09 |
| Strapponi, Colleen | Secretary | \$ | 41,627.06 |
| Casavant, Craig | Electrical Inspector | \$ | 900.00 |
| Larue, Lisa | Conservation Comm Sec | \$ | 3,691.70 |
| Paige, James | Plumbing/Gas Inspector | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Pontes, William | Blk Valley Voc Board | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Ray, Lawrence | Wiring Inspector | \$ | 6,866.85 |
| Ryan, Peter | Board of Health | \$ | 900.00 |
| Vater, Earl | Building Inspector | \$ | 11,250.00 |
| Weber, Lawrence | Tree Warden | \$ | 2,500.00 |

LIBRARY

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|---------------------|---|----|-----------|
| Cheever, Lisa | Library Director | \$ | 52,374.89 |
| Collier, Tressy | Children's Librarian / Assistant Library Director | \$ | 31,880.00 |
| Ansell, Donna | Senior Library Technician / Head of Circulation | \$ | 31,623.07 |
| Binette, Denise | Library Aide | \$ | 2,001.34 |
| Buehler, Dianne | Library Aide | \$ | 5,337.58 |
| Foster, Donna | Library Aide | \$ | 5,732.30 |
| Goudreau, Ellen | Library Aide | \$ | 7,610.43 |
| Herbert, Olivia | Library Aide | \$ | 6,161.54 |
| Marino-Page, Cheryl | Library Aide | \$ | 2,349.76 |
| Miller, Karen | Substitute Library Aide | \$ | 1,691.89 |
| Narducci, Michelle | Library Aide | \$ | 1,676.64 |
| Robeau, Shiela | Library Aide | \$ | 6,257.26 |
| Thompson, Tracy | Library Aide | \$ | 297.50 |
| Marvelle, Russell | Substitute Custodian | \$ | 724.00 |
| Marvelle, Roger | Custodian | \$ | 25,063.27 |
| Beaulieu, Paul | Substitute Custodian | \$ | 274.89 |

PARADE COMMITTEE

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| Villamaire, Michelle | Secretary | \$ | 1,652.40 |
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PARKS AND RECREATION

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| Bissonnette, Debra | Secretary | \$ | 391.68 |
| Barrett, Dylan | Parks Helper | \$ | 4,032.00 |
| Ernest, John | Parks Helper | \$ | 4,977.50 |
| Laren, Shawn | Parks Helper | \$ | 88.00 |
| Shonon, Christopher | Parks Helper | \$ | 5,285.50 |
| St Amant, Zachary | Parks Helper | \$ | 3,530.00 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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|------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------|
| Atstupenas, Ross | Police Chief | \$ | 87,591.13 |
| Gilmore, Gregory | Lieutenant | \$ | 71,983.93 |
| Ryan, Richard | Sergeant | \$ | 81,136.85 |
| Mowry, Wayne | Detective | \$ | 47,847.74 |
| Blanchette, David | Police Officer | \$ | 61,674.03 |
| Brodeur, Shawn | Police Officer | \$ | 64,070.84 |
| Daigle, Patrick | Police Officer | \$ | 56,951.83 |
| Dion, Scott | Police Officer | \$ | 76,599.46 |
| Giardino, Daniel | Police Officer | \$ | 70,244.46 |
| Haynes, Gregory | Police Officer | \$ | 66,018.20 |
| Hurwitz, Maxwell | Police Officer | \$ | 86,220.87 |
| Loether, Travis | Police Officer | \$ | 65,749.46 |
| Luis, Kevin | Police Officer | \$ | 76,697.55 |
| Lungarini, Anthony | Police Officer | \$ | 68,767.33 |
| Mantoni, Matthew | Police Officer | \$ | 82,748.56 |
| Metz, Craig | Police Officer | \$ | 66,204.98 |
| Niemczyk, Joseph | Police Officer | \$ | 63,271.50 |
| Sullivan, Kevin | Animal Control | \$ | 18,268.55 |
| Ball-Coulbourn, Ilanna | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 1,828.32 |
| Dugas, Albert | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 51,650.12 |
| Foster, Shawn | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 1,323.80 |
| Gibbons, Kyle | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 20,161.93 |
| Farrington, Sandra | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 47,058.04 |
| Ladouceur, Brian | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 11,819.15 |
| Marois, Derek | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 4,707.34 |
| Weber, Bettina | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 40,504.41 |
| Wolschon, Nicholas | Police Dispatcher | \$ | 2,918.28 |
| Coupe William | Police Detail | \$ | 1,428.00 |
| Dunlavey, Philip | Police Detail | \$ | 328.00 |
| Gould, Scott | Police Detail | \$ | 336.00 |
| Grady, Dennis | Police Detail | \$ | 336.00 |
| Landry, Criag | Police Detail | \$ | 399.00 |
| Michniewicz, Thomas | Police Detail | \$ | 1,168.00 |
| Minichiello, Frank | Police Detail | \$ | 735.00 |
| Pickering, Lance | Police Detail | \$ | 3,867.00 |
| Sousa, Mario | Police Detail | \$ | 656.00 |
| Tappan, Gregory | Police Detail | \$ | 1,727.00 |

RECYCLE CENTER

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|------------------|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Rego, Marco | Foreman | \$ | 41,218.99 |
| Aharonian, Koren | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 4,605.94 |
| Beach, James | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 34,450.48 |
| Blanchette, Ryan | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 1,177.60 |
| Crochiere, John | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 3,983.66 |
| Lomberto, Kevin | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 35,466.97 |
| Ryan, Kevin | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 18,987.76 |
| Schofield, Mary | Recycling Attendant | \$ | 9,871.71 |

TOWN CLERK

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|---------------------|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Dolinski, Claudette | Town Clerk | \$ | 49,457.92 |
| Bik, Donna | Asst Town Clerk | \$ | 30,919.12 |
| Boucher, Barbara | Seasonal Clerk | \$ | 3,220.95 |
| Picard, Julie | Office Assistant | \$ | 4,670.66 |
| Doyle, Daniel | Board of Registrars | \$ | 187.50 |
| Greenwald, Marc | Board of Registrars | \$ | 200.00 |
| Jalbert, Heidi | Board of Registrars | \$ | 62.50 |
| Mercier, Suzanne | Board of Registrars | \$ | 200.00 |

TOTAL \$ 3,782,922.24

Blackstone 2013 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is a department of the Town of Blackstone. It is permitted under Ch.40, s.8B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. In Blackstone, the COA is the only public social service agency. The COA has a seven member advisory board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The COA board meets in the Town Hall at 15 St. Paul Street on the first Friday of the month at 9:30am. The COA board helps set goals, objectives and offers complementary support/advocacy to help implement and promote the COA's mission. The responsibilities of the COA board members are to identify the needs of Blackstone's elders, to develop programs and services to meet those needs. In addition, the COA board promotes and helps educate the community on elder issues and to advocate on behalf of elders.

The director is responsible for program operations. There are approximately 1,614 elderly (60 years and older) in our community and all are encouraged to participate and avail themselves of services available. It is the mission of the Council on Aging to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing activities and services to allow the elder to remain independent and keep the quality of life for them at home for as long as possible.

The Senior Center is the visible point of access and outreach for older people in our community. The Senior Center provides a tangible reminder that the public system cares and that services are available when the elder needs them. The Senior Center is a place seniors can go to remedy problems of isolation, to renew old acquaintances or make new ones and to become involved in the community.

STAFF

The staff consists of a full time Director, (Jean Doiron), Outreach Coordinator, (Laurie Keefe), Nutrition/Fitness Site Manager, (Gail LeClair), and part-time Transportation Coordinator, (Dennis Pimenta) and six per diem van drivers funded by the Town of Blackstone and through state and federal programs.

SUPPORT SERVICES / OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The most bewildering problem of the elderly continues to be health insurance, and the escalating costs, how to pay for them and how to decipher the bills received. Other programs and application assistance that the outreach coordinator helps with are Mass Health, health connector, QII, SLMB, QMB, limited income subsidy, prescription advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance, safe link wireless phones, 911 phone, housing, linkup/lifeline discount program. The senior center has an in-house certified SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of the Elders) counselor through the state of Massachusetts. We also link the seniors with other agencies who provide assistance. The outreach coordinator works closely with Tri-Valley, Inc. to coordinate services for home maker/personal care, caregiver programs, meals on wheels, financial management and elder at risk referrals. Home visits are made and needs assessments are formulated as staff work to help the elder remain in their own homes. The outreach coordinator also serves as a liaison between the police, fire and EMT's and the senior center.

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TRANSPORTATION

The Blackstone Van Transportation Service provides trips for medical and non-medical appointments according to a scheduled dial-a-ride, first come/first serve, curb-to-curb program. The current services operates from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

This program is provided to Blackstone elders 60 years and older with no other means of transportation and to certified disabled residents. In many cases this is the only means of transportation for the home-bound resident in our community to go to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store, hairdresser, library, and be able to attend activities at the Senior Center. Other transportation services are provided for residents to go to the polls to vote, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, nursing homes, and town meetings.

Mass DOT has mandated that all drivers under the Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) receive proper training; therefore, training courses are required. Our drivers are certified in the following required training courses: coaching the van driver/defensive driving, wheelchair lift & securement and safe transportation of the public under the ADA or passenger sensitivity training. All employees are also CPR certified through the training of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the COA has six volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers use the town car or their personal car to drive elders to their long distance medical appointments. The recorded statistics show that the six volunteer drivers have donated a total of 230 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation service. The 230 volunteer hours saved the Town of Blackstone from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 approximately a total of \$2,645.00.

VEHICLES

The Town currently has three vehicles for the COA. One is a 2012 Ford Eldorado 14 passenger wheelchair lift bus generously donated by International Power to the Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging, Inc.; the second is a 4 passenger 2011 Ford Escape purchased in June 2011 by the Town, and a 2009 Ford 12 Passenger wheelchair lift van purchased in 2010 through the Mass DOT Grant.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Lunch is served five days a week. The Nutrition Site Manager is responsible for the daily oversight and operation of the Senior Center dining. The manager works with vendors and other outside food providers to develop weekly programs that will attract elders, their caregivers, neighbors and friends to the Senior Center. The Senior Center encourages volunteers to assist the site manager.

NEWSLETTER “A River Runs Through It”

300 copies printed monthly. Also a copy of the newsletter is available on-line at:
www.townofblackstone.org

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RECREATION/SOCIAL EVENTS

Our seniors participated in a variety of programs such as: bingo, cards, pitch, bridge, knit & crochet, water color painting, tai chi, chair yoga, Zumba gold, arthritis exercise, strength training, arts & crafts, cricut classes, birthday parties, cookouts, annual volunteer recognition luncheon, Newport train luncheon, Farmers market coupons, dinners, shopping trips, Wii bowling, Memorial Day parade participation, Odyssey boat cruise, super bowl party, hat show, spa day, meet the staff with a free luncheon at Fox Brook and Early Village, tribute to seniors picnic sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, COA Christmas party at Village Haven, Yankee swap and more.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our seniors participated in community education programs such as: Alzheimer and arthritis, TRIAD through Worcester County Sheriff's Office, elder law programs, estate planning with Dean Bank, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Fallon health updates, SHINE Medicare presentation and more. Blood pressure clinics, free hearing exams through Mass audiology, osteoporosis education class through the VNA, shingles vaccine shot, medication management presentation with Mass College of Pharmacy, tax aide assistance through AARP, apple pie dessert social with Rep. Kevin Kuros.

FILE OF LIFE

With the assistance of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, through the TRIAD department we continue distributing the "File of Life" cards. These cards are donated by the WCSO. Medical information is written on a card and placed in a red magnetized folder on the refrigerator. In case of an emergency, medical personnel can obtain needed information quickly. We also have a wallet size card. The senior center also participates in the house numbering sign program, free 911 cell phones, senior safety/scam presentation and the annual senior picnic.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

The seniors participated in a holiday concert with the AFM Elementary School 5th grade chorus and the Hartnett Middle School chorus. They also had the opportunity to attend a concert at the elementary school. Through the Blackstone Valley Technical School the seniors participated with the nursing programs health assessment day; the culinary students held a cooking demonstration; and the dental students held a presentation at the center.

We have a lending library with books and current magazines and puzzles, which can be borrowed. We also have numerous videos which can be borrowed.

GRANT

The Council on Aging receives an annual grant award from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The grant is to be used for select items/options allowed per the contract such as: printing of the monthly newsletter, salaries for drivers and instructors, supplies and volunteer recognition luncheon.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 85 volunteers contributed over 6,566 hours to the Senior Center this past year. Volunteers assist in the office, answer phones, assemble the monthly newsletter and teach various classes.

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They provide meals on wheels lunches, serve as board members, drive seniors to medical appointments, assist with grocery shopping, provide computer training, prepare monthly birthday cards, teach arts & crafts, assist in the kitchen, call bingo, coordinate trips, assist with health care options, knit baby blankets, help with yard sales, assist with fundraising and participate in programs that help seniors, etc.

We are grateful to all our volunteers who give their time and talents to keep programs running and the support given to the staff.

FRIENDS OF THE BLACKSTONE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

We are most appreciative to the “Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging” who have provided support and inspiration over the past seven years. They have enabled us to obtain needed equipment, new kitchen items and many other items to better serve our elderly in Blackstone. The Friends Group hosts special occasion programs to raise funds for the Senior Center such as: corned beef and cabbage dinner, Veterans Day turkey dinner, pancake breakfast, raffles, evening bingos, Glamour Shot senior pictures, supports trips and the annual yard sale. Baby afghans are made by volunteers and sold through the Friends Group to donate back to the infants at the hospitals.

The Council on Aging wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Finance Committee, Fire and Police, Board of Health, Assessors Office, Accountants Office, Town Clerk, Library, other Town officials and the Friends Group for their continued support and dedication each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Doiron, Director
Blackstone Council on Aging



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

15 SAINT PAUL STREET
BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS 01504
PHONE: (508) 883-1030 / FAX: (508) 883-7923

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2013 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2013 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with eight full time firefighter/paramedics, a full time fire chief and eighteen call firefighters. There are three fire stations located in town. The main station is at 15 Saint Paul Street which is staffed full time with two firefighter/paramedics around the clock. The two members work a twenty-four hour rotating shift and average 42 hours per week. Station two is at 666 Rathbun Street and station three is at 134 Elm Street and both are unmanned stations. The department has four front line pumpers, a ladder truck, three off road military tankers for brush fires and a paramedic level ambulance. The two full time members on duty handle all fire and emergency medical calls and all daily activities. They are complemented by the call department when needed. Please visit the fire departments web site for more information.

The annual toys for tots program was once again a huge success and we were able to meet the Christmas needs of eight families and a total of nineteen children. The Blackstone Fire Department would like to thank all the town businesses and residents who donated gifts and money to our worthy cause. Without your help this event would not take place. I would personally like to thank International Power and the staff at Dean Bank and Uni-Bank for setting up the giving trees in their establishments. I would especially like to thank Stephanie Anderson and her team of students at the Blackstone Millville Regional High School. Without their efforts and great shopping skills this event would be impossible.

Fire prevention and education programs were taught in our schools once again due to the generosity of our town businesses. The Blackstone Fire Department endorses the S.A.F.E. program (student awareness of fire education), which is held in April and the Fire Fighter Phil program for all the J.F.K and A.F.M students, which is held in October. I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses for their continued support of these programs.

S M O K E D E T E C T O R S S A V E L I V E S

The department applied for and has received the following grants and equipment totaling \$24,378.00 in 2013. Grant funds are extremely competitive and I feel fortunate to have received this money. It will go a long way to keep our programs going.

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| Fred Tiberio trust fund | \$2000.00 |
| S.A.F.E. Grant | \$4,625.00 |
| E.M.P.G. Grant | \$2,350.00 |
| Forestry Grant | \$1,423.00 |
| Central Mass Homeland Security | \$13,980.00 Trailers and Generators |

The department took in \$4,870.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting and storage tanks.

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2013 were \$289,855.19. This money is used to fund the ambulance budget, offset the general budget, the purchase of a new ambulance and for the purchase of any equipment that is needed for the ambulance.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2013

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

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| Total calls.....893 | Landmark Medical Center.....304 |
| Transports.....674 | Milford Regional.....317 |
| No Service.....31 | Fatima.....10 |
| Refusals.....121 | Rhode Island Trauma.....15 |
| Fire Assist Calls.....7 | Hasbro Children's.....10 |
| Cancelled15 | Providence Veterans.....2 |
| Treat/No Transport.....3 | Roger Williams.....4 |
| Assistance.....41 | Woman & Infants.....1 |
| False Calls.....1 | Miriam.....11 |

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2013

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| Rescue.....893 |
| Building Fire.....19 |
| Appliance Fire.....6 |
| Brush Fire.....9 |
| Outside Fire.....23 |
| Vehicle Fire.....3 |
| Fire Alarms.....111 |
| Investigations.....44 |
| Accidents.....53 |
| Gas Leaks.....24 |
| Co Calls.....30 |
| Rescue Assists.....135 |
| Mutual Aid Fire Received.....5 |
| Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....48 |
| Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....89 |

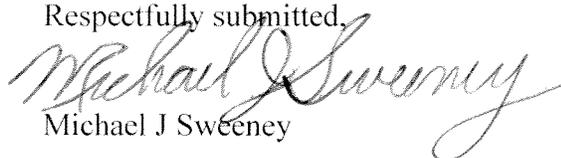
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....107
Service Calls.....32
Drills.....11
Meetings.....33
Burning Permits.....432
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....197

Every year the annual salaries are posted in the town report. On a number of occasions I have been questioned by residents regarding firefighter’s income levels. It should be noted that the salaries posted are total gross salaries which include base pay, stipends, details, holiday pay and all overtime worked. The average annual base salary for the full time firefighters is about \$52,000.00 per year. If any resident has questions regarding the fire department and its operation I would be glad to meet with them.

The fire department received approval at the 2013 annual town meeting to purchase a new ambulance. We expect delivery of the new vehicle sometime early in 2014 and it is the intention of the department to keep both ambulances in service.

The Fire Department would like to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and townspeople for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael J Sweeney

2013 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected William T. Walsh as Chairman, Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman and Peter C. Ryan, Sr. as a member. Mr. Ryan was re-elected to the Board of Health in the Spring 2013 election.

The Board of Health continues its affiliation with the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Milford who provides home health care services, blood pressure clinics and flu clinics for the seniors and handicapped residents of our community. Senior participation in the blood pressure clinics continues to increase. The Board of Health hosted two (2) Flu Clinics for the Blackstone Residents and will continue to monitor the need for future Flu Clinics in our community. The Board would like to thank all the Visiting Nurse Association, municipal departments and Blackstone residents who assisted the Board of Health with the Flu Clinics.

The Blackstone Regional Recycling Center is now a self-supporting enterprise account. We continue with our commitment of providing greater services to the Town of Blackstone with no burden to the taxpayers for the services, providing benefits to the businesses and providing our residents with a trash program that is self-sustaining. We thank the local businesses and schools for their paper products and cardboard and the residents of Blackstone for their recycling efforts.

The Board of Health would like to thank James F. Malley, P.E. and Stephen Garabedian for their services to the Board of Health. We also thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Stuart S. LeClaire and Earl J. Vater for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the residents and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Walsh, Chairman
Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Member

2013 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
BLACKSTONE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Bolstered by the tally of another year of healthy visitor traffic through the Blackstone Historical Museum, Commission members are pleased to provide for your perusal an overview of their efforts during the past twelve months.

In keeping with one of its most important tenets, this year's Commission outreach program began with Carolyn Powers giving a talk on old Blackstone to residents of the Blackstone Nursing Home at a well attended and appreciative gathering. It is most fitting to note that this lecture took place within the very structure long known as The Duncan Inn and which for generations past served as a means of providing food and lodging to personnel of the expansive cotton mill a short walk away, in its day a major manufacturing facility of the High Rocks neighborhood.

Local college student Kevin Ansell during the year worked in concert with the Museum staff, as well as his college professor, on his chosen subject, "The Socio Impact of the Civil War on the Town of Blackstone." Commission member Helen Murray served as liaison for the threesome. At the conclusion of his college work Kevin presented a paper to members on changes incurred by the town during the war between the states.

Newly upholstered furniture (circa 1930 sofa and three chairs) appeared during the summer months adding considerably to the ambience of the visitors' Reading Room. The badly need repairs were made possible through a grant from International Power America – Blackstone (GDF Suez) to whom we extend a sincere Thank You.

A genuine hat tip has been extended by Commission members to Mr. Thomas J. Levitre for his demonstration of outstanding community service at the Museum:

- (I) For his volunteer work in fashioning an attractive outdoor commemorative corner featuring the actual inscribed granite entranceway to the former Main Street Blackstone High School rescued from demolition of that building.
- (II) For continued volunteerism also seen in his replacing completely the hazard fraught neglected side entrance concrete walkway to the Museum. Seen toiling after dark with extension cord and light bulbs during the project he was promptly dubbed “The Midnite Mason” by a neighbor.

A Fall Open House presentation and Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming observance, on October 9 the Museum featured a one-person skit entitled “Witches,” executed by Pat Perry, of Perry Productions. The thespian, with her trademark satire, in an entertaining manner involved audience participants and explored the ancient practice while concurrently tracing the Salem Witch Trials, as well as witchcraft in general as a source of fascination and lore.

As has been our tradition during the past several seasons our Christmas open house featured the now well known Boughs and Bows Yuletide Workshop at the Museum on December 7, again attracting a horde of eager earlybirds choosing to get a headstart on their decorating requirements. We have been extremely fortunate through the years to have a professionally trained staff on hand at this event to teach visitors the art of creating attractive wreaths and swags from fresh cut greens and spooled ribbon. Also, we are most appreciative of having received a grant from the Blackstone Cultural Council to offset the significant cost of materials necessary to make all of this possible. Thank you, so much. To round out the holiday spirit of the day a record number of Girl Scouts, along with their families and friends, assembled in the visitors’ Reading Room to offer a program of traditional Christmas caroling --- all to tunes emanating from our venerable pedal pump organ at the hands (and feet) of accompanist Helen Murray.

Much as a well maintained machine functions smoothly, it can only do so relying on its many and different components ready and willing to assist. So it is in what the Commission has been able to accomplish is not so different a situation where the personnel of town agencies from the top down have repeatedly come to

our aid in time of need. And the outpouring of local volunteers since the Museum's arrival at 23 Main Street has been immeasurable. Teamwork at its best – we heartily thank you all.

The Museum coffee pot is always on, usually with homemade baked goods close by. Doors are open each Thursday noon to 4pm; as well as on the first and third Saturday of the month from 11am to 4pm. Welcome to our world of yesteryear – its all free.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gillis, Chairman

Lawrence Weber

Carloyn Powers, Vice Chairman

Donald Westberg

Jesse Deacon

Thomas Marchand (Alt.)

Helen Murray

Theresa Marchand (Alt.)

Richard Ryan

Mark Ryan (Hon.)

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Blackstone Housing Authority was created to provide housing for people of low income. Its powers, duties, etc. are defined in Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as amended, which is known as the Housing and Urban Renewal Law. The Authority's office is located at Fox Brook Manor, Blackstone, MA. As of January 1, 2014 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>TERM EXPIRES</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Robert Drainville 12 Raynor Street Blackstone, MA 01504 | Chairman | April, 2014 |
| Gary Kellenberger 549 Summer Place Blackstone, MA 01504 | Vice-Chairman | April, 2015 |
| Lynn Morin 48 Mendon Street Blackstone, MA 01504 | Treasurer | April, 2018 |

OFFICER

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| Carrie A. Caouette 8 Windsor Road Blackstone, MA 01504 | Executive Director |
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The Blackstone Housing Authority meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the community room at Fox Brook Manor. The meetings are open to the public as prescribed by the Municipal Open Meeting Law, Chapter 372, of the Acts of 1972. Elderly or handicapped persons of low income who wish to submit an application for an apartment may do so Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the office at Fox Brook Manor.

Carrie A. Caouette is the Executive Director of the Blackstone Housing Authority and may be reached by calling 508-883-1515. If you do not call during office hours, your message will be recorded and answered as soon as possible.

Other personnel at the Authority include Peter Ryan, Maintenance and Elaine LeClerc, Bookkeeper.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie A. Caouette, MPHA
Executive Director

Capital Outlay Committee 2013 Annual Report

The Capital Outlay Committee was established to review and make recommendations on all Capital projects that have greater than a fifteen thousand dollar value with a life expectancy of five years or greater. The Capital Investment Fund also known as the Capital Trust Fund has been in existence since its legislation in 2001. The revenue in the Capital Trust Fund is obtained from the ANP Pilot Agreement of which 90% is solely for capital expenditures. Previously approved expenditures and infrastructure improvements which had been voted on at Town Meetings have obligated many of these funds not only for this year but also for several years to come. These improvements for the Town and its future will be long lasting but their debt will impact the availability of monies from the Capital Trust for many more years to come.

The Capital Outlay Committee made recommendations to the following Articles during the 2013 Fiscal Year:

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 for a Feasibility Study and Preliminary Architectural Study for a new Senior Center, Community Facility and Public Safety Center, or take any other action relating thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 3 to 2 to NOT recommend.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$382,00 for the purchase of replacement water meters, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$160,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck plow and sander, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of a one ton 4-wheel drive dump truck with 9' snow plow, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$500,000 for the painting of the water tank at lower Blackstone Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, Section 20 to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of Well #8, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$125,000 for the purchase of operating equipment for the recycling facility, or take any action thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 for the purpose of design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to NOT recommend.

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$55'000 for the purchase and installation of lights on the Little League Field and Soccer Field at Goulet Park, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 5-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavillion roof at Roosevelt Park, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 4-1 to NOT recommend.

ARTICLE 29:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 to complete a CCTV Improvement Project to allow the Police Department to monitor and record the outdoor gas pump, generator, ball fields, rear parking area, fire department bays, pump stations and water tanks as well as the interior of the municipal center, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
Capital voted 4-1(abstention) to recommend.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen R. Salois, Finance Committee
James Watson, Finance Committee
Ryan Chamberland, Board of Selectmen
Michael A Catalano Jr., Board of Selectmen

Steve Perrault, Collector/Treasurer
Paul E Marvelle, Planning Board
Gerald P Rivet, Planning Board

2013 Annual Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Blackstone Library is entering into its tenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street and there is much to celebrate! The library ended 2013 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

Besides an extensive collection of popular books, movies, and CDs, the library offers a variety of services to its patrons. Families can attend story-time programs, participate in a varied array of children's programming, attend book group meetings, join the knitting club, attend a variety of young adult and adult programs, and meet visiting authors. The library also offers computers with Internet and printing access, a public photo copier, and fax machine. Patrons can sit quietly and research Blackstone history in the Historical Room, or book the two quiet study rooms, or reserve the large comfortable meeting room.

The library is a member of The Massachusetts Library System (MLS). "The Massachusetts Library System, a state-supported collaborative, fosters cooperation, communication, innovation, and sharing among member libraries of all types. The MLS promotes equitable access to excellent library services and resources for all who live, work, or study in Massachusetts." Library patrons receive delivery services for interlibrary loan through the MLS. The Blackstone Library supports an annual membership to Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (CW MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to the materials of thousands of libraries in Massachusetts.

The library's collection is currently 60,005 items. This count includes print materials, magazines, audio books, music CDs, DVD and videos. The Blackstone Public Library continues to move forward to adapt to the ever increasing demand for technology. The library participates in the purchase of e-Books through its CWMARS membership. This allows patrons access to Overdrive so they can borrow e-Books, downloadable audio books and downloadable video at their convenience. These items can be downloaded directly to patrons' eReaders, tablets, cell phones or computers.

The library's museum passes can now be reserved through Tix Keeper, an online reservation system. This enables patrons to reserve passes from home which is convenient and more accessible. In keeping with the demands of technology, use of the library's 21 public access computers continues to be popular. During 2013, 6,246 patrons used these computers. Patrons can also access free Wi-Fi for their laptops and handheld devices through the library. The library's web page, www.blackstonepubliclibrary.org, continues to be a valuable resource. It provides patrons with access to the online card catalog, along with Overdrive, online databases, and several fun and helpful tools such as IndieFlix, Cypress Resume, and Sign Savvy. The library's Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/blackstone-public-library, is a fun and informative resource, and patrons can receive library updates through Twitter at www.twitter.com/blackstonelibr1.

During 2013 the library circulated 73,010 items. This includes Blackstone's items plus

items received from other libraries for our patrons. In Overdrive, Blackstone Library cardholders borrowed 1,913 downloadable items. Circulation of Blackstone items at other libraries for Inter-library loan was 23,003 items. The library has a total of 7,254 patrons registered. This count includes all patrons with a Blackstone Library card regardless of where they live.

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. The children's librarian held 171 children's programs with 2,954 in attendance. A successful summer reading program was held with several performers and activities. Eighty children completed the summer reading program. Several popular children's programs were *Sparky's Puppets*, *Nightmares in the Library Halloween Party*, and *Dig Into Reading Magic Show*. A new *Lego Club* program was offered and with high demand will continue in 2014. The library offered 16 programs for adults and teens with 477 in attendance. Some programs were *How to Paint Pastel Flowers*, *Couponing Class*, *Poetry Contest Reception*, *Home Beer Brewing*, *Ghost Hunting 101*, and several author visits. The library trustees and staff held an Open House with performances by *Dennis the Magician* and the *BMR Brass Choir*.

The library is open 35 hours per week: Monday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Wednesday. Previously, the Children's Room closed at 6 p.m. on Monday evenings. On November 1, 2013, the library reopened its Children's Room on Monday evenings to reflect regular operating hours.

For the fifth time in as many years, the Blackstone Public Library has needed to apply for a waiver in order to remain certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Without this waiver, the library would not be eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and would also be ineligible to apply for other state grants, such as the LSTA grant, resulting in loss of certification. Consequently, this would result in the inability to borrow materials from other libraries in the state, which would have an immediate and detrimental impact for all of our patrons.

The Friends of the Blackstone Public Library meet regularly at the library and provide invaluable support for the library and its programs. This hard-working and dedicated group of volunteers holds fund-raisers to provide the library with financial support for a variety of services not covered in the library's budget. These services include performers, museum passes, craft supplies and materials for the Summer Reading Program. The Friends' efforts are greatly appreciated by patrons, library staff and the Board of Library Trustees. The Board of Directors includes Kristen Marino, President; Paula Sullivan, Secretary; and Ann Borges, Treasurer.

The library's friendly and knowledgeable staff includes Lisa Cheever, Director; Tressy Collier, Assistant Director & Children's Librarian; Donna Ansell, Head of Circulation & Technical Services; and the following library aides: Denise Binette, Dianne Buehler, Donna Foster, Ellen Goudreau, Olivia Herbert, Cheryl Marino-Page, Michelle Narducci, Sheila Robeau, and Karen Miller. The library's dedicated custodian is Roger Marvelle.

The library is fortunate to have a Board of Library Trustees that is committed to maintaining exemplary library services for the residents of Blackstone. Board members include Mary Lou Branchaud, Chair; Linda Hemphill, Vice-Chair; Patricia Guzinski, Secretary; Jean Alexandrowicz, Debra Ristaino and Lisa Sparks.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cheever
Library Director

BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2013

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to express our thanks to the citizens of Blackstone who have come forward to help with the efforts of making our field and athletic programs improve. This past year we have seen great improvements in our fields. Seeding and fertilizing have been effective. The most noticeable is the Roosevelt park baseball field where our much anticipated fencing has been installed. In addition we have added underground sprinkler irrigation for the infield.

Other improvements at Roosevelt included the addition of several parking spaces facilitated by the removal of the old fence and the new one placed back some feet. The walkway around the field was relocated and picnic tables placed in the open space. The entrance to the field has new decorative granite posts. The pavilion roof has also been replaced.

At Goulet field (behind the elementary school) the little league ball field has poles set lights are being installed. This will be completed in the winter of 2014. This project has long been anticipated and will help greatly in alleviating field constraints that have plagued us in the past. Goulet has also been the focus of seeding and fertilizing that is showing positive results in the field conditions on the soccer fields and the ball fields. We have a well on the site for the purpose of a water source to irrigate the soccer fields. Flow tests are being performed to determine if it is sufficient for our needs before proceeding.

In the planning stage is a permanent bathroom / snack-bar facility for Turbesi Park. The committee is welcoming any volunteers to help with that project. Ongoing maintenance of the children's play areas was done. Swings, slides, and picnic tables were bought or repaired as needed.

On a sad note a respected member of our community passed away last year. John Chip Dilibero had been instrumental in organizing the annual Tag's N Trout tournament from 1984 to 2013. In acknowledgment of his efforts there will be a memorial plaque placed at Valarti Park in his honor. Tags and Trout is an annual free event for the town's children and the Park and Recreation Committee supports this effort put on by the Lions and PACC.

Again the committee is tasked with budget restraints that we must abide by in the coming year. Our expenditures are closely monitored to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Blackstone. We have many athletic programs, youth and adult, that need scheduling each year. This has always been an issue to be dealt with. We have plans in place for resurrecting the Veterans park project to help the scheduling conflicts with viable fields there.

If you are reading this and have a skill that can help our Parks and Recreation department such as a profession in architect, construction, grant writing, etc. or you are just a citizen that wants to help, please get in touch with one of the board members as we have many projects that we are hoping to get community help.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kevin Hart, Vice Chair
Celeste Langlois, Chairperson
Don Cox, Treasurer
Paul Martinelli, Liaison
Bob Morse, Field Director

2013 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members:

In 2013, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk VanDyke who served as the Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Gerry Rivet, Owen Bebeau and Alternate Member Darron LeBonne. Amy Sutherland serves as the Board's secretary.

Meetings:

The Planning Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center.

Memberships:

The Town of Blackstone is a member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and was represented by Joseph Belrose. Both Gerry Rivet and Paul Marvelle also serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

Projects:

There was an increase in permit submittals during the FY 2013 year. The Board continues to work with Consultant Gino Carlucci from PGA Associates which is funded through the Planning Board's Professional and Technical budget. Mr. Carlucci has been instrumental in getting the following articles passed at town meeting:

Mixed Uses In the Village Overlay District

Amend Section 123.23.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection C Use regulations as shown with bold type indicating additions: C. Use regulations. Within the Village Overlay District, the use requirements of 123-11, Use schedule, for the underlying districts shall to continue to apply, except that (1) multifamily dwellings may be allowed on special permit from the Planning Board; and (2) within the C district portion, a mix of uses may be allowed without regard to Subsection F of Section 123-12 provided that in both cases the development is determined to be village-compatible as specified in Subsection B above and to amend Subsection D. Dimensional regulations by adding "in the R-1 portion of the overlay district" to footnote a.

Gravel Soil removal fees

Amend Chapter 109 of the Town Code by adding the words 109-4 Limited Operations.

Stretch Energy Code:

To enact Chapter 58 of the Town Code, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code,"

During the year, the Board received the generous assistance of many town departments and officials. We appreciate those contributions and look forward to another year where these collaborative efforts will continue to guide the Town's future growth and development.

Respectfully submitted,

The Blackstone Planning Board



BLACKSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ross A. Atstupenas, Chief of Police

Blackstone Police Department FY/2013 Annual Report

As the Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department Annual report for the year ending December 31, 2013.

During FY2013, the Blackstone Police Department applied for and received the following grants. The funding from these grants enables us to provide better services for the town and the residents of Blackstone. Grants often allow us to promote and provide safety programs in an effort to better protect our children. These grants included:

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| 1. | State 911 Support Grant | \$23,675.00 |
| 2. | State 911 Training Grant | \$10,000.00 |
| 3. | Child Bicycle Helmets | 75 count |
| 4. | Child Passenger Safety Seats | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5. | Alcohol Enforcement Grant | \$ 5,000.00 |

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. The State 911 Training Grant provides funding for training of full and part time dispatchers. The child bicycle helmets and safety seats allow our department to provide free safety equipment to children and parents. The Alcohol Enforcement Grant provides funds to the department for enforcing alcohol laws including underage purchases, licensee's selling to minors, and other illegal activities relative to alcohol procurement.

The police department website continues to provide the public with valuable information about the department and includes links to such things as accident reports, sex offender lists, child safety and internet safety pages. You can email or text anonymous tips to our department in an effort to help us solve crimes in the area. Our Facebook and Twitter accounts also have helped us not only to notify the community about important matters, but have also helped us in solve some serious crimes. You can also go to MYPD and download the Blackstone Police App were your also able to be in contact with us. We encourage this continued assistance from the community.

This year, we were also recognized and received the Silver award for our Outstanding Achievements in Traffic Safety and our continuing efforts to educate and protect the Citizens of our Community by AAA of Southern New England.

Below is a breakdown of our enforcement and traffic activities for the past year:

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| Total Calls Received by Dispatch: | 28026 | +60.90% |
| Arrests: | 115 | -52.28% |
| Protective Custody: | 4 | -50.00% |
| Criminal Complaint Applications: | 193 | +19.88% |

*These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.

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| Emergency Restraining Orders Issued: | 37 | -50.00% |
| Domestic Violence Calls: | 45 | +45.16% |
| Incident Reports Investigated: | 668 | -9.24% |
| <u>Breakdown:</u> | 159 | open |
| | 176 | closed |
| | 9 | arrested |
| | 323 | no crime |
| Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles: | 7 | -70.83% |
| | 1 | Stolen |
| | 6 | Recovered |
| Field Interviews: | 35 | +12.90% |
| Missing/Runaways: | 1 | -80.00% |
| Accidents Investigated: | 124 | +3.33% |
| Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued: | 1880 | +45.17% |
| - Civil | 402 | +22.56% |
| - Complaint App | 107 | +59.70% |
| - Warnings | 246 | + 9.33% |
| - Arrests | 63 | - 18.18% |
| - Verbal Warnings | 1062 | +77.59% |
| Parking Tickets Issued: | 118 | +140.82% |
| Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed: | 299 | +143.09% |
| - License to Carry | 275 | +150.00% |
| - FID Card | 24 | + 84.62% |

This year, The Blackstone Police Department Enhanced our Public Safety with Smart911. Smart911 is now available to all citizens and is a free service that allows citizens to create a Safety Profile for their household that can include any information they may want 9-1-1 call takers and first responders to have in the event of an emergency, then if they need to dial 9-1-1 their Safety Profile will immediately display on the call taker's screen saving critical seconds and even minutes in response to the emergency.

"Smart911 will allow both our 9-1-1 call takers and emergency responders to have more detailed information about a citizen in need, leading to faster response times and ultimately more lives saved. All information is private and not stored at the police station. The information provided is only available when you dial 911.

"I am proud of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for allowing me to taking the initiative to explore the opportunities available to us through technology in order to provide better services to our community."

Responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously, and now fire crews that arrive at a house fire will know how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms, EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

"When you call 9-1-1, you're not having your best day and even the simplest of details can be difficult to communicate in a time of panic," "By creating a Safety Profile before an emergency happens, you are ensuring that we will have the information we need even if you can't communicate it." With Smart911, citizens can link both home and work addresses to mobile phones, which can be passed on to responders in the field for more details, and rapid response. Additional information including pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts can all be included in a Safety Profile. All information is optional and the citizen has the ability to choose what details they want to enter. For attritional information or questions, please contact me by phone or email.

Our department saw the departure of a senior officer and the hiring of a new patrolman to replace him this past year. Officer Wayne Mowry served the town for many years and retired this year. Our department wishes him health and happiness in his retirement. Officer David Laudon was hired to fill this opening and will be fully integrated into the department in a short amount of time. He came to our department fully trained and certified so the transition will be seamless.

Officer Niemczyk continues to be active as a child car seat safety technician. He is available during the week or on weekends when he is scheduled to work. Officer Niemczyk works the day shift as well as by appointment, so this allows a wide range of days and times to get a car seat checked for proper installation.

Another important program that our department continues to provide is the Child ID Program. Along with the organizers of the Public Safety Day, we ran another successful workshop this year. This program included fingerprinting, photographs,

wallet ID's, and take home computer disks with the entire child's information safely stored for future reference. This is a great program and I encourage people to use it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that help make the Blackstone Police Department one the Town of Blackstone can be very proud of. The professionalism that the officers and dispatchers exhibit each and every day is something I am very proud of. Without their dedication, commitment, and hard work this department would not function as well as it does. I would also like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and all the department heads, with whom I work with on a daily basis. I appreciate their input and look forward to another successful year.

Lastly I would like to thank the citizens of Blackstone for their support and understanding. My first concern has always been the safety and well-being of the town, its residents and all the members of police department. Therefore I welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the department, traffic or motor vehicle issues, or any matter of public safety. We will continue to strive to be the best department we can be, and it is with your help and contributions that this will happen. Please feel free to contact me anytime at (508) 883-1212 x 138 or via email at ratstupenas@blackstonepolice.org.

Once again thank you for your support and please keep the safety of all the officers in your thoughts throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Ross A. Atstupenas
Chief of Police



TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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2013 Annual Report

Department of Public Works

Highway Division:

The highway division started and completed its annual clean-up season. All streets were swept, street lines and cross walks were painted. The town's highway division repaved numerous streets, Putnam St., Summer Place, Warner Street, Swift Street, Clyde St., May St, and Arnold Street. This included pulverizing, grading, and paving of the roads. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. We would like thank the Town's people for approving the purchase of brush cutting equipment and also the sign making machine.

We would like to thank the Department of Corrections for their assistance throughout the year. They worked on raking, grading, and spreading loam on Bellingham Road along with cleaning the grounds at the town hall and parks. They assisted with the clean-up for the annual Memorial Day Parade. The DOC also assisted with cleaning the fields in preparation for the fishing tournament. They also completed renovations to the highway garage. We appreciate their service to the Town. In addition, the Department of Public Works was able to assist other town departments, Parks & Recreation and recycling center with their various projects or requests.

Water Division:

Department of Public Works personnel continue to operate and maintain five pumping stations that pump water from seven wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The meters in all wells were calibrated. Well # 8 went online May 2013. Well #5 was cleaned and redeveloped. The water distribution system includes four water storage standpipes and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of our population. The water department has continued the annual water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons. The Department continues to work on the water meter replacement program.

Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month we collect bacteria samples from nineteen locations throughout the water distribution system. During the year, we also sampled for contaminants such as: Carbon based products called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Disinfectant Byproducts such as Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acids and others such as Nitrate, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese and asbestos. The sampling for lead and copper is required every three years.

The town's fire hydrants were winterized in the fall to protect them from freezing and allowing them to be in service.



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Sewer Division:

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water pumps stations throughout the town. These pump stations were checked daily by DPW employees. There were no sewer overflows or backs-ups. There was a pump break at the main lift sewer station. The electric transfer switch for the generator was hit with a power surge and this needed to be fixed.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Daniel Keyes, Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all other boards or departments that assisted us in any way this past year.

To the residents of Blackstone, we ask for your patience and support as we continue to strive to improve our level of service and our water, wastewater and highway infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Sullivan
Superintendent

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
2013**

The Board was established on January 26, 1966 in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act, Chapter 40 A and Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The 2013 Zoning Board of Appeal members are Chairman, Paul Marvelle, Vice Chairman Jim Pitler, and members, John Therrien, Gary Jolicoeur, Joe Belrose along with alternates Wendy Miller and Marc Gregoire.

During the 2013 fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals had six public hearings. These applications were reviewed and decisions were rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning By-Laws. The Board also had an active part in the recommendations of the various zoning articles which were passed at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

The current application fee remains at \$300.00, which became effective September 2001. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

We cordially invite the residents of the town to attend our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to thank the town residents, town officials, and the Board of Selectmen for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Marvelle
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING 2013

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2013 calendar year.

As a result of the 2013 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,985. I would like to thank the residents who faithfully return their census forms year after year. The accurate town population numbers gathered through the annual census are vital to the submittal process when town departments apply for various grants. Also, by answering the town census, voters ensure that their status remains active. By State law the Town Clerk's Office is required to inactivate voters who do not respond to the census.

From the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845, our vital records total the following: Births, 18,533; Marriages, 10,029; and Deaths, 11,202. Since 2011, the Town Clerk's Office receives birth information via the internet through the state's computerized software database program. A similar database for death records is currently proposed for implementation in late spring 2014, to be followed by a program for marriages.

It was another busy election year beginning with a Special Town Meeting on March 11, 2013. The polling locations for Precincts 1 and 3 were relocated back to the Municipal Center in time for the Annual Town Election on April 1, 2013. The parking issues resulting from a storm water retrofit project in late 2012 had been resolved. All voters in those precincts were notified of the change by U. S. mail. As a result of the Annual Town Election I was officially elected Town Clerk. I had been serving as Interim Town Clerk since August of 2012. I would like to thank the townspeople for having the confidence in voting me in. That election also resulted in a one-vote difference in total votes for the Collector-Treasurer's position. After the filing of petitions for recount in all three precincts by the outgoing incumbent, a Recount was held on April 20, 2013, and the results upheld the original counts. Those figures reflected the amazing job done by our devoted wardens and poll workers who put in such long hours. The recount was quickly followed by the Special State Primary on April 30, 2013. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 28, 2013. The Annual Town Meeting was a two-day event with the Adjourned Session on May 29, 2013. The election season wound down with the Special State Election of June 25, 2013.

A special thanks to the Board of Registrars members, Heidi A. Jalbert, Marc J. V. Greenwald, Suzanne Mercier, and new Chairman Daniel T. Doyle. The Board was called in to action to preside over the Annual Town Election recount of April 20th. In March of 2013, Heidi, who chose not to be reappointed, completed eighteen years of dedicated service to the town as a Board of Registrars member.

The temporary reassignment of Kelly Paterson from DPW to the Town Clerk's Office continued until the end of June. She assisted us immensely in entering our annual census data, processing absentee ballot applications, and fielding the numerous phone calls we receive on a daily basis.

At the end of July the Town Clerk's Office welcomed Julie Picard to its staff. A long-time former teacher in town Julie is a familiar face to many townspeople. She had worked several elections for us as a poll worker, and we are fortunate to have her share her many talents with us.

Also a note of thanks goes out to Barbara Boucher for her assistance in gathering and organizing our records for microfilming. This is a time-consuming process that is highly recommended for preserving permanent records and required prior to disposing of certain documents. With her perseverance we were able to ready seven years of backlogged records for microfilming.

A note of appreciation goes to Police Chief Ross Atstupenas, who also serves as Animal Control Officer, and also to Kevin Sullivan, the Assistant ACO, for their valued assistance with the dog-licensing aspect of our department.

Lastly I would like to thank my Assistant Town Clerk, Donna M. Bik. We have worked together in the Town Clerk's Office for 14 years, and her meticulous attention to detail and exemplary work ethics are highly recognizable. I am truly grateful for her generous devotion to the position and unwavering support.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette C. Dolinski
Interim Town Clerk

VISIT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Administers Oath of Office to Appointed and Elected Officials
Annual Town Census Generation and Data Input
Attorney General Submittals/Approvals/Rejections
Audit Reports
Bazaar and Raffle Permits
Birth, Death & Marriage Records
Board & Committee Meeting Minutes
Burial Permits
Business Certificates
Campaign and Political Finance Reports
Certifies Copies of Records
Charter and Town By-laws
Claims & Legal Action Against the Town
Distributes Conflict of Interest Summaries to all Employees, Elected & Appointed Officials
Distributes Warrants for Town Meeting
Dog Licenses and Regulations
Elderly Resident Lists
Elections and Recounts
Federal and State Tax Liens
Federal Census Tract Number
General By-law Information
Historical Information
Information on Public Records
Initiative Petitions
Joint Pole Locations
Jury List
Keeper of the Town Seal
Marriage Licenses
Massachusetts General Laws Accepted/Rejected
Meetings and Agendas Posted
Microfilming of Town Records
Nomination Papers
Notary Public Services
Open Meeting Laws
Party Enrollment Change Cards
Receives Appointments and Resignations
Receives Referendum Petitions
Street Acceptances
Street Listing Books
Subdivision Regulations
Time Keeper to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals
Town Maps
Town Meeting Information
Town Meeting Votes
Town Reports
Voter Registration
Voting Lists
Zoning By-laws
Zoning Variance Applications

AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was completed by Melanson Heath & Company, PC.

A copy of the financial report issued by Melanson Heath & Company, PC, is on file and available for inspection during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
March 11, 2013

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 Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT.

To see if the Town will approve the \$3,866,801.00 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School located at 175 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty seven and seventy four one-hundred percent (57.74%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

ARTICLE 2: JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT.

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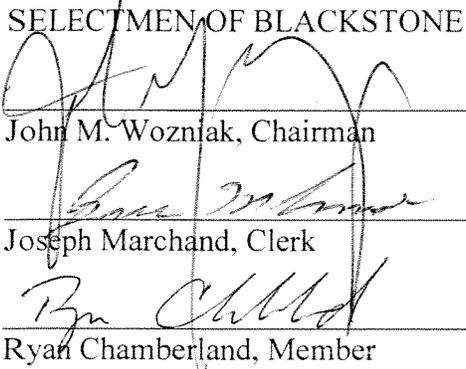
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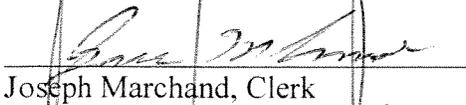
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

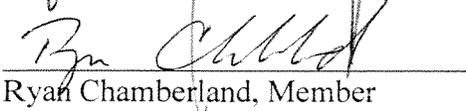
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the 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 12th day of February in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


John M. Wozniak, Chairman

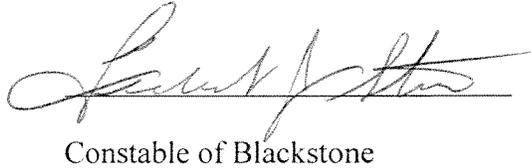

Joseph Marchand, Clerk


Ryan Chamberland, Member


Margo Bik, Vice-Chairman

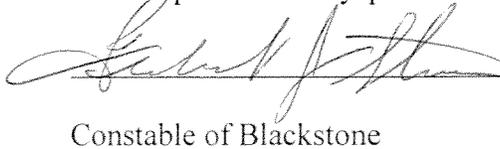
Paul Haughey, Member

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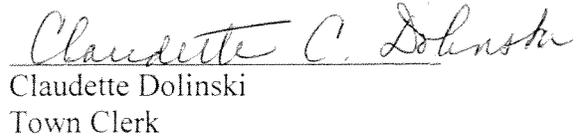

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 13th day of February, 2013 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:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 133 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting. A total of 138 registered voters checked in prior to the end of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; Harold Gould, Esq.; Richard Sitnik, Project Director for the Roof Project; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Moderator Stone explained that a two-thirds vote will be required on all articles on the warrant because the town's bylaw, Chapter 5, Section 19, states that at all Special Town Meetings a two-thirds vote shall be required to pass any article involving the raising, appropriating or the transferring of funds. He said the School District would be doing the borrowing, but the Town would be authorizing the School District to do the borrowing.

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HAND COUNT VOTE
128 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

**ARTICLE 2: JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL R O O F
R E P L A C E M E N T .**

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HAND COUNT VOTE
132 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

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HAND COUNT VOTE
128 YES 1 NO
MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND FOR BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$ _____ to defray the Town of Blackstone's allocated share of the costs relating to the debt authorization approved by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for purpose of paying the costs of replacing the roof and its appurtenant components at the Blackstone- Millville Regional High School located at 175 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Interim Town Clerk of Blackstone

Town of Blackstone
Warrant for the Annual Town Election
April 1, 2013

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at the following places on Monday, the 1st day of April, 2013.

Precinct #1—Senior Center (Lower Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

Precinct #2—St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street

Precinct #3—Main Conference Room (Upper Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

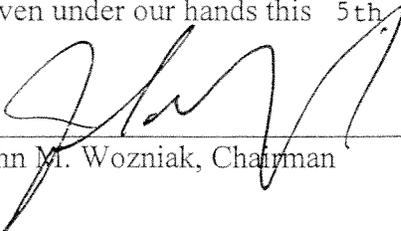
The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following:

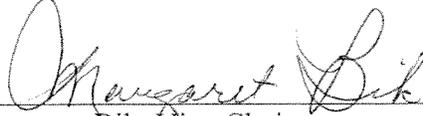
One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year term; One Member of the Blackstone Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One Collector/Treasurer for a 3-Year Term; Five Constables for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year Term; Two members of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-Year Term; One member of the Planning Board for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Planning Board for an Unexpired 5-Year Term to expire ATE 2014; Two members of the Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year Term; One Town Clerk for a 3-Year Term.

Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

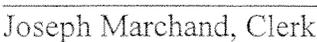
Given under our hands this 5th day of March, 2013.



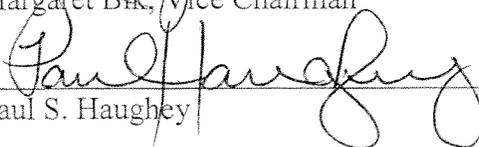
John M. Wozniak, Chairman



Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman



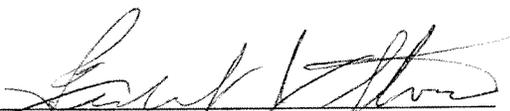
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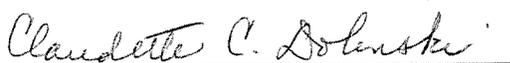
Ryan Steffin Chamberland

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 6th day of March, 2013 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.



Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:



Claudette C. Dolinski
Interim Town Clerk of Blackstone.

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
 April 1, 2013

WARDENS:

Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan
 Precinct #2: Corrinne T. Beane
 Precinct #3: Regina Cardone, Margaret M. Keegan

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

| | |
|---------|------|
| Prec #1 | 375 |
| Prec #2 | 406 |
| Prec #3 | 392 |
| Total | 1173 |

| | PRECINCT 1 | PRECINCT 2 | PRECINCT 3 | TOTAL |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS) | | | | |
| *Robert A. Gilbert | 263 | 316 | 279 | 858 |
| Others | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks | 111 | 89 | 112 | 312 |
| BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YRS) | | | | |
| *Lynn J. Morin | 272 | 312 | 299 | 883 |
| Others | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Blanks | 102 | 92 | 92 | 286 |
| BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS) | | | | |
| *William F. Chaplin, Jr. | 264 | 301 | 283 | 848 |
| Others | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Blanks | 110 | 101 | 107 | 318 |
| BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Millville Representative) (4 YRS) | | | | |
| Ann Lesperance | 1 | | | 1 |
| *Steven Tringali | 7 | 10 | 24 | 41 |
| Jennifer Dean Wing | 2 | | | 2 |
| Amy Sutherland | 1 | | | 1 |
| Todd Goyer | | 2 | | 2 |
| Steven Tagalini | | 2 | | 2 |
| Guy Trigoli | | 1 | | 1 |
| Michael Foster | | 1 | | 1 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Constance Perreault | | 1 | | 1 |
| Steven Tanguie | | 1 | | 1 |
| Frank Lanctot | | 1 | | 1 |
| Nicole Lanctot | | 1 | | 1 |
| Brad Monroe | | | 1 | 1 |
| John Hadley | | | 1 | 1 |
| Pete Manning | | | 1 | 1 |
| Kyle Jorge | | | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 364 | 386 | 364 | 1114 |

COLLECTOR/TREASURER (3 YRS)

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Diane A. Warren | 197 | 222 | 152 | 571 |
| *Steven J. Perrault | 167 | 172 | 233 | 572 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 11 | 12 | 7 | 30 |

CONSTABLE (3YRS) Five Positions

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| *Joshua Edward Benjamin | 245 | 255 | 256 | 756 |
| *Cheryl A. Marino-Page | 222 | 254 | 232 | 708 |
| *Frederick J. Stone | 237 | 266 | 259 | 762 |
| *Leo H. Martinelli | 228 | 278 | 217 | 723 |
| Robert Kluchevitz | 2 | | 2 | 4 |
| Kevin Piette | 1 | | | 1 |
| Robert Dubois | 1 | | | 1 |
| Jackie Miner | 1 | | | 1 |
| Joshua Catalano | 1 | | | 1 |
| Kyle Lemay | 2 | | 1 | 3 |
| Robert A. Lamarche | 1 | | | 1 |
| James Pitler | 1 | | | 1 |
| *Gerald Lapierre | | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Jeff Highcove | | 2 | | 2 |
| Douglas Roberge | | 2 | | 2 |
| Chad Goyer | | 2 | | 2 |
| James Cunningham | | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Jeremy Folster | | 2 | | 2 |
| Anthony Boudella | | 2 | | 2 |
| Steven Cvanhaming | | 2 | | 2 |
| Wayne Lovejoy | | 1 | | 1 |
| Steven Perrault | | 1 | | 1 |
| Roger Perrault | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mary Jane Lee | | | 1 | 1 |
| Rye Rivet | | | 1 | 1 |
| Robert Perrault | | | 1 | 1 |
| William Briggs | | | 1 | 1 |
| Edward Briggs | | | 1 | 1 |
| Fred Gremza | | | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 933 | 944 | 984 | 2861 |

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *Kevin J. Ryan | 278 | 316 | 281 | 875 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 97 | 90 | 110 | 297 |

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

(3 YRS) -- Two positions

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *Celeste M. Langlois | 243 | 295 | 253 | 791 |
| *Robert J. Morse | 262 | 303 | 284 | 849 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 245 | 214 | 246 | 705 |

PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS) -- One

Position

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *Paul E. Marvelle | 166 | 167 | 197 | 530 |
| Owen T. Bebeau | 161 | 202 | 159 | 522 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 48 | 37 | 36 | 121 |

PLANNING BOARD (UNEX 5 YRS EXPIRING ATE 2014)

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *John Matthew Wozniak | 218 | 240 | 213 | 671 |
| Others | 1 | 10 | 6 | 17 |
| Blanks | 156 | 156 | 173 | 485 |

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS) -- Two Positions

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| John Matthew Wozniak | 152 | 159 | 159 | 470 |
| *Michael A. Catalano, Jr. | 164 | 171 | 197 | 532 |
| *Robert J. Dubois | 203 | 223 | 171 | 597 |
| Charles A. Dunton | 73 | 84 | 100 | 257 |
| Robert J. Kluchevitz | 99 | 99 | 96 | 294 |
| Others | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Blanks | 58 | 76 | 58 | 192 |

TOWN CLERK (3 YRS)

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *Claudette C. Dolinski | 276 | 327 | 293 | 896 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Blanks | 99 | 79 | 93 | 271 |

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6072

Total voters--1173

19% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION OF APRIL 1, 2013
RESULTS OF RECOUNT OF APRIL 20, 2013

On April 20, 2013, at 11 a.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Municipal Center a recount was held for the office of Collector-Treasurer for a Three-Year Term expiring April, 2016. Board of Registrars Chairman Daniel T. Doyle called the meeting to order, and the procedures to be followed were explained.

In attendance for the Board of Registrars were:

Daniel T. Doyle, Chairman
Claudette C. Dolinski, Clerk
Marc A. J. Greenwald
Suzanne M. Mercier

The candidates listed on the ballot for the Collector-Treasurer's position were Diane A. Warren and Steven J. Perrault, and they were both present for the recount. Legal counsel for Mrs. Warren was Stephen E. Dawley, Esq., and Mr. Perrault had Christopher J. Ryan, Esq., as his legal counsel. Special Town Counsel Dennis Newman represented the town's interests. There were a total of 11 election workers/staff on duty at the recount. Each of the two candidates had nine observers present and acting on their behalf. Police Officer Scott Dion was also in attendance.

Representatives of both candidates supervised the removal of all three precinct ballot boxes from the vault in the Town Clerk's Office. The ballots of Precinct No. 1 were counted in blocks of 50 and were placed in envelopes that were then delivered to the four counting teams. All ballots were counted by the four teams, and the tallies were recorded by Paul Mercier, the Master Tallier. There were no challenged ballots in Precinct No. 1.

The results of the recount in Precinct No. 1 were as follows:

| Candidate | Precinct #1 |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Diane A. Warren | 197 |
| Steven J. Perrault | 167 |
| Write-Ins | 0 |
| Blanks | 12 |

Next the ballots of Precinct No. 2 were counted in blocks of 50 and were placed in envelopes that were then delivered to the four counting teams. All ballots were counted by the four teams, and the tallies were recorded by Mr. Mercier on the Master Tally Sheet. There were no challenged ballots in Precinct No. 2.

The results of the recount in Precinct No. 2 were as follows:

| Candidate | Precinct #1 |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Diane A. Warren | 222 |
| Steven J. Perrault | 172 |
| Write-Ins | 0 |
| Blanks | 12 |

The ballots of Precinct No. 3 were then counted in blocks of 50 and were placed in envelopes that were then delivered to the four counting teams. All ballots were counted by the four teams, and the tallies were recorded on the Master Tally sheet. There were no challenged ballots in Precinct No. 3

The results of the recount in Precinct No. 3 were as follows:

| Candidate | Precinct #1 |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Diane A. Warren | 152 |
| Steven J. Perrault | 233 |
| Write-Ins | 0 |
| Blanks | 7 |

A question was raised as to whether there had been any absentee ballots rejected. Mrs. Dolinski indicated there had been one absentee ballot rejected because it was received in the Town Clerk's Office on April 9, 2013. Mr. Dawley motioned to open the absentee ballot that was discredited. Mr. Ryan opposed. The ballot envelope, time-stamped April 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., was examined by the board. On a UNANIMOUS VOTE, the Board of Registrars voted that the ballot, received eight days after the election, not be counted and that it remain sealed.

The total votes in all precincts were as follows:

| Candidate | Precinct #1 | Precinct #2 | Precinct #3 | Total Votes |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Diane A. Warren | 197 | 222 | 152 | 571 |
| Steven J. Perrault | 167 | 172 | 233 | 572 |
| Write-Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 12 | 12 | 7 | 31 |
| Total | 376 | 406 | 392 | 1174 |

It was noted that in Precinct #1 there was an absentee ballot in the auxiliary envelope that was reviewed and declared to be a blank. Aside from that there was no change in the vote that was presented on April 1, 2013. At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Doyle declared Steven J. Perrault to be the winner by one vote and added "Don't underestimate the power of one vote."

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
ELECTION RECOUNT

April 20, 2013

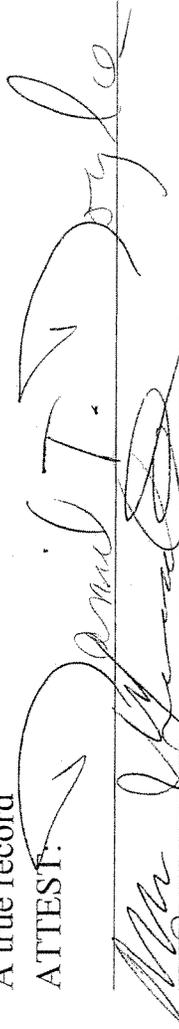
We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Registrars of the Town of Blackstone, hereby certify the following totals as the true results of the Collector-Treasurer contest in the April 20, 2013, Election Recount of the April 1, 2013, Annual Town Election

COLLECTOR-TREASURER FOR 3-YEAR TERM

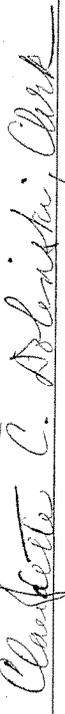
| CANDIDATE | PRECINCT #1 | PRECINCT #2 | PRECINCT #3 | TOTAL |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| DIANE A. WARREN | 197 | 222 | 152 | 571 |
| STEVEN J. PERRAULT | 167 | 172 | 233 | 572 |
| WRITE-INS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BLANKS | 12 | 12 | 7 | 31 |
| TOTAL | 376 | 406 | 392 | 1,174 |

A true record

ATTEST:

 Daniel T. Doyle

 Suzanne M. Morrison

 Charlotte C. Dolan, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS, TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY – APRIL 30, 2013

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETING:

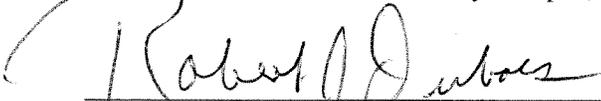
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Primaries to vote at: Precinct #1, Senior Center (Lower Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street; Precinct #2, St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street; Precinct #3, Main Conference Room (Upper Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street, on **TUESDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF APRIL, 2013**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following office:

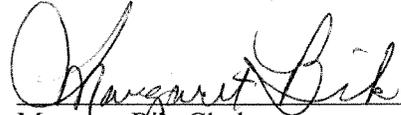
SENATOR IN CONGRESSFOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

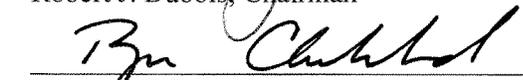
Given under our hands this 9th day of April, 2013.



Robert J. Dubois, Chairman

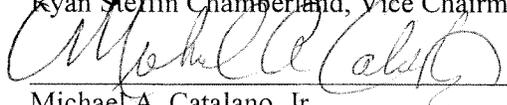


Margaret Bik, Clerk



Ryan Steffin Chamberland, Vice Chairman

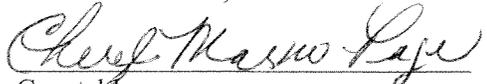
Paul S. Haughey



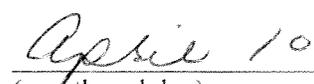
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Selectmen of Blackstone

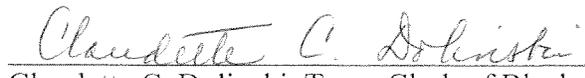
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 10th day of April, 2013, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul St., at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun St., and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln St.



Cheryl Masrow Page
Constable


_____, 2013
(month and day)

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN



Claudette C. Dolinski, Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
April 30, 2013

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| WARDENS: | Precinct #1 | Margaret T. Keegan |
| | Precinct #2 | Corrinne T. Beane |
| | Precinct #3 | Frederick J. Stone |

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

| | | |
|---------|----------|-----|
| Prec #1 | Democrat | 129 |
| Prec #2 | Democrat | 139 |
| Prec #3 | Democrat | 113 |
| | Total | 381 |

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| PREC 1 | PREC 2 | PREC 3 | TOTAL |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| *Stephen F. Lynch | 89 | 82 | 76 | 247 |
| Edward J. Markey | 40 | 57 | 36 | 133 |
| Write-Ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

| | | |
|---------|------------|-----|
| Prec #1 | Republican | 63 |
| Prec #2 | Republican | 67 |
| Prec #3 | Republican | 87 |
| | Total | 217 |

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| PREC 1 | PREC 2 | PREC 3 | TOTAL |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| *Gabriel E. Gomez | 37 | 37 | 47 | 121 |
| Michael J. Sullivan | 16 | 26 | 29 | 71 |
| Daniel B. Winslow | 10 | 4 | 11 | 25 |
| Write-Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6082

Total voters--all parties--598

10% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski

Town Clerk of Blackstone

“Amended”

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2013

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, May 28, 2013 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 raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$967.70 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Perma-Line, 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 and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,766.75 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to AD Instruments, 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 and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$107 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Walt's Clothing, 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 and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$99.39 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Rocky's Ace Hardware, 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 and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$780 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to Microbac Laboratories, Inc., 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 and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$36 for unpaid prior fiscal year bill to G-Quip of Uxbridge, Inc., 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 money not to exceed \$40,000 to cover the cost of payroll and overtime in the Fire Department's budget, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,000 to pay the current year Snow and Ice deficit or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to fund the deficit in Veteran's benefits payable by the Town to Veteran's residing in the Town of Blackstone, or take any other action in relation thereto.

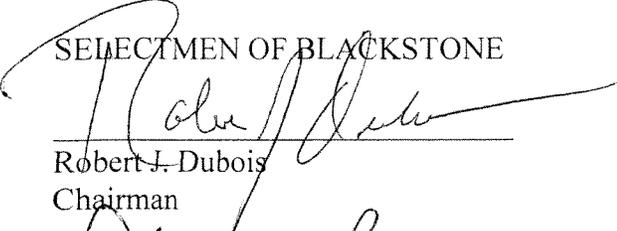
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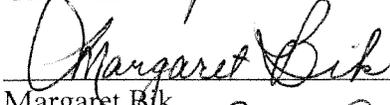
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

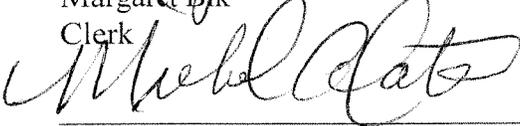
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and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

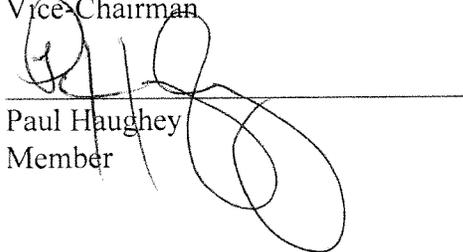
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

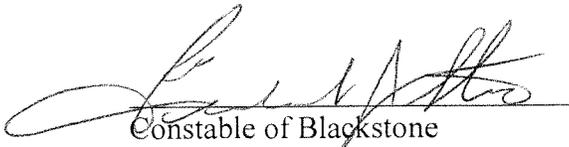

Margaret Birk
Clerk


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member


Ryan Chamberland
Vice-Chairman

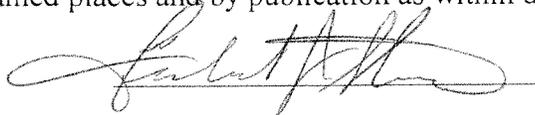

Paul Haughey
Member

A true copy attest:

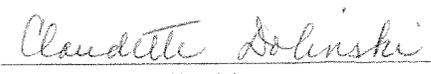

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 8th day of May, 2013 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:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 218 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; and Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$967.70 to pay a prior fiscal year bill to Perma-Line.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

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TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

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UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000, to fund the deficit in Veteran's benefits payable by the Town to veterans residing in the Town of Blackstone.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski,
Town Clerk of Blackstone

“Amended”

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2013

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, May 28, 2013 at 7:30 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 Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will 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, 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 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, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2, the District establish a Stabilization Fund effective July 1, 2013, or take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town of Blackstone will appropriate \$687,002 for its net operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2013, which is inclusive of \$56,169 for the debt service associated with Blackstone's previously (2001) voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will 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 improvements 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 for a Feasibility Study and Preliminary Architectural Study for a new Senior Center, Community Facility and Public Safety Center, or take any other action relating thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 9A which provides that the Town will pay one-half of the amounts of the premium to be paid by a retired employee for group insurance benefits under the first sentence of section 9 of Chapter 32B, or take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle for the Fire Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of a new 2013 ambulance, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto; the receipts from use of the Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$1,000 during Fiscal Year 2014, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$382,000 for the purchase of replacement water meters, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$160,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck plow and sander, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of a one ton 4-wheel drive dump truck with 9' snow plow, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$500,000 for the painting of the water tank a lower Blackstone Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed TO BE DETERMINED BY GRANT AVAILABILITY for the purchase of a new water filtration plant, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 20 to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of Well #8, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Please confirm balance of unexpended borrowing proceeds and submit Article to Bond Counsel.)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Elmwood Avenue sewer pump station, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Montcalm Avenue sewer pump station, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$125,000 for the purchase of operating equipment for the recycling facility, or to take any other action thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 for the purpose of the design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise the Gross Receipts Limit eligibility requirements for a Clause 41C Exemption under Section 5 of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 from \$18, 678 for a single person and \$20,987 for a couple to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple, and to raise the Whole Estate Limit eligibility requirements for Clause 41C Exemption from \$32,000 for a single person and \$34,500 for a couple to \$40,000 for single person and \$55,000 if married, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$55,000 for the purchase and installation of lights on the Little League Field and Soccer Field at Goulet Park, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 to complete a CCTV Improvement Project to allow the Police Department to monitor and record the outdoor gas pump, generator, ball fields, rear parking area, fire department bays, pump stations and water tanks, as well as the interior of the municipal center, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30. Mixed Uses In the Village Overlay District

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 123.23.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection C, Use regulations, as shown below, with bold type indicating additions:

C. Use regulations. Within the Village Overlay District, the use requirements of 123-11, Use schedule, for the underlying districts shall to continue to apply, except that

- (1) multifamily dwellings may be allowed on special permit from the Planning Board; **and**
- (2) **within the Commercial “C” District portion, a mix of uses may be allowed without regard to Subsection F of Section 123-12**

provided that **in both cases** the development is determined to be village-compatible as specified in Subsection B above,

and to amend Subsection D - Dimensional regulations by adding “in the R-1 portion of the overlay district” to footnote a.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 31. Soil Removal Fees

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 109 of the Town Code by: 1) deleting Section 109-4 (Limited operations), in its entirety, 2) deleting the words “except those qualifying under Section 109-4, Limited Operations,” from the first sentence of Section 109-5, and 3) recodifying current Sections 109-5 through 109-15 to read “Sections 109-4 through 109-14”, respectively; and, further, to amend the soil removal fee language of Section 109-5. C. to read as follows:

“C. The application or renewal fee shall be \$500 per year of permit validity, plus \$.15 per cubic yard of material to be removed for quantities up to 10,000 cubic yards and \$.25 per cubic yard of material to be removed over 10,000 cubic yards, plus the cost of advertising, notice and engineering/surveyor services to be performed at the discretion of the Selectmen to certify compliance with this chapter.”.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 32. Stretch Energy Code

To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter 58 of the Town Code, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code,” including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto,

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

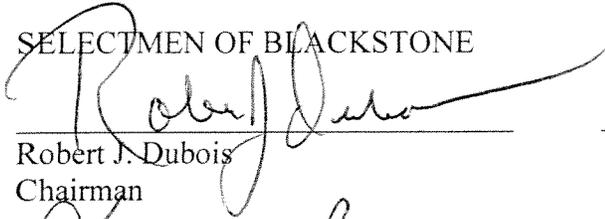
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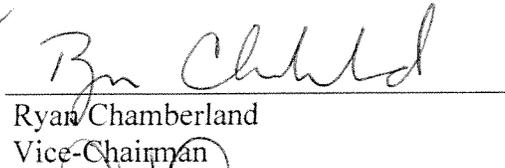
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

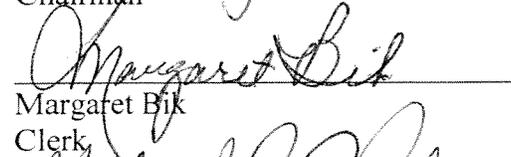
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the 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.

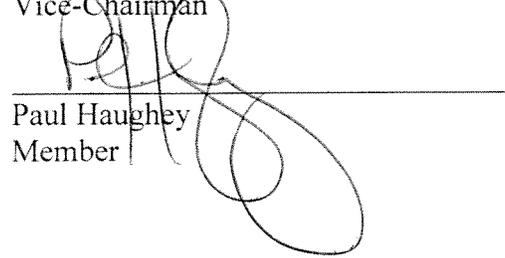
Given under our hands this 7th day of May 2013.

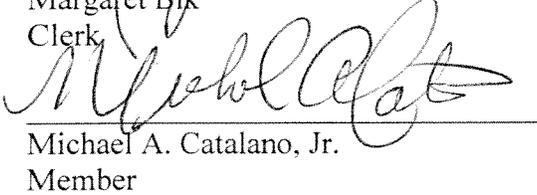
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Robert J. Dubois
Chairman

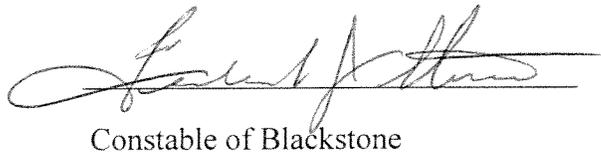

Ryan Chamberland
Vice-Chairman


Margaret Bik
Clerk


Paul Haughey
Member

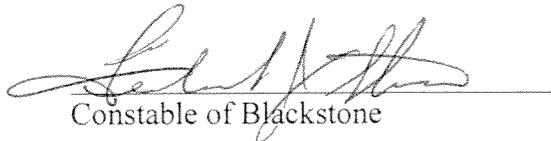

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Member

A true copy attest:


Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 8th day of May, 2013 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:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 218 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Wayne Mowry, Union Steward; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$21,360,773** 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, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, and that said appropriations shall be funded as follows:

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| That \$ 14,931,168 | raised from FY'14 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions) |
| That \$ 1,313,468 | raised from FY'14 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges |
| That \$ 1,066,577 | raised from FY'14 Estimated Local Receipts |
| That \$ 1,615,497 | transferred from Capital Trust |
| That \$ 300,000 | transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund |
| That \$ 2,623 | transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund |
| That \$ 1,279,640 | raised from FY'14 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues |
| That \$ 150,000 | transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings |

That \$ 470,140 raised from FY'14 Recycling Center Enterprise Fund Revenues
 That \$ - transferred from Stabilization
 That \$ 231,660 use of Free Cash
 That \$ - use of Overlay

MOTION OF NORMAND FORGET, SECONDED, TO AMEND THE ABOVE
 UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, ON MAIN MOTION, TO APPROVE

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| 01114 MODERATOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$550 | |
| EXPENSES | 0 | |
| TOTAL | \$550 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01122 SELECTMEN | | |
| SALARIES | \$23,376 | |
| EXPENSES | \$42,350 | |
| TOTAL | \$65,726 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01123 ADMINISTRATION | | |
| SALARIES | \$139,378 | |
| EXPENSES | \$13,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$152,878 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |

A motion was duly made by Robert Dubois and seconded to amend Line Item #01131-5300 to read \$180 as appearing in the Board of Selectmen's recommended budget.

After discussion, Mr. Dubois withdrew his motion.

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| 01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE | | |
| SALARIES | \$3,000 | |
| EXPENSES | \$9,550 | |
| TOTAL | \$12,550 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01132 RESERVE FUND | | |
| TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND | \$75,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$75,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE | | |
| SALARIES | \$1,500 | |
| EXPENSES | \$5,100 | |
| TOTAL | \$6,600 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

A motion was duly made by Ryan Chamberland and seconded to amend Line Item # 01135-51110 to \$58,366 for a department total of \$105,371.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

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| 01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT | | |
| SALARIES | \$90,122 | |
| EXPENSES | \$17,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$107,122 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |

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| 01141 ASSESSORS | | |
| SALARIES | \$112,526 | |
| EXPENSES | \$61,850 | MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE |
| TOTAL | \$174,376 | 201 YES 50 NO |

A motion was duly made by Michael Buckley and seconded to amend Line Item #01145-51140 Wages Part Time from \$6,136 to zero for a salary total of \$115,957 and a Department Total of \$137,880.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO AMEND

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| 01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER | | |
| SALARIES | \$122,093 | |
| EXPENSES | \$21,923 | |
| TOTAL | \$144,016 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
| 01151 TOWN COUNSEL | | |
| EXPENSES | \$100,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$100,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01155 DATA PROCESSING | | |
| EXPENSES | \$137,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$137,000 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
| 01158 COPIER | | |
| EXPENSES | \$14,822 | |
| TOTAL | \$14,822 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01159 BONDS & INSURANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$178,871 | |
| TOTAL | \$178,871 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01161 TOWN CLERK | | |
| SALARIES | \$107,734 | |
| EXPENSES | \$17,535 | MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE |
| TOTAL | \$125,269 | 182 YES 44 NO |
| 01162 ELECTIONS | | |
| SALARIES | \$2,250 | |
| EXPENSES | \$9,110 | |
| TOTAL | \$11,360 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS | | |
| SALARIES | \$2,150 | |
| EXPENSES | \$3,700 | |
| TOTAL | \$5,850 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION | | |
| SALARIES | \$3,745 | |
| EXPENSES | \$480 | |
| TOTAL | \$4,225 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01175 PLANNING BOARD | | |
| SALARIES | \$8,320 | |

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| EXPENSES | \$18,011 | |
| TOTAL | \$26,331 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01176 ZONING BOARD | | |
| SALARIES | \$4,682 | |
| EXPENSES | \$3,707 | |
| TOTAL | \$8,389 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01182 INDUST & ECONO DEVELOP | | |
| SALARIES | \$500 | |
| EXPENSES | \$4,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$5,000 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO APPROVE |
| 01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,250 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,250 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01190 GENERAL | | |
| EXPENSES | \$172,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$172,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$261,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$261,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01195 TOWN REPORT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$3,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$3,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

A motion was duly made by Constance Perreault and seconded to amend Line Item #01210-58800 Police Cruiser from \$72,422 down to \$36,522 for an expense total of \$121,772 and a department total of \$1,342,136.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

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| 01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT | | |
| SALARIES | \$1,220,364 | |
| EXPENSES | \$121,772 | |
| TOTAL | \$1,342,136 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED) |
| 01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS | | |
| SALARIES | \$203,309 | |
| EXPENSES | \$1,600 | |
| TOTAL | \$204,909 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT | | |
| SALARIES | \$662,395 | |
| EXPENSES | \$26,700 | |
| TOTAL | \$689,095 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE | | |
| SALARIES | \$6,136 | |

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| EXPENSES | \$44,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$50,136 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$49,723 | |
| EXPENSES | \$3,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$53,223 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
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| 01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$13,817 | |
| EXPENSES | \$1,133 | |
| TOTAL | \$14,950 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$8,244 | |
| EXPENSES | \$650 | |
| TOTAL | \$8,894 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | | |
| SALARIES | \$3,500 | |
| EXPENSES | \$15,250 | |
| TOTAL | \$18,750 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01292 ANIMAL CONTROL | | |
| SALARIES | \$16,074 | |
| EXPENSES | \$7,700 | |
| TOTAL | \$23,774 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01294 FORESTRY | | |
| SALARIES | \$5,000 | |
| EXPENSES | \$18,200 | |
| TOTAL | \$23,200 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| 01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R. | | |
| EXPENSES | \$7,551,900 | |
| TOTAL | \$7,551,900 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
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| 01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC | | |
| SALARIES | \$1,500 | |
| EXPENSES | \$687,002 | |
| TOTAL | \$688,502 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
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| 01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION | | |
| EXPENSES | \$396,580 | |
| TOTAL | \$396,580 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
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| 01411 CONSULTING | | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | \$0 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

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| 01412 ENGINEERING | | |
| SALARIES | \$0 | |
| EXPENSES | \$15,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$15,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT | | |
| SALARIES | \$24,998 | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | \$24,998 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01421 HIGHWAY LABOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$217,766 | |
| TOTAL | \$217,766 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL | | |
| EXPENSES | \$32,214 | |
| TOTAL | \$32,214 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL | | |
| SALARIES | \$27,470 | |
| EXPENSES | 83,167 | |
| TOTAL | \$110,637 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01424 STREET LIGHTING | | |
| EXPENSES | \$87,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$87,500 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS | | |
| EXPENSES | \$64,200 | |
| TOTAL | \$64,200 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

A motion was duly made by Robert Dubois and seconded that the town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$252,500 for the purpose of Construction and Maintenance Improvement Streets, Line Item #01429-58400.

After discussion there was a motion to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

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| 01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$252,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$252,500 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE (AMENDED) |
| 01432 STREET CLEANING | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01433 WASTE COLLECTION | | |
| SALARIES | \$0 | |
| EXPENSES | \$516,284 | |
| TOTAL | \$516,284 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

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| 01510 BOARD OF HEALTH | | |
| SALARIES | \$19,987 | |
| EXPENSES | \$71,630 | |
| TOTAL | \$91,617 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01541 COUNCIL ON AGING | | |
| SALARIES | \$141,083 | |
| EXPENSES | \$9,900 | |
| TOTAL | \$150,983 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
| 01543 VETERANS | | |
| SALARIES | \$5,200 | |
| EXPENSES | \$101,070 | |
| TOTAL | \$106,270 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT | | |
| SALARIES | \$185,000 | |
| EXPENSES | \$146,772 | |
| TOTAL | \$331,772 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01650 PARKS | | |
| SALARIES | \$55,568 | |
| EXPENSES | \$51,800 | |
| TOTAL | \$107,368 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY | | |
| SALARIES | \$300 | |
| EXPENSES | \$5,300 | |
| TOTAL | \$5,600 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01693 CULTURAL COUNCIL | | |
| SALARIES | \$0 | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | \$0 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$1,004,224 | |
| TOTAL | \$1,004,224 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST | | |
| EXPENSES | \$446,280 | |
| TOTAL | \$446,280 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST | | |
| EXPENSES | \$5,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$5,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS | | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | \$0 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

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| 01910 SPECIAL RETIREMENT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$6,600 | |
| TOTAL | \$6,600 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$558,402 | |
| TOTAL | \$558,402 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
| 01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP | | |
| EXPENSES | \$50,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$50,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01914 HEALTH INSURANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$452,294 | |
| TOTAL | \$452,294 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01915 LIFE INSURANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,750 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,750 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01916 MATCHING MEDICARE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$52,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$52,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES | | |
| EXPENSES | \$10,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$10,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCES | | |
| EXPENSES | \$7,500 | |
| TOTAL | \$7,500 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 01960 CAPITAL TRUST | | |
| TRANSFER TO CAPITAL TRUST | \$1,890,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$1,890,000 | MAJORITY VOICE VOTE |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$19,460,993 | |
| WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE | | |

A motion was duly made by Robert Kluchevitz and seconded to amend Article 3 Line Item 59610 to read that the Town appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$175,000 to the Sewer Reserve Fund Account, Line #59610 for a department total of \$175,000.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

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| 60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND | | |
| 59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND | \$175,000 | |
| TOTAL TRANSFER | \$175,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (AMENDED) |
| 60441 SEWER SALARIES | | |

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| SALARIES | \$151,802 | |
| TOTAL SALARIES | \$151,802 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$314,016 | |
| TOTAL | \$314,016 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| TOTAL SEWER | \$640,818 | |
| 61132 WATER RESERVE FUND | | |
| 59610 WATER RESERVE FUND | \$35,000 | |
| TOTAL TRANSFER | \$35,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR | | |
| SALARIES | \$139,270 | |
| EXPENSES | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | \$139,270 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION | | |
| SALARIES | \$61,286 | |
| TOTAL | \$61,286 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$493,013 | |
| TOTAL | \$493,013 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$45,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$45,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST | | |
| EXPENSES | \$13,253 | |
| TOTAL | \$13,253 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| TOTAL WATER | \$788,822 | |
| TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE | \$1,429,640 | |
| RECYCLING CENTER ENTERPRISE | | |
| 65132 RECYCLING RESERVE FUND | | |
| RECYCLING RESERVE FUND | \$15,000 | |
| TOTAL TRANSFER | \$15,000 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 65433 RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION | | |
| SALARY TOTAL | \$223,895 | |
| EXPENSE TOTAL | \$202,961 | |
| TOTAL | 426,856 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |

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| 61710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT RECYCLE | | |
| EXPENSES | \$25,800 | |
| TOTAL | \$25,800 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
| 61751 LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST | | |
| EXPENSES | \$2,484 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,484 | UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE |
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| TOTAL RECYCLING | \$470,140 | |
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| TOTAL GENERAL FUND/WATER & SEWER & RECYCLING BUDGETS | \$21,360,773 | |

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this Article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to approve in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2, the District establish a Stabilization Fund effective July 1, 2013, or take any action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town of Blackstone will appropriate \$687,002 for its net operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2013, which is inclusive of \$56,169 for the debt service associated with Blackstone's previously (2001) voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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 improvements 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Selectman Paul Haughey made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 10 to read that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study and preliminary architectural study for a new Senior Center, Community Facility and Public Safety Center.

109 YES 74 NO

MAJORITY HAND COUNT VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study and preliminary architectural study for a new Senior Center, Community Facility and Public Safety Center.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 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.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Selectman Robert Dubois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 12 to read that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. C. 32B, §9A, which provides that the Town will pay one-half of the amounts of the premium to be paid by a retired employee for group insurance benefits under the first sentence of Section 9 of Chapter 32B.

Officers Wayne Mowry and Maxwell Hurwitz provided information to the public in attendance regarding the article. After a lengthy discussion, there was a motion to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT

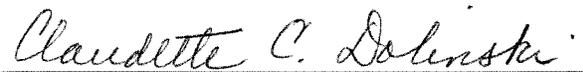
ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. C. 32B, §9A, which provides that the Town will pay one-half of the amounts of the premium to be paid by a retired employee for group insurance benefits under the first sentence of Section 9 of Chapter 32B.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 12.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

At 11:40 p.m. on a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Molony-Sullivan Auditorium of the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School.



Claudette C. Dolinski

Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

RESULTS OF ADJOURNED SESSION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 119 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Moderator Stone advised the public that Articles 14, 16, 17, and 19 would each require a secret ballot, and he suggested taking all four secret ballots one after the other. All participants agreed with that proposal.

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of a new 2013 ambulance.

SECRET BALLOT

120 YES 21 NO

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

Selectman Robert Dubois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 16 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$382,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the purchase of replacement water meters and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$382,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the purchase of replacement water meters and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

SECRET BALLOT

122 YES 30 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$160,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck plow and sander in the amounts specified from each of the following available sources of funds: 50% from Free Cash (\$80,000), 40% from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings (\$64,000), and 10% from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings (\$16,000).

SECRET BALLOT

127 YES 28 NO

MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

Selectman Chamberland made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 19 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the painting of the water tank located at lower Blackstone Street and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the painting of the water tank located at lower Blackstone Street, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

SECRET BALLOT

138 YES 15 NO

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of maintaining Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines and purchasing supplies related thereto; the receipts from use of the Library copiers, printers and facsimile machines shall be deposited into said fund and expended under the direction of the Library Trustees up to the maximum amount of \$1,000 during Fiscal Year 2014.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of a one ton 4-wheel drive dump truck with 9' snow plow.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 20. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to TAKE NO ACTION on this article.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed TO BE DETERMINED BY GRANT AVAILABILITY for the purchase of a new water filtration plant, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 20, to reauthorize for the purpose of the design and construction of Well #9, including all costs and expenses related thereto, the balance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, previously authorized to be borrowed for the design and construction of Well #8.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Elmwood Avenue sewer pump station.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum of money not to exceed \$10,500 to purchase a generator for Montcalm Avenue sewer pump station.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Selectman Robert Dubois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 24 to read that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Recycling Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing operating equipment for the recycling facility, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 24. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Recycling Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing operating equipment for the recycling facility, and, that, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling legislation.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Selectman Ryan Chamberland made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 25 to read that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park.

After lengthy discussion, there was a motion to move the question.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 25. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of design, restoration and/or construction of athletic fields at Veteran's Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 26. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise the Gross Receipts Limit eligibility requirements for a Clause 41C Exemption under Section 5 of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 from \$18,678 for a single person and \$20,987 for a couple to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple, and to raise the Whole Estate Limit eligibility requirements for Clause 41C Exemption from \$32,000 for a single person and \$34,500 for a couple to \$40,000 for single person and \$55,000 if married.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 27. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$55,000 for the purchase and installation of lights on the Little League Field and Soccer Field at Goulet Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Celeste Langlois made a motion, which was seconded, to amend Article 28 to read that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO AMEND

ARTICLE 28. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the repair/replacement of the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 29. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 to complete a CCTV Improvement Project to allow the Police Department to monitor and record the outdoor gas pump, generator, ball fields, rear parking area, fire department bays, pump stations and water tanks, as well as the interior of the municipal center.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 30. Mixed Uses In the Village Overlay District

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Section 123.23.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by amending Subsection C, Use regulations, as shown below, with bold type indicating additions:

C. Use regulations. Within the Village Overlay District, the use requirements of 123-11, Use schedule, for the underlying districts shall to continue to apply, except that

- (1) multifamily dwellings may be allowed on special permit from the Planning Board; **and**
- (2) **within the Commercial “C” District portion, a mix of uses may be allowed without regard to Subsection F of Section 123-12**

provided that **in both cases** the development is determined to be village-compatible as specified in Subsection B above,

and to amend Subsection D - Dimensional regulations by adding “in the R-1 portion of the overlay district” to footnote a.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 31. Soil Removal Fees

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend Chapter 109 of the Town Code by: 1) deleting Section 109-4 (Limited operations), in its entirety, 2) deleting the words “except those qualifying under Section 109-4, Limited Operations,” from the first sentence of Section 109-5, and 3) recodifying current Sections 109-5 through 109-15 to read

“Sections 109-4 through 109-14”, respectively; and, further, to amend the soil removal fee language of Section 109-5. C. to read as follows:

“C. The application or renewal fee shall be \$500 per year of permit validity, plus \$.15 per cubic yard of material to be removed for quantities up to 10,000 cubic yards and \$.25 per cubic yard of material to be removed over 10,000 cubic yards, plus the cost of advertising, notice and engineering/surveyor services to be performed at the discretion of the Selectmen to certify compliance with this chapter.”.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 32. Stretch Energy Code

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to enact Chapter 58 of the Town Code, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code,” including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto

85 YES 49 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 33. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer \$286,887.32 to the stabilization fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Paul M. Muller | Unex. 3 yrs. to expire 2014 |
| Kevin G. DeLeo | Unex. 3 yrs. to expire 2014 |
| Adrienne L. Nicoloro | Unex. 3 yrs to expire 2015 |
| James P. Belisle | 3 yrs. to expire 2016 |

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
June 25, 2013**

WARDENS:

**Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan
Precinct #2: Corrinne T. Beane
Precinct #3: Frederick J. Stone**

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

| | |
|---------|------|
| Prec #1 | 370 |
| Prec #2 | 433 |
| Prec #3 | 399 |
| Total | 1202 |

PRECINCT 1 PRECINCT 2 PRECINCT 3 TOTAL

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| *Gabriel E. Gomez | 217 | 256 | 258 | 731 |
| Edward J. Markey | 149 | 174 | 140 | 463 |
| Richard A. Heos | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6107

Total voters--1202

20% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski

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Town Clerk of Blackstone**

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's office provides accounting support to all departments, boards and committees of the Town. Payments to all Town vendors are processed through this department. The office is responsible for budgetary oversight and accurate maintenance and review of all expenditures and financial records pertaining to all Town appropriations.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the department heads, employees, committees and boards for their constant cooperation and communication with our department. It was certainly a hectic season that I walked into at my arrival last year, and I greatly appreciate the support I received from my fellow colleagues. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you all in the coming fiscal year.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hebert

Town Accountant

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS

June 30, 2013

| | Department Roadway Imp Fund 31 | Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32 | Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33 | Millerville Sewer Fund 35 | Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36 | Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37 | Stormwater Retro Fund 38 | Library Bldg/Arch Fund 39 | TOTAL Capital Projects Fund |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and investments | 1,693 | 14,140 | 298,834 | | 17,993 | 184,164 | 28 | - | 516,852 |
| Accounts receivable | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | - |
| Due from Commonwealth | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | - |
| Due from Federal Government | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | - |
| Due from other funds | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | - |
| | 1,693 | 14,140 | 298,834 | - | 17,993 | 184,164 | 28 | - | 516,852 |
| Liabilities & Fund Bal. | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants/Accounts payable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Due to other funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deferred revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Notes payable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fund balance - designated | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fund balance - reserved | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreserved fund balance | 1,693 | 14,140 | 298,834 | | 17,993 | 184,164 | 28 | - | 516,852 |
| | 1,693 | 14,140 | 298,834 | - | 17,993 | 184,164 | 28 | - | 516,852 |

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Group
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | | Fiduciary | L-T Debt | Totals |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital k Projects | Enterprise Funds | Trust & k Agency | Account Group | (Memo Only) |
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Cash & investments | 3,142,907 | 1,257,628 | 516,852 | 474,364 | 5,847,445 | - | 11,239,196 |
| Petty Cash | 975 | | | | | | 975 |
| Receivables: | | | | | | | - |
| Property taxes | 583,852 | - | - | - | - | - | 583,852 |
| Motor vehicle excise | 323,464 | - | - | - | - | - | 323,464 |
| Tax Liens | 833,618 | - | - | - | - | - | 833,618 |
| Water | | - | - | 56,991 | - | - | 56,991 |
| Sewer | | - | - | 82,952 | - | - | 82,952 |
| Other | 2,325 | 196,974 | - | - | - | - | 199,299 |
| Special assessments | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pre-Paid Expenses | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Due from State | | 17,978 | - | - | - | - | 17,978 |
| Amounts to be Provided | | - | - | - | - | 11,944,460 | 11,944,460 |
| Loans Authorized | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total assets | 4,887,141 | 1,472,580 | 516,852 | 614,306 | 5,847,445 | 11,944,460 | 25,282,785 |
| Liabilities & reserves | | | | | | | |
| Warrants & accounts payable | 68,326 | 387 | - | 10,403 | - | - | 79,116 |
| Payrolls payable & withholdings | (28,340) | - | - | - | - | - | (28,340) |
| Other liabilities | 9,754 | - | - | - | - | - | 9,754 |
| Due to other funds | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Notes payable | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bonds payable | | - | - | - | - | 11,944,460 | 11,944,460 |
| Loans Authorized and Unissued | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deferred revenue & provision | 1,110,139 | 214,952 | - | 139,943 | - | - | 1,465,034 |
| Overlay Balance | 633,124 | - | - | - | - | - | 633,124 |
| Total liabilities & reserves | 1,793,003 | 215,339 | - | 150,346 | - | 11,944,460 | 14,103,148 |
| Fund balances | | | | | | | |
| Reserved | | | | | | | |
| Encumbrances | 205,713 | 152 | - | - | - | - | 205,865 |
| Free Cash for Expenditures | 983,547 | - | - | - | - | - | 983,547 |
| Continued appropriations | 395,085 | - | - | - | - | - | 395,085 |
| Overlay for Expenditures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special Purposes | | 1,172,167 | 516,852 | 288,991 | 5,847,445 | - | 7,825,455 |
| Undesignated | 1,509,793 | 84,922 | - | 174,969 | - | - | 1,769,684 |
| Total fund balances | 3,094,138 | 1,257,241 | 516,852 | 463,960 | 5,847,445 | - | 11,179,636 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | 4,887,141 | 1,472,580 | 516,852 | 614,306 | 5,847,445 | 11,944,460 | 25,282,785 |

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2013 ENTERPRISE FUNDS-BUDGET BASIS

| DEPARTMENT/Purpose | | Original Budget | Approp. Transfers | Prior Year Encumbrances | Final Budget | Expended | Encumbered | Closed to Fund Balance |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| SEWER DEPARTMENT | Personnel | 155,527 | - | - | 155,527 | 130,869 | - | 24,658 |
| SEWER MAINTENANCE | Expenses | 309,990 | - | - | 309,990 | 277,126 | 5,293 | 27,571 |
| SEWER PRINCIPAL | Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SEWER INTEREST | Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SEWER | | 465,517 | - | - | 465,517 | 407,995 | 5,293 | 52,229 |
| <u>SEWER ARTICLES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Encumbrances | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 98201 ATM 12 art 29 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 98212 ATM 05/04#16 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Sewer Articles | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL SEWER | | 465,517 | - | - | 465,517 | 407,995 | 5,293 | 52,229 |
| RESERVE FUND-SEWER | Expenses | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| RESERVE FUND-WATER | Expenses | 25,000 | - | - | 25,000 | - | - | 25,000 |
| RESERVE FUND | | 40,000 | - | - | 40,000 | - | - | 40,000 |
| WATER LABOR | Personnel | 134,347 | - | - | 134,347 | 116,561 | - | 17,786 |
| WATER ADMINISTRATION | Personnel | 66,110 | - | - | 66,110 | 48,764 | - | 17,346 |
| WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT | Expenses | 490,765 | - | - | 490,765 | 334,098 | 25,105 | 131,562 |
| WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT | Expenses | 45,000 | - | - | 45,000 | 45,000 | - | - |
| WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT. | Expenses | 15,728 | - | - | 15,728 | 15,728 | - | - |
| WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST | Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA | | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | 1,432 | - | 568 |
| WATER | | 753,950 | - | - | 753,950 | 561,583 | 25,105 | 167,262 |
| <u>WATER ARTICLES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Encumbrances | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 90904 ATM 05/09#13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 98001 ATM 05/12#29 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 98010 ATM5/07#13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Well # 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Water Articles | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL WATER | | 753,950 | - | - | 753,950 | 561,583 | 25,105 | 167,262 |
| RESERVE FUND-RECYCLING | Expenses | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| RESERVE FUND | | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 |
| RECYCLING ADMINISTRATION | Personnel | 231,408 | - | - | 231,408 | 211,608 | - | 19,800 |
| | Expenses | 182,035 | - | - | 182,035 | 130,802 | 1,232 | 50,001 |
| RECYCLING LONG TERM DEBT INT | Expenses | 3,193 | - | - | 3,193 | 3,193 | - | - |
| RECYCLING CENTER | | 416,636 | - | - | 416,636 | 345,603 | 1,232 | 69,801 |
| <u>RECYCLING ARTICLES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | 90800ATM5/08#11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 90801ATM5/08#12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 90802ATM05/11#12 | 13,843 | - | - | 13,843 | 13,515 | - | 328 |
| | 90804STM10/11#7 | 17,582 | - | - | 17,582 | 14,689 | - | 2,893 |
| | 90807STM06/12#3 | 25,800 | - | - | 25,800 | 25,800 | - | - |
| | 90808STM06/12#2 | 50,424 | - | - | 50,424 | 50,424 | - | - |
| Total Recycling Articles | | 107,649 | - | - | 107,649 | 104,428 | - | 3,221 |
| TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS | | 1,783,752 | - | - | 1,783,752 | 1,419,609 | 31,630 | 332,513 |

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Year ended June 30, 2013

| | Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60 | Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61 | Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65 | TOTAL Enterprise Fund |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash and investments | 256,982 | 218,765 | (1,384) | 474,363 |
| Accounts receivable user fees | 69,715 | 47,775 | | 117,490 |
| Accounts receivable lien | 13,237 | 9,216 | | 22,453 |
| Due from Commonwealth | - | - | - | - |
| Due from Federal Government | - | - | - | - |
| Due from other funds | - | - | - | - |
| | 339,934 | 275,756 | (1,384) | 614,306 |

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

| | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Warrants/Accounts payable | 2,150 | 3,385 | 4,868 | 10,403 |
| Accrued Payroll | | | | |
| Deferred revenue | 82,952 | 56,991 | | 139,943 |
| Notes payable | | - | | - |
| Fund balance - designated | | | - | - |
| Fund balance - reserved for expenditure | 235,000 | 16,000 | 6,361 | 257,361 |
| Fund balance - reserved for encumbrance | 5,293 | 25,105 | 1,232 | 31,630 |
| Unreserved fund balance | 14,539 | 174,275 | (13,845) | 174,969 |
| | 339,934 | 275,756 | (1,384) | 614,306 |

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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Year ended June 30, 2013

| | Enterprise Sewer Portion Fund 60 | Enterprise Water Portion Fund 61 | Enterprise Recycling Center Fund 65 | TOTAL Enterprise Fund |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 346,431 | 316,062 | | 662,493 |
| Other | | | 353,972 | 353,972 |
| | 346,431 | 316,062 | 353,972 | 1,016,465 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Personal Services | 130,869 | 165,325 | 211,608 | 507,802 |
| Purchase of Services | 277,126 | 335,530 | 209,430 | 822,086 |
| Supplies | - | | - | - |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | - | | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | | | - |
| Prior Year Encumbrance | 67,138 | 84,713 | 24 | 151,875 |
| Debt Service | - | 60,728 | 28,993 | 89,721 |
| | 475,133 | 646,296 | 450,055 | 1,571,484 |
| Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures | (128,702) | (330,234) | (96,083) | (555,019) |
| Bond Proceeds | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers in | - | | | - |
| Transfers (out) | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers | (128,702) | (330,234) | (96,083) | (555,019) |
| Fund Balance, 6/30/12 | 383,534 | 545,614 | 89,831 | 1,018,979 |
| Fund Balance, 6/30/13 | 254,832 | 215,380 | (6,252) | 463,960 |

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**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

| DEPARTMENT/Purpose | Original Budget | Approp. Transfers | Prior Year Encumbrances | Final Budget | Expended | Encumbered | Closed to Fund Balance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| MODERATOR | 550 | 650 | | 1,200 | 1,181 | - | 19 |
| SELECTMEN | 62,122 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 117,122 | 56,102 | 39,754 | 21,266 |
| TOWN ADMINISTRATOR | 148,604 | | | 148,604 | 145,710 | 37 | 2,857 |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | 2,973 | 300 | | 3,273 | 2,154 | 34 | 1,085 |
| RESERVE FUND | 60,000 | (15,000) | | 45,000 | - | | 45,000 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM. | 6,600 | (3,027) | | 3,573 | 3,256 | 150 | 167 |
| TOWN ACCOUNTANT | 105,647 | | | 105,647 | 100,709 | 2,800 | 2,138 |
| ASSESSORS | 139,221 | | | 139,221 | 123,258 | 15,002 | 961 |
| TREASURER/COLLECTOR | 142,651 | (2,500) | | 140,151 | 131,178 | | 8,973 |
| TOWN COUNSEL | 100,000 | (5,000) | | 95,000 | 81,297 | | 13,703 |
| DATA PROCESSING | 143,113 | (2,500) | | 140,613 | 116,790 | 1,429 | 22,394 |
| COPIER | 14,756 | 1,000 | | 15,756 | 15,741 | | 15 |
| BONDS & INSURANCE | 161,837 | | | 161,837 | 155,617 | | 6,220 |
| TOWN CLERK | 116,839 | | | 116,839 | 105,707 | 2,526 | 8,606 |
| ELECTIONS | 28,150 | 10,000 | 11,000 | 49,150 | 48,005 | | 1,145 |
| BOARD OF REGISTRARS | 6,050 | | | 6,050 | 5,233 | | 817 |
| CONSERVATION COMM | 4,225 | | | 4,225 | 4,169 | | 56 |
| OPEN SPACE | | | 100,000 | 100,000 | | | 100,000 |
| PLANNING BOARD | 26,331 | (5,000) | 38,074 | 59,405 | 24,491 | 280 | 34,634 |
| ZONING BOARD | 8,389 | | | 8,389 | 4,522 | 417 | 3,450 |
| INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT | 8,500 | (5,000) | | 3,500 | | | 3,500 |
| CENTRAL MA PLANNING | 2,175 | | | 2,175 | 2,175 | | 0 |
| GENERAL | 166,901 | (5,000) | | 161,901 | 130,179 | 2,152 | 29,570 |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT | 278,500 | (5,000) | 266,122 | 539,622 | 242,667 | 16,688 | 280,267 |
| TOWN REPORT | 3,000 | | | 3,000 | 2,175 | | 825 |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 1,737,134 | (11,077) | 445,196 | 2,171,253 | 1,502,316 | 81,269 | 587,668 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | 1,215,825 | 7,500 | 3,767 | 1,227,092 | 1,221,333 | 1,783 | 3,976 |
| POLICE DISPATCHERS | 180,250 | 10,000 | | 190,250 | 183,367 | | 6,883 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | 657,319 | 60,000 | 1,619 | 718,938 | 706,519 | 30 | 12,389 |
| FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #2 | - | | | - | | | 0 |
| FIRE DEPT SUB-STN #3 | - | | | - | | | 0 |
| AMBULANCE | 56,675 | | 37,000 | 93,675 | 78,824 | 1,040 | 13,811 |
| MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR | 50,075 | | | 50,075 | 41,720 | 8,053 | 302 |
| PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR | 14,577 | | | 14,577 | 14,194 | | 383 |
| WEIGHTS & MEASURE | 2,000 | | | 2,000 | 1,750 | | 250 |
| ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR | 8,083 | | | 8,083 | 7,944 | | 139 |

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

| DEPARTMENT/Purpose | Original Budget | Approp. Transfers | Prior Year Encumbrances | Final Budget | Expended | Encumbered | Closed to Fund Balance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | 17,500 | | | 17,500 | 16,889 | | 611 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | 23,306 | (2,500) | | 20,806 | 20,739 | | 67 |
| FORESTRY | 23,200 | | | 23,200 | 23,200 | | 0 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 2,248,810 | 75,000 | 42,386 | 2,366,196 | 2,316,479 | 10,906 | 38,811 |
| B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS | 7,429,424 | | | 7,429,424 | 7,429,423 | - | 1 |
| BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE | 684,308 | | | 684,308 | 684,308 | - | 0 |
| VOCATIONAL TUITION | 291,146 | | | 291,146 | 239,588 | - | 51,558 |
| EDUCATION | 8,404,878 | - | - | 8,404,878 | 8,353,319 | - | 51,559 |
| CONSULTING/ADMINISTRATION | - | | | - | | | 0 |
| ENGINEERING | 15,000 | (2,500) | | 12,500 | 8,258 | 750 | 3,492 |
| DPW SUPERINTENDENT | 27,200 | | | 27,200 | 25,544 | | 1,656 |
| HIGHWAY LABOR | 193,119 | | | 193,119 | 184,661 | | 8,458 |
| HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL | 32,214 | 1,174 | 28,000 | 61,388 | 44,565 | 83 | 16,740 |
| SNOW & ICE | 110,636 | 110,000 | | 220,636 | 213,273 | | 7,363 |
| STREET LIGHTING | 87,500 | (2,500) | | 85,000 | 84,155 | | 845 |
| MECHANICAL REPAIR | 64,200 | (5,000) | | 59,200 | 53,912 | 2,903 | 2,385 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MAINT | 56,372 | 11,000 | | 67,372 | 30,530 | 31,513 | 5,329 |
| STREET CLEANING | 2,000 | | | 2,000 | 1,935 | | 65 |
| WASTE COLLECTION | 509,548 | | | 509,548 | 455,923 | 48,676 | 4,949 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 1,097,789 | 112,174 | 28,000 | 1,237,963 | 1,102,756 | 83,925 | 51,282 |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | 92,128 | | | 92,128 | 72,054 | 18,438 | 1,636 |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | 148,556 | | | 148,556 | 140,332 | 171 | 8,053 |
| VETERANS | 55,270 | 45,000 | | 100,270 | 94,798 | | 5,472 |
| HUMAN SERVICES | 295,954 | 45,000 | - | 340,954 | 307,184 | 18,609 | 15,161 |
| LIBRARY | 314,801 | | | 314,801 | 304,126 | 1,041 | 9,634 |
| PARKS | 105,687 | | | 105,687 | 94,160 | 4,049 | 7,478 |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION | 4,900 | | | 4,900 | 4,900 | | 0 |
| MEMORIAL DAY | 5,600 | 36 | | 5,636 | 5,186 | 450 | 0 |
| CULTURAL COUNCIL | - | | | - | | | 0 |

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
FY2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
BUDGET BASIS**

| DEPARTMENT/Purpose | Original Budget | Approp. Transfers | Prior Year Encumbrances | Final Budget | Expended | Encumbered | Closed to Fund Balance |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| CULTURE & RECREATION | 430,988 | 36 | - | 431,024 | 408,372 | 5,540 | 17,112 |
| PRINCIPAL | 1,024,224 | | | 1,024,224 | 1,024,224 | - | 0 |
| LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST | 489,549 | | | 489,549 | 489,549 | - | 0 |
| SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST | 10,000 | (5,000) | | 5,000 | 2,000 | - | 3,000 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 1,523,773 | (5,000) | - | 1,518,773 | 1,515,773 | - | 3,000 |
| SPECIAL RETIREMENT | 6,360 | 77 | | 6,437 | 6,436 | - | 1 |
| COUNTY RETIREMENT | 438,197 | | | 438,197 | 438,197 | - | 0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN | 50,000 | (5,000) | | 45,000 | 6,216 | 5,000 | 33,784 |
| EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL | 422,705 | (5,000) | | 417,705 | 390,572 | 464 | 26,669 |
| LIFE INSURANCE | 2,200 | | | 2,200 | 2,322 | - | -122 |
| MATCHING MEDICARE | 49,000 | | | 49,000 | 47,643 | - | 1,357 |
| COMPENSATED BALANCES | - | | | - | - | - | 0 |
| COMPENSATED ABSENCES | 7,500 | | | 7,500 | 5,624 | | 1,876 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL | 41,103 | | | 41,103 | 41,103 | - | 0 |
| COURT JUDGMENT | - | | | - | 5,919 | - | -5,919 |
| NON-DEPARTMENTAL | 1,017,065 | (9,923) | - | 1,007,142 | 944,032 | 5,464 | 57,646 |
| G F OPERATING BUDGETS | 16,756,391 | 206,210 | 515,582 | 17,478,183 | 16,450,231 | 205,713 | 822,239 |
| TRANS TO STABILIZATION | | | | | | - | 0 |
| TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE | - | - | | | | - | 0 |
| TRANS TO CAP TRUST | 1,890,000 | | | 1,890,000 | 1,955,743 | - | -65,743 |
| | 1,890,000 | - | - | 1,890,000 | 1,955,743 | - | -65,743 |
| ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | - | | | 0 |
| ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | - | | | 0 |
| ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS | | | | - | | | 0 |
| ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION | | | | - | | | 0 |
| ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL | | | | - | | | 0 |
| | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS | 18,646,391 | 206,210 | 515,582 | 19,368,183 | 18,405,974 | 205,713 | 756,496 |

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2013

| Line Description | Budget | Actual | Variance | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | \$ | % |
| Receipts: | | | | |
| A1 School Aid Chapter 70 | 84,251 | 84,251 | - | 0.00% |
| A2 School Transportation | - | - | - | 100.00% |
| | <u>84,251</u> | <u>84,251</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| B1 Lottery, Beano & Charity Games | 1,074,007 | 1,157,715 | 83,708 | 7.79% |
| B3 Highway Fund | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| B5 Police Carrer Incentive | - | - | - | |
| B7 Veterans Benefits | 30,068 | 26,030 | (4,038) | 0.00% |
| B8 Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp. | 34,606 | 37,038 | 2,432 | 7.03% |
| B9 Exemptions: Elderly | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| B10 State-Owned Land | 15,871 | 15,871 | - | 0.00% |
| Additional State Aid | - | - | - | 100.00% |
| | <u>1,154,552</u> | <u>1,236,654</u> | <u>82,102</u> | <u>7.11%</u> |
| Total Receipts | <u>1,238,803</u> | <u>1,320,905</u> | <u>82,102</u> | <u>6.63%</u> |
| Offset Items | | | | |
| TOTAL, All Receipts | <u>1,238,803</u> | <u>1,320,905</u> | | |

Charges:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| A County Assessment, County Tax | | | - | |
| B3 Mosquito Control | 26,052 | 26,052 | - | 0.00% |
| B4 Air Pollution Districts | 2,391 | 2,391 | - | 0.00% |
| B7 RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | 14,580 | 12,660 | 1,920 | 13.17% |
| Total Charges | <u>43,023</u> | <u>41,103</u> | <u>1,920</u> | <u>4.46%</u> |

Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2013

| Line Description | Budget | Actual | \$ | % |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Local Receipts: | | | | |
| 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE: | 600,000 | 944,363 | 344,363 | 57.39% |
| 3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES: | 50,000 | 124,601 | 74,601 | 149.20% |
| 4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES: | 11,577 | 14,824 | 3,247 | 28.05% |
| 10 FEES: | 25,000 | 38,058 | 13,058 | 52.23% |
| 17 LICENSES & PERMITS: | 115,000 | 146,901 | 31,901 | 27.74% |
| 19 FINES & FORFEITS: | 35,000 | 37,069 | 2,069 | 5.91% |
| 20 INVESTMENT INCOME: | 35,000 | 9,336 | (25,664) | -73.33% |
| 21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING: | - | - | - | 0.00% |
| 22 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING: | 10,000 | 8,981 | (1,019) | 0.00% |
| 23 | <u>881,577</u> | <u>1,324,133</u> | <u>442,556</u> | <u>50.20%</u> |

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2013

| | Highway Improvements Fund 13 | State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21 | Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29 | TOTALS (Memo Only) |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash and investments | \$ (523) | 85,967 | \$ 1,172,184 | \$ 1,257,628 |
| Accounts receivable | - | | 196,974 | 196,974 |
| Due from Commonwealth | 523 | - | - | 523 |
| Due from Federal Government | - | 17,455 | - | 17,455 |
| Due from other funds | - | - | - | - |
| | - | 103,422 | 1,369,158 | 1,472,580 |

Liabilities & Fund Bal.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Warrants/Accounts payable | - | 370 | 17 | 387 |
| Due to other funds | - | | - | - |
| Deferred revenue | 523 | 17,455 | 196,974 | 214,952 |
| Notes payable | - | - | - | - |
| Fund balance - designated | - | - | 1,172,167 | 1,172,167 |
| Fund balance - reserved | - | 152 | | 152 |
| Unreserved fund balance | (523) | 85,445 | - | 84,922 |
| | \$ - | \$ 103,422 | \$ 1,369,158 | \$ 1,472,580 |

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year ended June 30, 2013**

| | Highway Improvements Fund 13 | State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21 | Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29 | TOTALS (Memo Only) |
|------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Federal & State Grants | 492,000 | 107,571 | 430,174 | \$ 1,029,745 |
| Charges for Services | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Other | - | - | | \$ - |
| | 492,000 | 107,571 | 430,174 | \$ 1,029,745 |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Government | - | - | 75,115 | \$ 75,115 |
| Public Safety | - | 31,805 | 15,839 | \$ 47,644 |
| Education | - | | 26,924 | \$ 26,924 |
| Public works | 492,523 | 750 | 3,043 | \$ 496,316 |
| Human services | - | 8,654 | 58,355 | \$ 67,009 |
| Culture & recreation | - | 24,861 | 25,788 | \$ 50,649 |
| Insurance & other | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Capital Outlay | | | - | \$ - |
| Prior Year Encumbrances | | | | \$ - |
| Debt Service | - | | - | \$ - |
| | 492,523 | 66,070 | 205,063 | \$ 763,657 |

| | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|---------|------------|
| Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures | (523) | 41,501 | 225,111 | \$ 266,088 |
|---|-------|--------|---------|------------|

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Bond Proceeds | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Transfers in | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Transfers (out) | - | (11,961) | (239,623) | \$ (251,584) |
| | - | (11,961) | (239,623) | (251,584) |

| | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers | (523) | 29,540 | (14,512) | 14,504 |
|--|-------|--------|----------|--------|

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------|-----------|--------------|
| Fund Balance, 6/30/12 | - | 56,058 | 1,186,679 | \$ 1,242,737 |
|------------------------------|---|--------|-----------|--------------|

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Fund Balance, 6/30/13 | (523) | 85,597 | 1,172,167 | 1,257,241 |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Undesignated Fund Balance Analysis
Fiscal Year 2013

Fund 01

| | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance, July 1, 2012: | | \$ 1,810,654 |
| Date of Entry | | |
| Close FY2013 Revenue/Expenditures | | 514,444 |
| Close FY2013 F/B Free Cash Res for Expend | | 220,031 |
| Close FY2013 F/B Res for Cont Approp. | | 337,431 |
| Close FY2013 F/B Reserved for Encumb. | | 297,128 |
| Establish FY2014 F/B Res for Cont Approp. | | (395,085) |
| Establish FY2014 F/B Reserved for Encumb. | | (205,713) |
| Establish FY2014 Free Cash Reserv for Expend. | | (983,547) |
| Reserve Overlay Vote for Expenditures | | - |
| Prior Year Adjust after Close FY12 | | (85,550) |
| Adjust for PO | | |
| Prior Year Audit Adjust | | |
| Adjust for Cash Recons Variance per monthly recvbl | | |
| Ending Balance, June 30, 2013 Undes. | | <u>1,509,793</u> |

Balance Sheet

Summary Total Fund Balance:

| | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances | | 205,713 |
| Fund Balance Reserved for Cont. Appropriations | | 395,085 |
| Fund Balance Free Cash Reserved for Expend | | 983,547 |
| | | |
| Fund Balance Reserve for Petty Cash | | |
| Undes. Fund Balance | | 1,509,793 |

| | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| Total Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2013 | | <u>\$ 3,094,138</u> |
|--|--|----------------------------|

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| From Balance Sheet | | <u>\$ 3,094,138</u> |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|

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TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

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MUNICIPAL CENTER EXTENSION LIST

| <u>EXTENSION</u> | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>EMPLOYEE</u> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 113 | Town Administrator | Daniel M. Keyes |
| 102 | Administrator/Selectmen's Office | Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine |
| 101 | Administrator/Selectmen's Office | Kim Milliken |
| 116 | Town Clerk | Claudette Dolinski |
| 124 | Office Assistant | Julie Picard |
| 146 | Assistant Town Clerk | Donna Bik |
| 117 | Collector/Treasurer | Steven Perrault |
| 126 | Assistant Collector | Catherine Muller |
| 119 | Clerk/Collector/Treasurer's Office | Jillian Muller |
| 118 | Assistant Treasurer | |
| 121 | Assistant Assessor | Patricia Salamone |
| 122 | Administrative Asst./Assessor's Office | Rachel Campopiano |
| 123 | Town Accountant | Julie Hebert |
| 148 | Assistant Accountant | Maureen Englund |
| 165 | Accounting Clerk | |
| 129 | Building Inspector/Board of Health | Colleen Strapponi |
| 130 | Municipal Inspector | |
| 168 | Conservation Commission | Lisa Larue, Sec. |
| 143 | Fire Chief Secretary | |
| 144 | Emergency Management Director | Michael Sweeney |
| 145 | Fire Chief | Michael Sweeney |
| 131 | Fire Department Office | |
| 155 | Systems Administrator | |
| 156 | Zoning Board of Appeals | Amy Sutherland, Sec. |
| 157 | Cultural Council | |
| 158 | Finance Committee | Kevin DeLeo, Chair |
| 159 | Historical Commission | Carolyn Powers, Chair |
| 161 | Board of Selectmen | |
| 163 | Town Planner | |
| 163 | Planning Board | Amy Sutherland, Sec. |
| 265 | DPW Office Assistant | Kelly Shea |
| | SENIOR CENTER: | |
| 125 | Intake & Information | |
| 133 | Transportation | Dennis Pimenta |
| 134 | Outreach Program | Laurie Keefe |
| 135 | COA Director | Jean Doiron |
| 150 | Activities Assistant | |
| 151 | General Info/Nutrition Site | Gail LeClair |