

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT**

**MAY 26, 2009**

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**7:30 PM**



**In the BMR Auditorium**

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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 26, 2009 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, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen with Type I mix, 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, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 7. 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 Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 8. 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 roadway, 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 Department of Public Works)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to the Police Department Account No. 01210-90900 the sum of \$36,000.00 to lease/purchase a 2009 Ford Explorer 4 X 4, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to the Police Department Account No. 01210-90900 the sum of \$16,917.00 to purchase 3 new computers and car mounts to replace the ones already in police cruisers, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Police Department)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds from the Water Enterprise Account No. 61452-90900 the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing engineering plans to replace Well #7 and Well #2 with a central chlorination and back up generator building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water and Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$21,745.00 to purchase a sewer grinder pump and make necessary repairs to the muffin monster grinder, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water and Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,500.00 from the Water Enterprise Account No. 61452-90911 for the replacement of water meters, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water and Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to the Public Building Account No. 01192-90900 the sum of \$18,000.00 to provide handicap accessibility to the Police and Fire Departments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Administrator)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to insert a new bylaw of the Town as set forth below: "Article VIII, Section 15 – For each written demand issued by the Collector and provided for by law, the Collector shall charge a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which fee shall be added to, and collected as part of, the amount of the tax, as provided by Chapter 60, Section 15, subsection (2) of the General Laws", or to take any other action related thereto.

(Submitted by the Collector/Treasurer)

ARTICLE 16. 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.

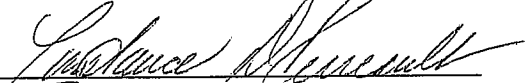
(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

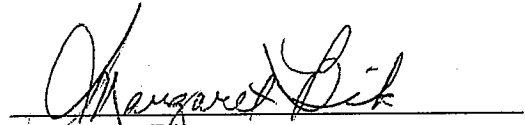
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

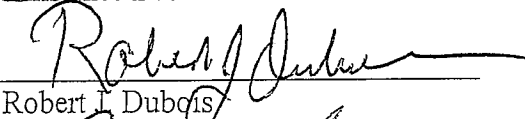
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the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

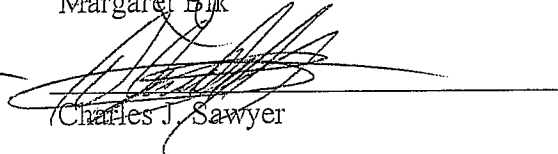
Given under our hands this 5th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nine.

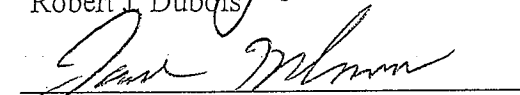
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE

  
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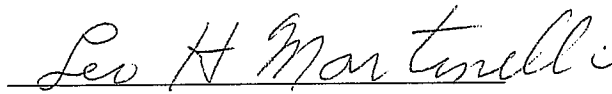
  
Margaret Bik

  
Robert J. Dubois

  
Charles J. Sawyer

  
Joseph Marchand

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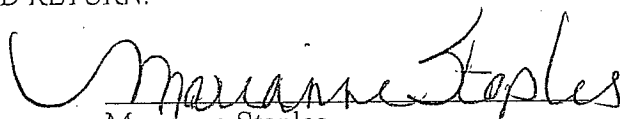
  
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 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:

  
Marianne Staples  
Town Clerk