





seconded by Mrs. Bik, to close the public hearing, followed by a motion made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the single tax rate. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Woonsocket Wastewater – Agreement on Host Fee:

The issue goes back to the FY 14 budget where a host fee was assessed at approximately \$42,000. Through legal negotiations between the two towns, it was agreed that Blackstone would pay \$21,195.74 without interest to clear up the matter. The funds would come out of Water/Sewer retained earnings. This will be the only other article on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on February 2, 2016 besides the Soldier On project. A motion was made by Mr. Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Blackstone Millville Regional High School Band – National Champions: This past week, the marching band, under the direction of Todd Schafer, returned from winning the National Championship in Division 4 held at Met Life Stadium in New Jersey. The Selectmen congratulated the band members on their outstanding accomplishments.

- Special Town Meeting: Mr. Keyes requested that the Board of Selectmen open the warrant for a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 for the purpose of the Soldier On program and for payment of the renegotiated Host Fee to the city of Woonsocket. The Soldier On program would rehabilitate Veteran's Park with ball fields and housing for veterans (75-150 units). A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for February 2, 2016. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- CMRPC – Janet Pierce: Ms. Pierce is the Central Mass Regional Planning Executive Director. She distributed a new "services guide" which explains some of the programs offered to the communities. She offered suggestions for applying for grants to upgrade the infrastructure such as identifying areas of potential problems, documenting by taking pictures, having a pre-disaster mitigation plan in place, etc. Ms. Pierce extended an invitation to attend the late fall Legislative Breakfast on December 4, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Union Station. The topic will be the Community Compact.

- Approval of Payroll Warrant #16EWA11 and #16PW11: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above payroll warrants. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Approval of Vendor Warrant #16EW11: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Bik, to approve the above vendor warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Matters that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen reasonable anticipates to discuss:

Mr. Dubois gave a presentation of the tax rates in surrounding towns and compared services received. Blackstone's trash pickup is included in the tax rate where most towns have to pay extra for this service.

#### 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey encouraged everyone to complete the Master Plan survey. He also listed many of the programs available at the Senior Center and encouraged elders to take advantage of these. Mr. Haughey urged all to avail themselves of the many programs at the Library.

Michael Catalano noted that the Town has a nationally recognized marching band. Also the Lions Club had a food drive on November 7<sup>th</sup> and it was very successful event. The recycling collectors (Republic) made a donation to Daniels Farm. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Keefe noted that the Band Boosters have a part in keeping the school's cost down. He congratulated the band on their most recent accomplishments. He thanked the Woonsocket City Council for their quick response to the issue of the Host fees. He thanked the Water/Sewer Commission for keeping rates as stable as possible.

Mrs. Bik noted the silent auction at the Senior Center was a great success. They raised \$2,850 for the Senior Center. A spa day was held recently and many took advantage of the service. The Ribbons and Greens Holiday Workshop will be held at the Library on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mr. Dubois noted that December will be a busy month for the Board of Selectmen. Budget meetings are scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2016 and it will be televised. Mary Bulso, Dave Barber and a few others volunteered their efforts in cleaning up the Blackstone River. They did a wonderful job. The survey is on the town's web site and it would be appreciated if people completed this to help with the Master Plan. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

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cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk