

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 26, 2009

ARTICLE 1. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 2. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move 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.

ARTICLE 3. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 4. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move 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.

ARTICLE 5. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move 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.

ARTICLE 6. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 7. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move 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.

ARTICLE 8. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move 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 roadway, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

ARTICLE 9. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Police Department Account No. 01210-90900 the sum of \$33,281.00 to purchase a 2009 Ford Explorer 4 X 4.

ARTICLE 10. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Police Department Account No. 01210-90900 the sum of \$16,917.00 to purchase 3 new computers and car mounts.

ARTICLE 11. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing engineering plans to replace the buildings at Well #7 and Well #2 with one new central chlorination and back up generator building.

ARTICLE 12. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Account the sum of \$21,500.00 to purchase a backup sewer grinder pump and make necessary repairs to the muffin monster grinder.

ARTICLE 13. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise the sum of \$22,500.00 for the replacement of water meters.

ARTICLE 14. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Public Building Account No. 01192-90900 the sum of \$18,000.00 to provide handicap accessibility to the Police and Fire Departments.

ARTICLE 15. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town 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.”

ARTICLE 16. The Finance Committee recommends and I so move that the Town vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the stabilization fund.