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TOWN OF BELGRADE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



~ 2019 ~

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the
Town Officers



Maine's 102nd Town

Preceding Maine Statehood by 24 Years

Incorporated February 3, 1796

From Washington Plantation

Above the Signature and by the Authority of

The Architect of the American Revolution

And then Governor of Massachusetts,

SAMUEL ADAMS

FOR THE YEAR 2019

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DEDICATED TO ROAD COMMISSIONER MAURICE CHILDS

This dedication of the 2019 Town of Belgrade Annual Report to Road Commissioner Maurice Childs will offer a scarcity of words. Much like the man himself.

His own wrap-up in this report of nearly three decades of public service to the Town consisted of an economic 119 words – four words for each of his 29 years. When the author of this piece sought to slyly wrangle some insights from Maurice, the humble commissioner offered mere crumbs. But that was to be expected. Maurice Childs has always been a man of action rather than one of talk.



Maurice was first elected Road Commissioner in 1987, winning re-election each of the 21 years that followed before deciding in 2009 to step away from the job. During that span, his work ethic was on full display to the entire community. He oversaw the paving of scores of miles of local roads. But those were only a fraction of the distances of cracks sealed, shoulders graded, streets striped, ditches deepened, and miles mowed under his leadership. Add to that a small forest of brush and trees removed, plus a plethora of catch basins vacuumed and signs erected, and one gets a greater sense of the mark Maurice has made on our community. During much of that time, he also bulldozed garbage at the now-defunct landfill, hauled trash after the landfill closed, plowed up to 80 properties, and ran a successful construction company.

In 2013, Maurice again developed the itch to serve anew in his old post. He won election then, and has every year since. But finally, his body has given out on him. With a tinge of resignation and regret, he acknowledges it is time to entrust the job to a successor. Asked why he served for so long, Maurice simply says it was his way of contributing to the community he loves.

It can be easy to misread Maurice. On the surface, he seems unflappable. The truth is, the man fretted day and night over how best to maintain Belgrade roads, performing much of the work himself, and always at state rates to minimize the cost to taxpayers. Even after 29 years, he agonized over neighbors who were disappointed by his professional judgments. That's how much he poured himself into the role; that's how much he cared.

Fortunately, Belgrade will still have Maurice's expertise and experience at its disposal. He has agreed to continue serving on the Town's Roads Committee and he has vowed to support his successor in whatever ways the new Road Commissioner likes. Thank you for that, Maurice. But mostly, thank you for your many decades of quiet, generous, dependable and dedicated service to our and to your community. You are appreciated, Maurice Childs.

CATHERINE JEAN (CALAHAN) DAVIS

“CAL”



Catherine Jean (Calahan) Davis, or “Cal” to her many friends, died peacefully at her home on the West Road on September 4, 2019, from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. A native Vermonter, Cal was born in Burlington on September 6, 1958, to Charles Lyman Calahan and Margaret (Henley) Calahan. Following the example of older siblings, Cal attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 1980 before returning to New England. She obtained her Master’s in Social Work degree from Adelphi New England in 1984 and worked as a social worker and parent educator in Maine.

Cal resided in Belgrade for just under 32 years. She loved her neighbors and this community. A self-described homebody, she was happiest when here.

Cal was passionate about and devoted to her children, Emily, Tim and Will, raising them lovingly along with a large menagerie of pets and livestock. Cal enjoyed all things equestrian and often could be found teaching local children how to care for horses and giving pony rides. She volunteered at Belgrade Central School and was ever ready to support her neighbors and friends with her love, sympathy and baked goods. Cal was unassuming, selfless, generous and compassionate to friends, acquaintances and strangers. She enjoyed entertaining, particularly gathering together with her neighbors to celebrate Christmas. Her smile, sparkling sense of humor and laughter lit up the room. Everyone felt welcome and comfortable when with Cal.

Attracted to beautiful flowers, Cal enjoyed gardening and swapping perennials with her friends. She loved to read. Cal had a bedrock Christian faith and worshipped with her church family at Hope Baptist Church in Manchester. Despite her deteriorating health, she was certain she was blessed by her creator and thankful for all she had been given. Even when she was paralyzed, she continued to support others by praying for them.

Cal so deeply loved, and was loved and adored by her husband, best friend and kindred spirit Glen. They had wonderful adventures together.

GARY JAMES DAY



Gary James Day of Belgrade Lakes passed away peacefully at home November 5, 2019, with his loving wife and family by his side. Born August 13, 1937, to James and Mae (Hopkins) Day in New Sharon, Gary graduated from New Sharon High School (Class of 1955) and enlisted in the U.S. Navy for three years. He married his “lovest” Joyce in 1957.

In 1958, he opened Day’s Store in Belgrade Lakes with his parents, Jim and Mae, and with Joyce. He loved being a store owner and his own boss. He enjoyed the summer community and made lifelong friendships with families who would come to Day’s before opening camp and then included the Day family on their Christmas card lists. He instilled himself in the Belgrade community by playing on the town basketball team, serving on the volunteer Fire Department, and, along with other members of the community, organizing the first of the village July 4th parades and fireworks.

Always the entrepreneur and always wanting to include family, Gary welcomed daughter Diane and her husband Kerry Oliver into the store in 1980, where they worked side by side with Gary and Joyce until their retirement in 1995. Day’s Family Market in Readfield was operated by family as a second location from 1985-90. Daughter Janelle ran Day’s Branching Out, a nursery and landscaping operation that was open in the late 1980s. Gary’s son Mark and his wife Lisa came into the store in 1982 and managed Days’ Upstairs, the fishing and hunting division of the store. This division was a dba of Day Fur Company, a business that Gary, Jim and Darryl (Gary’s brother) started shortly after arriving in Belgrade. Day Fur Co. ran out of the store barn for several years before moving to 33 Chandler Road. This company sold supplies to trappers, and bought and sold raw furs from Maine to New York City, and to the garment industry. Mark was a partner in that business from graduation until the business closed in the late 1990s.

Gary was hard-working and continued to work after leaving the store. He took a part-time job with North Maine Woods, caring for primitive campsites and living at his dream home up at T1-R4, Beaver Brook Fill on Seboomook Lake. He instilled his work ethic in all of his family and employees, which included every one of his children and grandchildren, and many local youngsters.

He was best known for his quick-witted sense of humor and love of the outdoors. Gary loved hunting, fishing and especially trapping. And he always made sure to include his family. He was his children’s and grandchildren’s No. 1 fan, whether they be on the court, on the stage, on the field, on the slopes or out in the woods.

THOMAS A. KENNEY, “TK”

MARCH 1957-JUNE 2019



Thomas A. Kenney, more widely known as “TK,” passed away peacefully on June 25, 2019, in Belgrade after a courageous battle with lung cancer at the age of 62. He was born in Morristown, N.J., and resided in Morristown until 1980, when he relocated to Belgrade and lived here until his passing.

Most may have guessed he lived in Belgrade all his life. He quickly grew to love the slower pace of life and small-town community connections Belgrade offered, steadily establishing himself as a self-employed carpenter/builder for over 30 years in Maine.

He was a former member of the Belgrade Lions Club and the Belgrade Fire Department. After moving to Maine, he became

an avid sportsman and fisherman, fully embracing the raw beauty and nature of the Belgrade Lakes region. He enjoyed the game of golf for the better part of his life and especially appreciated every opportunity he had to play at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club.

Many will remember him for his quick wit and sarcastic sense of humor – and his regular appearances at the Sunset Grill. Surprisingly, he was not afraid of the mic on karaoke nights and was often the “talk of the town” for his shenanigans the day after Halloween.

GABRIEL STOCCO

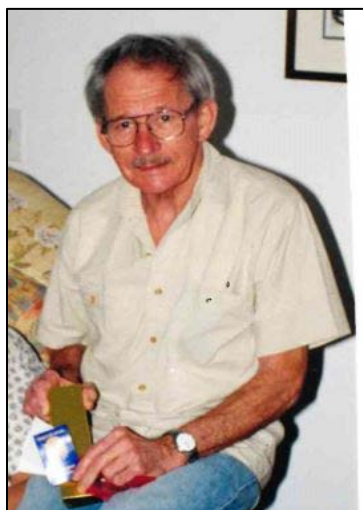
OCT. 28, 2008 – MARCH 20, 2019



Gabriel Stocco was a loving brother, son, friend and superhero. He enjoyed attending Belgrade Central School and loved his classmates, teachers and staff. He touched the lives of many, and he made us all better people. He is missed every day.

FRANK D. MEGILL

2/12/28 - 1/22/19



Frank D. Megill was three weeks short of his 91st birthday when he passed, a “Belgrade Boy” to the end. He was born in Belgrade Lakes at what was then called “The Locust House,” owned by his grandfather, Edwin Megill. The Locust House was renamed “The Village Inn” in the 1970s. Through the years, Frank told many stories of growing up in Belgrade, of his life when he was a child, his school years, and stories about friends and other life events.

From his early childhood until marrying, he lived in Belgrade Depot. Frank served two years in the U.S. Army – the second year spent in Japan. Upon his return, he took a job at Rome Farms. He married his wife Beverly in 1956 (married 62 years when he passed) and they raised their three daughters at their home in Belgrade Lakes.

During his lifetime, as a member of the Belgrade Lakes Association, he assisted in many fundraising events that helped the Town build and maintain the original Belgrade Recreation Center. For a number of years, he was a volunteer for the Belgrade Fire Department. Frank also served a term on the Town of Belgrade Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee.

When it was time for a career change, he spent many years building and remodeling camps around the lakes until he took a position with the State of Maine working for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Camp Keyes in Augusta. He also worked at various military sites throughout the state. He retired in 1996 at age 70.

Frank enjoyed time spent with family and friends, hunting, snowmobile outings, boating, and hiking up Mount Bigelow to fish in Horns Pond near the top of the mountain. He loved time spent with his grandchildren and shared his favorite places in Belgrade with them. Frank saw many changes in Belgrade Lakes throughout the years and, as it turned out, Belgrade was his “lifetime home.”

JOAN S. TRIPP
9/27/1935 – 10/19/2019



Wife. Mother. Nurse. Church and community worker. Described by some as a person “with her feet on the ground who knows where she is going.” In all of her life roles, Joan Tripp was self-confident and independent, lovingly giving of herself – neither asking for nor expecting anything in return.

Joan’s early life prepared her well for all of these roles. She and her two sisters grew up in a dedicated Christian home filled with love and good humor. All that followed reflected that heritage. Her early education was completed in schools in this country as well as in schools and with private tutors in Poland, Switzerland and Italy, where she lived as a young woman. Knowing early in life that she wanted to be a nurse, she left her family in Europe, sailed back to the United States and entered the last five-year nursing program jointly taught at the University of Maine in collaboration with the Maine Medical Center in Portland. Her Christian values, nurtured at home, continued through her college years as an active participant in student Christian activities and into her adult life, mainly through the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes. There she served in various capacities: as Church Council member and Secretary; nursery school teacher; member of a missionary team to the Appalachian country in Kentucky; and chaperone to and host of student groups to and from Staten Island, New York. She became a charter member following the church’s transition from a seasonal church to a full-time community church along with her husband, both primary signators of the church’s membership roster.

Joan’s community work and interests included: membership on the founding board of the Belgrade Regional Health Center; board member and volunteer to the Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry; founding member of the Augusta chapter of the Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers; square and round dancer with the Lakeside Promenaders.

Treasured memories, a beautiful smile and sparkling eyes will be forever cherished by Dick, Krysia, Kenneth and Paul.



REFERENCE NUMBERS AREA CODE 207

Belgrade Town Office

Telephone..... **495-2258**

Fax..... **495-2742**

Town Manager

Anthony Wilson **495-2258**

Burn Permits

Wardensreport.com

Center for All

Seasons Recreation

Director

Lily Schubert..... **495-3481**

Belgrade Public Library Director

Megan Aube **495-3508**

Code Enforcement Officer

Building Permits/Plumbing Permits

Gary Fuller..... **441-5302**

Animal Control

Trisha Davis..... **491-0410**

Public Information Officer

Jeremy Damren **441-5943**

Transfer Station Director

Ken Scheno..... **495-3326**

Belgrade Central School.....495-2321

RSU #18465-7384

Messalonskee HS.....465-7381

Messalonskee Middle..... 465-2167

Maine law requires burning permits be
issued for all outdoor fires.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Belgrade Fire Department..... 911

Belgrade Rescue911

Kennebec Sheriff's Department..... 1-800-498-1930

Maine State Police1-800-452-4664

State Warden Service 1-800-292-7436

Emergency Management Director (Jeremy Damren).....207-441-5943

MORE HANDY INFORMATION

Town Office hours of operation:

Mondays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Fridays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays – Open the last Saturday of the month from April – June 9 a.m. – noon

Board of Selectpersons meetings

First and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Board meetings

First and third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturdays 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursdays noon – 5 p.m. (May 28 – October 8)

Code Enforcement Officer

Tuesdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesdays noon – 4 p.m., Thursdays noon – 7 p.m.

Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at North Belgrade Community Center

General Assistance

During Town Office hours

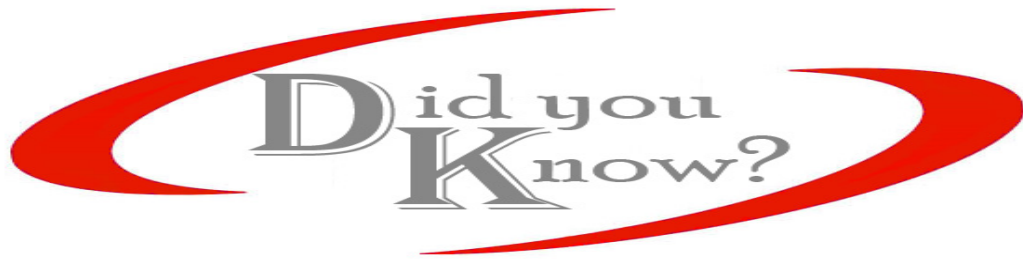
Belgrade Regional Health Center 495-3323

Office hours: Mondays – Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Walk-in hours: Mondays – Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Voting and Town Meetings

Center for All Seasons, 1 Center Drive off Route 27



More About Belgrade

Size

27,917 acres of land
9,638 acres of water
1,158 acres of bog or swamp
Total of 38,713 acres

Registered voters

2,658

Schools

Belgrade Central School (K-5), Belgrade
Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland
Messalonskee High School, Oakland
All schools are part of RSU #18

Churches

Old South Church – Route 135 and West Road
Union Methodist Church – Belgrade Lakes Village
St. Helena Catholic Church – Belgrade Lakes Village
Lakes Christian Fellowship –Route 11 and North Belgrade Station Road

Health Facility

Belgrade Regional Health Center, Clement Way

TOWN OF BELGRADE

APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMITTEES, POSITIONS & ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS Michael Barrett, Chair 2020 Ernst Merckens 2021 Kathleen Wall 2021 Melanie Jewell 2022 Richard Damren 2022	DAMS COMMITTEE Doug McCafferty, Chair 2021 Kerry Oliver 2020 Craig Alexander 2020 Tom Bennett 2021 Cameron McCafferty, alt. 2022	MOORINGS COMMITTEE Patrick Donahue, Chair James Hillier Cathy McKelway Shawn Grant Lenny Reich Gary Dustin Paul Feinberg
APPEALS BOARD Five members with staggered 3-year terms, 2 alternates Sam Hudspath, Chair 2020 Mac Stocco 2020 Mike Heino 2021 Norma Blazer, alt. 2021 Dick Bourne 2022 John Bradshaw 2022	DON C. STEVENS COMMITTEE Laura Dunbar, Chair 2022 Jill MacKenzie 2021 Alyssa Tibbetts 2021	PARKS & RECREATION Linda Bacon, Chair 2021 Cindy White 2021 Susan Damren 2021 Judith Hallowell 2021 John Shilken 2019 Tracy Wright 2020 Jessica White 2022 Travis Jorge 2019
ASSESSMENT REVIEW Richard Bourne 2020 Rhaeto Pfister 2021	FIRE/RESCUE DEPT Chief Dan MacKenzie Deputy Chief Bill Pulsifer Asst. Chief Ed Ketch Jr. Lakes Asst. Chief Bruce Galouch Depot Asst. Chief Scott Damren N. Belgrade Capt. Kate Damren N. Belgrade Training Lt. Steve Smith Lt. Dan Newman Depot Capt. Mark Day Lakes Lt. Doug Sawyer Lakes Rescue Chief Travis Burton Rescue Capt. Conrad Shaw Rescue Lt. Michaelyn Smith	PLANNING BOARD Peter Rushton, Chair 2020 Craig Alexander 2020 Roger Derosier 2021 George Seel 2022 Peter Sargent 2022 Richard Baker Alt.
BUDGET COMMITTEE Gary Mahler, Chair 2022 John (Jack) Sutton 2020 Catharine Damren 2020 Daniel Newman 2021 Jason Carey 2021 Thomas Dowd 2022	LIBRARY TRUSTEES Barbara Allen, Chair 2021 Kate Gawler 2019 Wendy Dyer 2019 Maureen Milliken 2019 Dianne Dowd, Vice Chair 2020 Duane Farnham 2020 Leilani Carlson 2021 Grace Stocco, Youth Rep. 2022	RSU 18 BOARD Cathy McKelway 2020 Thomas "Evan" Fisher 2022
CEMETERY COMMITTEE Philip Sprague, Chair 2021 Roy Lord 2019 Bruce Galouch 2020 Robert Lewis 2022 Mike Heino 2022	ROADS COMMITTEE David Stevens Ernest Rice Jack (John) Sutton William Martin Jason Stevens Jeff Clark Rhaeto Pfister Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner	SENIOR RESOURCE COMMITTEE Gary Mahler/Dennis Keschl, Co-Chairs Kim Hagen Loyce Hayslett Karen McFadden Mary Vogel Lily Shubert
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Regina Coppens, Chair Maureen Milliken Melanie Jewell Sandy Colt		TRANSFER STATION COMMITTEE Bruce Galouch Rhaeto Pfister Tom Daniels Ernst Merckens
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE George Seel, Chair Michael Donohue Kathleen Wall Mary Vogel		

TOWN ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Town Manager (Appointed by Selectpersons with contract)

Anthony Wilson

Animal Control Officer: Trisha Davis 1 yr.

Civil Emergency Director: Jeremy Damren 1 yr.

Civil Emergency Asst. Dir.: Ed Ketch Jr. 1 yr.

Public Information Officer: Jeremy Damren 1 yr.

Health Officer: Christine Merckens 1 yr.

Historian: Nancy Mairs 1 yr.

Plumbing Inspector: Gary Fuller 1 yr.

Code Enforcement Officer: Gary Fuller 1 yr.

Tree Warden: Dennis Keschl 1 yr.

Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters: Cheryl Mitchell Indef.

Treasurer: Mary Vogel Indef.

Tax Collector: Nicholas Poole Indef.

Deputy Clerks: Nicholas Poole & Charlene Houle Indef.

General Assistance Admin.: Anthony Wilson Indef.

Deputy Treasurer: Nicholas Poole Indef.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Agent: Cheryl Mitchell Indef.

Motor Vehicle Agent: Nicholas Poole Indef.



TOWN MEETING MODERATOR

John (Jay) Bradshaw Jr.



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SELECTPERSONS REPORT

2019 was a busy year for the Town of Belgrade and its Board of Selectpersons. Several of the more significant events and activities include:

- We hired a new Town Manager in June. This was one of the Board's more important undertakings. In the six months Anthony Wilson has been on board, he has proven to be a good hire. Anthony is bright, hard-working, and extremely interested in the betterment of the Town. He and his wife love and are impressed by the Town's beauty and by the people of Belgrade.
- State and local road projects are mostly completed. The State finished the rebuild of the Oakland Road (Route 8/11) and Main Street (Route 27) in the Village. The improvements to our local Town roads, authorized by the 2019 Town Meeting, have also been completed, except for the final surfacing of the Bartlett and Wings Mills roads. That will be completed in the Spring.
- The Belgrade Village Green park was dedicated, the deed was accepted by the Board, and a rental policy and rate schedule were developed. The final portion of the park project will be the acceptance of the benches and bike racks. This will be put before the voters at the coming Town Meeting. Our thanks to the Friends of the Village for their hard work planning and raising the private funds to pay for the project. Also, thanks to the Matson family for their donation of the land for the park and all of the physical enhancements to the property.
- Improvements to the Center for all Seasons are underway. New LED lighting, inside and outside of the building, has been completed, with grant assistance. Exterior improvements, approved by the voters, has begun. The new siding, weatherproofing and other corrections are expected to be completed by the Town Meeting.
- The Fire Department purchased a new tanker, approved by the voters. Delivery is expected by the fall. A proposed cost recovery ordinance and a proposal for a second full-time firefighter will be before the voters at the coming Town Meeting.
- The proposed 2020 budget represents a slight reduction in spending and tax collection from the 2019 budget and actual expenditures. As part of the budget, the Board approved a \$1 per hour wage increase for all Town employees to stabilize the salary structure to retain key public servants. Those increases are included in the budget proposal to be considered by voters. The budget reductions were made possible by the creative thinking of Town Manager Anthony Wilson, Budget Committee member Tom Dowd, and the rest of the Budget Committee.
- The final highlight is that after three years of searching, the Board secured a buyer for the old Town Office. Proceeds from the sale, amounting to \$86,330, will be applied to pay down the debt for the new Town Office, pending voter approval.

The Board wishes to thank the Town employees for their hard work throughout the year. We are also grateful for all of the hard work and many hours the volunteers who staff our boards and committees give to the Town. We could not operate the Town government properly without their involvement. We appreciate the support and encouragement of all of the people of Belgrade.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectpersons

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Christina and I were drawn to Belgrade “from away” by a host of factors: the rural lifestyle, a close-knit sense of community, the natural beauty, temperate summers and winter sports, Maine’s quirky culture, the opportunity to serve by leading a municipal government ... and the chance to participate in the purest strain of democracy our nation still knows – Town Meeting.

I approach my first-ever Town Meeting with equal amounts of excitement and nervousness. Both spring from my having never experienced a Town Meeting before. Naturally, I’m anxious; I want my new neighbors to walk away from the process feeling good about their town manager and the direction of their local government. I’m eager because, as a true-believing public servant, there’s a thrilling satisfaction in gathering with citizens, hashing through issues via lively and productive discussion, and reaching resolutions together that best serve the community.

Late last summer, as people paraded into the Town Office to pay their property taxes, a number of folks popped into my office to express their dissatisfaction with their bills. I listened empathetically, offered what explanations I could, and asked each this one simple question: Did you attend Town Meeting? Not a single one had.

I want to encourage you to participate in Town Meeting on two fronts.

One, vote on the secret-ballot items on Friday, March 20, at the Center for All Seasons. Among the important items on the ballot are the budgets of our Recreation Department and our Public Library (the two ways in which your local government seeks to boost the quality of life in our community); the usual array of requests from nonprofit organizations; an ordinance that will help our Fire Department recoup the costs of responding to incidents such as last year’s tanker fire; and an updated agreement that adds two more towns to those contributing to the cost of maintaining Belgrade’s three dams.

Two, don’t stop there. Attend Town Meeting on Saturday, March 21, at the Center for All Seasons. Study this town report beforehand, listen earnestly to the discussions on the floor, join in the conversation, and cast a thoughtful and conscientious vote.

We have sought to accomplish two priorities in the proposed budget voters will consider at Town Meeting.

One, we propose an additional \$20,000 in road maintenance in 2020 to preserve and extend the substantial investment Belgrade has made in road construction in recent years. We can achieve that without impacting this year’s mil rate by tapping into unspent funds from 2019.

Two, the budget includes salary increases of \$1 per hour for our employees, plus merit pay raises that average 3 percent for full-time staff members. Maine’s minimum wage increased from \$11 to \$12 per hour Jan. 1. If we are to maintain the integrity of our salary structure, every Town employee needs to be paid \$1 per hour more. It’s also a matter of fairness; our afterschool and summer camp counselors should not receive what amounts to a 9-percent raise while our full-time public servants are limited to cost-of-living increases of 2-3 percent. With nine full-time employees (excluding the town manager), the \$1 increase amounts to less than \$25,000 in a total budget of approximately \$3 million. That’s a small price to pay for maintaining the talent on our staff and ensuring a continuity of services.

The proposed 2020 budget is about \$300,000 less than the prior year ... and about \$40,000 less than what was spent in 2019. That's largely because we have no need to buy a fire truck as we did in 2019.

Our undesignated fund balance is healthy, so we propose using some of the tax dollars we collected last year but did not spend toward either capital projects (the purchase of a one-ton truck and money-saving LED streetlights) or capital reserves for the Fire Department, the Cemetery and the Facilities Maintenance garage. Those are one-time costs we've traditionally raised taxes to pay for. We've also increased budgeted revenues for the Recreation Department, which will lower taxation by \$10,000.

The end result is we can reduce the municipal portion of the property tax rate by a smidge. If you have questions about any of this, call, email or come by the Town Office. I'm happy to hear from and talk with you.

Belgrade will face its share of challenges on the near horizon. We continue to explore options with the Maine Department of Transportation for a long-term solution to the residential wells near Pine Grove Cemetery and the Town Office that have been contaminated by the road salt once stored outside on the ground. Fire Chief Dan MacKenzie and I are considering options for building a central fire station in the Depot area that will allow for quicker emergency responses. And it will be at least another year before the new town manager is fully comfortable in his new job.

But make no mistake: Christina and I are here for the long run. We're blessed – we've landed exactly where we want to be. We have a beautiful home here in Belgrade. We have fulfilling jobs serving others. (Christina is a pharmacist at MaineGeneral.) We have opportunities galore for being active outdoors. We have found a nurturing church. And, best of all, we have been embraced by new friends and neighbors who have shown us endless amounts of warmth, generosity, kindness and encouragement. Thank you, Belgrade. We look forward to loving you for years and years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Wilson, Town Manager

ANIMAL CONTROL

Trisha Davis was appointed as the Town's Animal Control Officer on Dec. 17, 2019, by the Board of Selectpersons. Below is a short Q&A she recently submitted for the Belgrade Bulletin, the Town's newsletter.

- **Name:** Trisha Davis
- **Job title:** Animal Control Officer
- **Tenure:** Since Jan. 1, 2020
- **What are your responsibilities as animal control officer?** To help ensure the safety and well-being of your pets, livestock and family members. This includes:
 - Informing citizens of state laws pertaining to animal welfare, vaccinating for rabies, licensing your dog(s), and your rights as a pet owner.
 - Assisting in finding lost dogs and cats, reuniting them with their owners, and rescuing strays.
 - Working with the Town of Belgrade and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society in Augusta to provide emergency care when needed for lost, stray, unwanted and neglected pets; and to find them new homes.
 - Helping protect your pet(s) and family from wildlife and undomesticated animals which may pose a risk or damage your property.
- **What's the most rewarding aspect of your job?** Reuniting a lost pet with its owner and saving an abused or abandoned pet from harm.
- **What's the most challenging facet of what you do?** The possibility of dealing with dangerous wildlife (rabid, etc.) and aggressive dogs that may have to be euthanized. Hopefully, by educating citizens of any outbreaks or dangerous situations in the area, this will be kept at a minimum.
- **What about your job might surprise citizens?** How much training an ACO must complete. Animal welfare is an important part of daily life for pet owners and non-pet owners alike. We are all responsible for creating a healthy and safe environment.
- **What's the one thing you most want residents to know about caring for their pets?** Overall, most pet owners go above and beyond to love and care for their pets. However, if any circumstance arises that can put you or your pet in harm, please contact me. I look forward to working with you.

APPEALS BOARD

The Board of Appeals hears administrative and variance appeals from decisions made under Town of Belgrade ordinances that designate the Board to hear such appeals. The Appeals Board conducts appeals in accordance with Maine statutes, Town ordinances, and Board procedures, keeping in mind the community goals of the Belgrade Comprehensive Plan.

The Appeals Board scheduled monthly meetings during 2019, but it received no appeals for review. In June, voters approved the re-establishment of the Board of Appeals and its governing ordinance.

Serving on a municipal board or committee is both challenging and rewarding. Thank you to fellow board members Norma Blazer, Michial Heino, Dick Bourne, Jay Bradshaw and MacGregor Stocco for your dedication and service. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Appeals, please contact the Town Office or any current board member.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Hudspath, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Belgrade Budget Committee has been active in budget preparation this year. The six members – Jack Sutton, Tom Dowd, Jason Carey, Katharine Damren, Dan Newman and Gary Mahler – have been involved in budget preparations since September. We have reviewed line items and members have requested and suggested changes. All the while, the committee has made a concentrated effort to ensure that Belgrade taxpayers are not overtaxed, and that various budget items are funded properly.

The Budget Committee is an advisory committee that has a vote on each warrant article with funding components. That recommendation is attached to each warrant article so the voter can see how the committee voted. The committee gets the proposed budget early and meets several times with the Town Manager to make both editorial and substantive funding changes. Finally, the Budget Committee meets with the Board of Selectpersons to finalize the budget. During this process, the committee makes suggestions, addresses changes proposed by others, and advises the Selectboard.

Budget Committee members have been active in advising the Town Manager as individuals and have been instrumental in reducing the overall tax burden for our citizens.

The Budget Committee is the committee on which community members can observe and be active in funding and in learning about the town's various departments and activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Mahler, Chairman

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Christopher Dutill took over as the cemeteries' Sexton in 2019. Among the duties the Cemetery crew engaged in over the course of a busy summer were monitoring the condition of and working to preserve headstones and grave markers in Pine Grove and Woodside cemeteries. Town staff removed some trees and branches in both cemeteries to prevent them from damaging stones in the foreseeable future. They also laid new gravel on the main road in Pine Grove and have started improving some of the other roads, as well.

Chris has been updating information in our Cemetery Information Management System, the software used to track ownership of and burials in the cemeteries' lots. In doing so, he has cleaned up those records and attended to corrections, when needed.

As some of you know, the cemeteries' water well suffered from salt contamination, as did some wells on nearby properties. Working with the town manager, we have gained permission from the Maine Department of Transportation to run a water line from its facility along Cemetery Road to the cemetery. The DOT's well has been unaffected by salt contamination. Our goal is to complete that connection by the start of spring. Once done, fresh water will be available from all of the cemetery's spigots.

The Plan 5 expansion has been going great and is progressing. Thank you to Hallowell Construction for all of its great work not only on that project, but whenever we have a burial; they are always there to help dig a grave and are a great crew of people to work with.

We also want to thank the people of Belgrade for all their help and in welcoming Chris into his new position. Also, thank you to the Cemetery crew for all of their work keeping the cemeteries clean and looking great this past year. Lastly, thanks to all the volunteers who help place flags and flowers in the cemeteries for the community's Memorial Day celebration.

Members of the Cemetery Committee are Bruce Galouch, Robert Lewis, Roy Lord, Michael Heino and Chairman Phil Sprague.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Committee

CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS

Belgrade residents need to understand the details of the Recreation Department's proposed budget they'll be voting on by secret ballot at Town Meeting on Friday, March 20, at the Center for All Seasons. The secret ballot article addresses the Recreation program's proposed expenses and how those will be funded.

You will see on the ballot the program did not spend all of the money allocated last year. We budgeted \$149,052 for 2019, but spent \$131,933. Of that \$17,000 in unspent money, \$14,000 would have gone to wages if not for vacancies that could not be filled in multiple positions. That's not to say the positions were not needed; they are. So, they remain in the 2020 budget. The department's proposed 2020 budget is \$160,129. This \$11,000 increase is almost entirely due to the mandated \$1 increase in the minimum wage and to related adjustments to staff wages.

In 2019, \$85,000 of Recreation program income was returned to the undesignated fund, meaning taxpayers ultimately paid \$64,052 for recreation programming. As in previous years, income above \$85,000 was placed in the Recreation Capital Reserve, increasing it by \$15,185.

In this year's article, you will see that \$95,000 is being appropriated from the undesignated fund – unspent funds from prior years. Increasing that figure lowers the burden on taxpayers by \$10,000, leaving \$65,129 to be raised from tax dollars.

On Saturday, March 21, on the floor of Town Meeting, voters will consider an article to allow the Recreation program to fundraise. The first \$95,000 would go into the Town's undesignated fund. Because of Recreation's success in generating revenue the past four years, that figure was increased by \$10,000. Again, that reduces the tax burden. Revenue above \$95,000 would go into the Recreation Capital Reserve. That account pays for projects such as the exterior renovation that has begun at the Center for All Seasons and recent lighting improvements inside and outside of the facility.

Articles like these have been approved during past Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Bacon, Parks & Recreation Committee Chairwoman

2019 was another amazing year for the Recreation Department. The Community Center for All Seasons was again home to many successful events, children's programs, summer camps, rentals and adult programs.

The Center for All Seasons hosted events such as the Father-Daughter Dance, an Easter egg hunt, the Mother-Son End of Summer Bash, a July Fourth ice cream social, the annual Lakeside Artisan Show, Harvest Festival, the Holiday Fair and its gingerbread house contest, and more throughout the year.

Our children's programs continue to grow with our After-School Enrichment Program and our two summer camp programs: Camp Golden Pond for grades kindergarten-sixth and Camp Loon for teens. And Great Pond Sailing Camp was held at the Community Center for the eighth year in 2019.

The Community Center also offers a variety of weekly programs such as Kennebec Music Together, Toddler Time, Tinkergarten, Tuesday morning coffee and tea, gentle and hatha yoga, basketball and ping pong. In the summer, we also have weekly early morning paddles and lakeside yoga.

In 2019, the Belgrade Village Green was dedicated to the Town. The Belgrade Village Green will be a public park for both citizens and visitors to enjoy, and it will also host community events and programs. The gazebo located in the heart of the park will be available to rent for small private gatherings such as baby showers, birthday parties and wedding ceremonies.

Remember the Community Center for All Seasons and the North Belgrade Community Center are great places to host your next gathering. Whether you need a small space for a baby shower or birthday party or a larger space for a wedding, fundraiser or family reunion, both centers are great local rental venues.

The end of 2019 saw the beginning of much needed repairs and upgrades to the Community Center. The outside of the building is being replaced with a more durable siding, and the lighting on the inside and outside of the building was replaced with LED fixtures. Both efforts are giving the Community Center a welcome facelift for the start of a new decade.

The Recreation Department has a monthly e-newsletter to help keep people up to date on what is happening. To be added to our list, sign-up on our Facebook page at facebook.com/BCCforallseasons or e-mail us at communitycenter@townofbelgrade.com.

Please contact us if there is something you are interested in having the Rec Department offer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Schubert, Recreation Director

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

2019 proved to be another busy year in the issuance of building permits, inspections and investigations of possible violations, as well as a few enforcement issues.

Interestingly, we issued 84 building permits in 2019 – the exact same number as in 2017 and in 2018. Permits were classified as follows:

• Single-family homes	7
• New seasonal dwellings	7
• Additions and alterations	34
• Garages/sheds	32
• <u>Mobile homes</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	84

My office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, noon-4 p.m. Wednesdays, and noon-7 p.m. Thursdays, or any other time by appointment. If you need to contact me, you can reach me at 207-441-5302, at the Town Office at 207-495-2258, or at gfuller@townofbelgrade.com.

As most of you probably are, I am anxious for spring ... and the start of a new construction season.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary R. Fuller, Code Enforcement Officer

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Fifty-two plumbing permits were issued in 2019. That included 25 permits for external plumbing and 27 permits for internal plumbing.

If you need a permit or a plumbing inspection, I can be reached at 207-441-5302 or at the Town Office at 207-495-2258, or at gfuller@townofbelgrade.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary R. Fuller, Plumbing Inspector

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee's purpose is to share information and foster communications between Town officials and the Belgrade community. The goal is to make information and current issues that affect residents of Belgrade more accessible, both in print and on the website. We believe democracy works best when people are informed and involved.

Our four-member committee works with the Town Office staff on the newsletter, generating ideas, writing and editing newsletter articles, and arranging the newsletter's layout. The newsletter features discussions and actions taken at the Selectpersons' meetings, as well as news about Town services, and other town committees and activities. It provides updates on Town projects and initiatives, and it contains information about elections held in Belgrade. In addition, the newsletter reports on projects undertaken by local organizations to monitor and improve lake water quality. In a recent survey conducted by the town manager, 97 percent of the respondents said they rely upon the newsletter as a primary source of town news.

This past year, we have been working with the town manager, librarian and Recreation director on a new website, which will launch in early 2020. The new website will be more user-friendly, making it easy to find information about Town government. We hope the new website will make Selectboard agendas and minutes more accessible on the website.

We welcome your suggestions for improvements to the newsletter and the website.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Coppens, Chairwoman

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee tracks the Town's progress toward implementing the recommendations of Belgrade Comprehensive Plan, approved by the voters in 2014. The Committee is responsible for presenting to the Selectboard its findings and to make recommendations on how best to implement the plan. Actual implementation of most of the plan's recommendations falls to various existing town committees, boards and officials with responsibility for those subject areas. The Committee has been coordinating with these other Town committees and officials to assess progress. Each year, a report is submitted to the Board of Selectpersons with findings and recommendations for needed actions.

In 2019, the Committee met six times, focusing on the implementation status of the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations regarding the Town's economy and economic development, housing, and growth and development. Review of the Town's progress implementing the growth and development recommendations will continue into 2020. Thus far, the implementation status of the plan's recommendations for natural resources, water quality, historic resources, parks and recreation, economic development and housing has been reviewed at least once. In some cases, more follow-up will be needed to assure continued progress. The implementation status of recommendations regarding forestry and agriculture, transportation systems, public services and capital investment has yet to be reviewed. The Committee's detailed findings to date are summarized in a spreadsheet that is available on the Committee's page on the Town website at townofbelgrade.com. Also available on the site are the Comprehensive Plan and our 2019 annual report to the Selectboard. This report was presented to the Selectboard at its May 21 meeting. Key recommendations of that report included:

1. The Planning Board should proceed with the recommended update of the Town's 30-year-old subdivision ordinance.
2. The Selectboard should discuss and develop an action plan how to implement the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for the development of a comprehensive land use ordinance to bring to the voters.
3. The Selectboard and Town Manager should review the implementation plan found in Chapter 16 of the Comprehensive Plan, identifying those recommendations that are the Board and Manager's responsibility to implement.

The committee was established to consist of up to seven members. Through most of 2019, the committee consisted of only three members. In December, the Selectboard appointed a fourth member. The committee continues to seek new members. If you are interested in volunteering your time toward bettering the future of Belgrade by serving on this committee, please contact the Town Manager.

Respectfully submitted,
George Seel, Chairman
Mary Vogel
Kathi Wall
Michael Donohue



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To the Towns of Belgrade, Mount Vernon, Oakland, Rome and Sidney
From members of the inter-local agreement for management of Belgrade area dams

Mother Nature was good to us in 2019. We enjoyed what we consider to be normal summer temperatures and enough rain to easily maintain the water level management plan the Dams Committee is asked to follow. The four Belgrade area lakes managed by the Dams Committee are now at normal winter water storage levels as we look forward to spring ice out.

Normal maintenance and repairs were conducted on all three dams (Long Pond/Wings Mills, Great Pond/Village, and Salmon Lake) during the past year. As reported last year, the 104-year-old wooden crib and rock-structured Wings Mill Dam is in need of major restructure repairs. The permitting process for the remediation project has been completed. The engineering is in the final stages as we enter into the bidding process for the work to be done. Last year we sought \$60,000 for an installment on this project. For 2020, the Dams Committee requests the signatory municipalities of the inter-local agreement appropriate another \$60,000 to begin the remediation work to address the structural problems with the Wings Mill Dam. After funds are appropriated, work on this project is projected to occur in late summer and into early fall of 2020. Construction will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. The committee is also requesting \$20,000 for continuing preventive maintenance and repairs to all three dams.

A total request of \$80,000:	<u>Share of cost</u>	<u>Shoreline miles</u>	<u>Overpaid in 2019</u>	<u>Balance due</u>
Belgrade	\$ 38,400 (48%)	37.6	*\$ 6,400	\$ 32,000
Rome	\$ 18,400 (23%)	17.8	*\$500	\$ 17,900
Oakland	\$ 11,200 (14%)	11.3	0	\$ 11,200
Sidney	\$ 6,400 (8%)	6.3	0	\$ 6,400
Mt. Vernon	\$ 5,600 (7%)	5.5	0	\$ 5,600

* Two towns paid larger shares of last year's budget prior to Sidney and Mount Vernon joining the inter-local agreement following approval at their Town Meetings.

Members of the Dams Committee thank the residents and officials of the communities involved in this partnership for their continued assistance and support. Enjoy the lakes!

Respectfully submitted,
Doug McCafferty, Chairman

FIRE & RESCUE

At the Town Meeting on March 21, residents will vote on whether to add a second full-time firefighter/emergency medical services (EMS) position in the Belgrade Fire & Rescue Department. This position is needed because of declining numbers of volunteer firefighters, the decreasing availability of EMS personnel, and the aging demographics of our community.

If approved, the full-time firefighter/EMS employee would give the community on-duty staffing for 10 hours a day, seven days a week. Funding for the position would be split with the Town of Rome, if Rome voters also approve the measure. The additional firefighter/EMS employee would be stationed in Belgrade, but would respond to calls in Belgrade and Rome. If Rome voters reject their article to help fund the position, Belgrade would fund the entire position. If that were the case, the firefighter/EMS employee would respond to calls in Belgrade, going to Rome only in extraordinary circumstances. Belgrade's mutual aid agreement to respond to fire calls in Rome would remain in effect.

Also at Town Meeting, voters in the March 20 secret-ballot election will consider a cost recovery ordinance. This measure would allow the Town to bill insurance companies to recover the Fire & Rescue Department's costs for responding to incidents such as vehicle crashes. Belgrade taxpayers would be exempt from the ordinance. The money generated by cost recovery would help fund the cost of the additional firefighter's salary. Had this ordinance been in place in January 2019 when the department responded to a tanker truck fire on Route 27, the Town would have recovered approximately \$36,000 in cost.

By this fall, the department should receive the new fire truck that voters approved in 2019. This vehicle, which has been ordered, will replace our 34-year-old tank truck stationed in Belgrade Depot.

Lastly, this year the department will continue to move forward with plans to build a new fire station in the Depot area. The new station will replace the existing Depot station, which has no running water, no room to walk around the trucks (which complicates performing mandatory truck checks), and no space for offices. A new facility would allow the on-duty staff to be stationed in the middle of town. The department's building committee continues to search for available land; we appreciate any ideas in that regard.

At the Belgrade Fire & Rescue winter celebration, we recognized Capt. Bruce Plourd, who resigned from the department after 33 years of service to move from town. Also honored were Gary Foss, our Rescue Volunteer of the Year, and Ed Ketch Jr., our Firefighter of the Year. Chief Dan MacKenzie was also recognized for his 30 years of dedicated service to the department, including the last 10 years as chief.

Belgrade Fire & Rescue thanks the citizens of Belgrade for their continued support. In addition, we thank Bob the Plumber, Hammond Lumber Co., Belgrade Lakes Electric and Generators of Maine for allowing their employees to leave for fire and rescue calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan MacKenzie, Fire Chief
Travis Burton, Rescue Chief

**2019 Fire & Rescue
call breakdown**

Total calls	378
Structure fires	6
Woods fires	3
Car fires	2
Motor vehicle accidents	27
Chimney fires	2
C/O & other gases	11
Fire alarms	21
Water / ice rescue	1
Tree down / on wires	22
Other	54
Medical	152
Trauma	24
Mutual aid	53

**10-year Fire & Rescue
call summary**

2010	355
2011	333
2012	333
2013	317
2014	338
2015	364
2016	432
2017	419
2018	395
2019	378

*Mutual aid provided to Rome, Sidney,
Waterville, Farmington, Fairfield, Vienna,
Fayette Oakland, Smithfield and Mount Vernon.*

BELGRADE/ROME SPECIAL NEEDS FOOD PANTRY

A Feeding America Network study shows 16% of Maine households experience food insecurity, the third-highest rate in the U.S. In Maine, one in eight people struggle with hunger. Of them, one in five are children. That is, 24% of our children – along with 23% of seniors – are hungry.

The Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry has for 25 years provided residents food and household items. The pantry assists families in need for whatever reason and for whatever length of time, no questions asked. It supplements other public assistance and jobs.

In 2019, the pantry aided about 45-50 families each month – a significant increase from years past. Clients can visit the pantry once every four weeks. They are provided with food and household items to last a week, along with Holiday Baskets. The pantry accepted donations of over 8,500 food items and other necessities, purchasing approximately 30,000 items and distributing over 35,000 items to almost 90 registered families. These figures do not include the many miscellaneous items acquired through government donations, Good Shepherd deliveries and fresh produce.

In 2019, we again partnered with Belgrade Central School purchasing and delivering food items five times a year to students unable to provide their own daily school snack.

In 2019, for the second year, we held our major fundraiser, “Dinner by the Lake.” This is an all-inclusive sit-down dinner on the shores of Long Pond. It was made possible by two generous volunteers who were our hosts, as well as our chef for the evening.

Because of the need, the pantry’s budget is ever-increasing. The pantry tries to maintain expenses through generous monetary support from local businesses and individuals; monthly checks from the bottle redemption box at the Belgrade Transfer Station (thanks for all the deposits); food drives at our schools; Maine State Credit Union’s Annual Walk; the “Joy - Jumpstart Our Youth” grant from the students at Messalonskee High; a Walmart Community Grant and the United Way of Mid-Maine “Emergency Food and Shelter Program” grant; government assistance of food five times annually, and by economic shopping at Good Shepherd Food Bank.

The pantry is located at the North Belgrade Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road (Route 8). It is open 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Tuesdays. We have food collection boxes at the Belgrade and Belgrade Lakes post offices, and the Rome and Belgrade town offices. Monetary contributions can be made directly to the pantry at Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry, P.O. Box 236, Belgrade, ME 04917 or by sending contributions to Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn and designating it for the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry.

Thank you to the towns of Belgrade and Rome, and all the individuals, businesses, churches and organizations who help to make these services possible. We are always trying to reach out to those in need – please share this information with others. If you are interested in volunteering, call Laverne Pelletier, our volunteer coordinator at 207-495-2966.

Board of Directors: Marylou Butterfield, Chairwoman; Hazel Labbe, Secretary; Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer; Anne Grier and Kayla Kohler, Managers; Laverne Pelletier, Volunteer Coordinator; and Evelyn Fowler.

FRIENDS OF THE BELGRADE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library continue our work to maintain the library building and the property without the use of taxpayer money. Through the tireless efforts of many volunteers who devote hours of their time, we are able to provide this level of financial support through various fundraisers from March through August. Mark your calendar for these fundraising activities during the coming year:

- **March 14:** Book sale at Belgrade Central School
- **Date TBD:** Basket Bingo with the Belgrade Fire & Rescue Department, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Belgrade Central School
- **June 13:** Yard Sale at Day's Real Estate, Route 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **July 4:** Annual 4th of July Book and Bake Sale at the Center for All Seasons, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library also participate in community events, including our coloring contest at the Harvest Fest in October and the annual Christmas Craft Fair, where we feature a table of crafts and baked goods.

If you would like to help with one or more of our fundraising events, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the “Friends,” please contact one of the board members listed below. Our board meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We are a hard-working group, but we have fun working together. Visit our web site, FriendsOfTheBelgradePublicLibrary.org or the Friends of the Belgrade Library Facebook page for updates on our meetings and events.

Donations to help with operating and maintaining the library are tax-deductible and always gratefully accepted. Checks may be made out to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, P.O. Box 474, Belgrade, ME 04917.

Board members:

Judy Johnson & Linda Sprague, Co-Presidents

Beverly Megill, Vice President

Linda Bacon, Secretary

Diane Bourque, Treasurer

Joan MacKenzie, Corresponding Secretary

HEALTH OFFICER

Longtime Belgrade resident and veteran nurse Christine Merckens was appointed the Town's health officer, a position required by state law, by the Board of Selectpersons on Nov. 5, 2019. Following is a short Q&A she submitted for the Belgrade Bulletin, the Town's newsletter.

- **Name:** Christine Ann Merckens, BSN, RN
- **Job title:** Health Officer
- **Tenure:** Since Nov. 5, 2019. I have worked 37 years in nursing, including on a surgical floor, in the recovery room and in ICU. For more than 25 years now, I have worked in homecare and hospice.
- **What are your responsibilities as the health officer?** Working collaboratively with public health nurses, other local health officers, environmental health officers and other professionals who share the goal of improving and caring for the health of their communities. As Belgrade's health officer, I will help the community identify and/or respond to any immediate or potential health risks through resident queries or through assessment.
- **What's the most rewarding aspect of your job?** The same thing I find rewarding in my current role as a homecare nurse – working with patients or the community to problem-solve ways to improve their health situations with a focus on prevention.
- **What about your job might surprise citizens?** The service of local health officers has a long and proud history that began in 1885! Maine law requires all LHO's to report diseases, conditions or public health threats they deem to be of public health importance. Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention provides procedures for a uniform system of reporting, recording and collecting information concerning notifiable diseases and conditions.
- **What's the one thing you most want residents to know about tending to their and their families' health?** One of the most effective treatments for the protection of communicable diseases is the practice of good handwashing. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.



BELGRADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Belgrade Historical Society is excited to report an in-depth assessment of Belgrade's Old Town Meeting House has begun. This assessment by Dan Mitchell of River Road Restoration of Sidney will highlight areas of the building that require immediate attention. The BHS expects to then start on the preservation work necessary to save this historic structure.

Built in 1814 by Belgrade's town fathers for "Town business on Town owned land," the Old Town Meeting House is not only one of Maine's earliest town houses built for public meetings, it is unusual due to its square shape. In September, Belgrade's Old Town House was placed on Maine's Most Endangered Historic Places List of 2019 by Maine Preservation. This placement gives statewide recognition to the condition of Belgrade's historic meeting house.

With 2020 being Maine's bicentennial, preserving the Old Town House takes on greater importance. It is where Belgrade residents on July 20, 1819, voted 84-8 to separate Maine from Massachusetts. Voters also elected the Rev. Elias Taylor as their representative to the Constitutional Convention in Portland to draft a constitution for the new state. Belgrade voters on Dec. 6, 1819, accepted the new constitution for the State of Maine, 28 yeas to 2 nays.

The BHS received several wonderful additions to its collection this year. The collection of historic boat-building memorabilia, including a small wooden boat by local builder A.C. Roy, is exceptional. Thank you to his granddaughter, Patrice Roy, for this donation. A collection of 125 letters written from 1908 to 1936 from and to Paul Yeaton is another outstanding donation. Our thanks to his son, David Yeaton, for placing these letters with the BHS.

Pursuant to the wishes of Belgrade citizens, the BHS has been raising funds for the restoration/renovation of the Old Town House. This year the BHS sponsored three programs at the 7 Lakes Alliance and collaborated with the Belgrade Public Library for two programs on genealogy. In addition, the Belgrade Historical Society joined with the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for their annual yard sale. All funds raised will be directed toward the preservation of the Old Town Meeting House. The Belgrade Historical Society thanks all who have donated to this cause. The BHS also expresses its deep appreciation to the family and friends of Frank Megill who donated to the Society in his memory.

The BHS is planning for a busy 2020, Maine's Bicentennial. This is an exciting time to be involved and make lasting contributions. For more information, visit our website, belgradehistoricalsociety.org. BHS Executive Board members are Dianne Dowd, (Chair), Eric Hooglund, (Curator), Duane Farnham, (Treasurer), Rod Johnson (Fundraising Chair), Doris Mathias, (Membership), Sandy Lewis, Loyce Hayslett and Adelaide LaLime.

Respectively submitted,
Belgrade Historical Society

BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION

Thank you to the town for your continued support of local lake associations. We all realize the value of keeping these lakes clean to protect property values and to keep our community attractive and thriving. The funds that Town Meeting voters provide go directly to making this happen.

Our single biggest expenditure over the past eight years has been fighting milfoil infestation in Great Pond. Since 2012, we have spent more than \$790,000 of BLA-generated funds in this endeavor. While milfoil has not been eradicated, our success is clear in that it has not spread to other parts of the lake system. We are constantly looking for new technology and developments to help manage this problem.

Our second-largest expenditure last year (\$33,800) was for courtesy boat inspectors (CBIs) on the Great Pond and Long Pond boat ramps. These locations are staffed from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Inspectors are looking to ensure no more invasive plants go into or come out of the lakes and possibly infect other areas.

We also help support the Youth Conservation Corps (\$15,000), a 7 Lakes Alliance program to help landowners improve shorelines and install erosion control measures. This group works closely with LakeSmart (\$10,000) to help identify erosion problems and suggest solutions for remediation along the shorefront.

In addition, we conducted a comprehensive survey of Great Pond in 2018, and this spring will be conducting a similar survey on Long Pond, with the combined cost of these efforts being close to \$40,000. This is required by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection if we are to actively work on remediation projects. BLA also has many volunteers taking water samples to track dissolved oxygen levels and gloeotrichia blooms, all of which helps keep the water clean and inviting. All of these initiatives take time, money and volunteers. Last fall, a group of board members and community volunteers spent a cold November morning spreading 27 cubic yards of erosion control mulch at the Town-owned Peninsula Park to prevent erosion before the spring rains. It did not snow that day, did but shortly after!

Please know we are working for your lakes and welcome any volunteers or any input you may have. Check us out at belgradelakesassociation.org. And again, thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Johnson, BLA Board President

BELGRADE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Belgrade Public Library has shared a wonderful year with our community. We have been so fortunate in our ability to serve the people of Belgrade and it would not have been possible without the continued support of the town. We hope 2020 will allow us to continue serving our community with great enthusiasm and determination.

Programs

We had 68 programs total, with Mr. Harley and the Strollers being our most popular. Other exciting programs included a live animal presentation with Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, an enlightening Supreme Court discussion with Joe Reisert, and a thrilling panel of Maine mystery writers (Sandra Neily, Kate Flora and Maureen Milliken).



Mr. Drew and His Animals Too! August 2019

Books & Periodicals

In addition to programming, the library also acquired an assortment of 181 new books ranging from cookbooks to murder mysteries. Our top three books of the year, determined by patron demand, were: 1.) *The Last House Guest* by Megan Miranda, 2.) *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny, and 3.) *Look Alive Twenty-Five* by Janet Evanovich.



Chewonki: Tide Pools June 2019

Volunteers & Donors

The library is thankful for the many donors and volunteers we are so lucky to have throughout the year. Many of our services and programs would not have been possible without their contributions. We would like to give a special thanks to the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, whose tireless fundraising ensures the smooth operation of the library building all year long. With additional support from the Maggie Schneider Fund, the Sylvanne Labun Estate, the Kati Sutton Fund, and the Bill & Joan Alford Foundation, 2020 will surely be an exciting year.



Family Fun Night December 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Aube, Library Director

BELGRADE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Town Meeting voters casting ballots in the March 20 secret-ballot election will note three interesting developments regarding the Belgrade Public Library's budget.

One, the proposed budget remains completely flat at \$82,094 from 2019 to 2020. The Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Megan Aube worked diligently to ensure no proposed increase in overall cost from last year to this. Two, actual expenditures in 2019 were about \$23,000 less than budgeted. This is directly attributable to the library being without a director for almost five months. Additionally, the current director was hired at a lesser salary than her more experienced predecessor. Three, the amount of taxes proposed to support the library has been decreased by that same \$23,000 – from \$82,000 to \$59,000. The unexpended funds from the 2019 budget are being applied to the 2020 budget in an effort to reduce the cost for taxpayers.

Anyone with questions about the budget can contact Town Manager Anthony Wilson at his office at 207-495-2258, on his cell at 207-592-6031, or at townmanager@townofbelgrade.com.

The Trustees welcomed new Library Director Megan Aube in April 2019 after an extensive search. An Augusta native, Megan holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Southern Maine and a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She gained valuable professional experience from employment in libraries in Portland, Biddeford and Auburn. Bringing a youthful perspective to the position, Megan is working to increase the library's online presence and to develop programs that appeal to patrons of all ages, including a book delivery service for homebound residents facilitated by Neighbors Driving Neighbors.

Library Assistant Jared Bond staffed the library singlehandedly during our nearly three-month hiatus without a library director. We are grateful to Jared for keeping the library open on its 30-hour weekly schedule and to the trustees and friends who voluntarily provided backup. Thanks also to Sandra Fowler, our most dedicated volunteer, who leads the Thursday morning story hour, tying in a creative craft project with the book she selects weekly for her young audience.

Library Trustees worked throughout the winter to plan a busy schedule of summer programs for children and adults. From trucks to telescopes, genealogy to mysteries, there was a program to suit every age and interest. These programs, like many of our book acquisitions, are made possible by donations from generous Belgrade residents. We deeply appreciate the contributions that allow us to enhance our collection and programs.

The Trustees and staff look forward to continuing to provide valuable services to residents and visitors alike through our collection, inter-library loans, information services, and programs. Stop by 124 Depot Road for a book, magazine, DVD, or an interesting presentation. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Library Trustees are grateful to the Town of Belgrade for the ongoing support that has made the Belgrade Public Library one of the gems of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Allen, Chairwoman

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board remained busy during 2019. We reviewed quite a few permit applications, although the overall number of applications appeared lower than average. With revisions to the shoreland zoning ordinance behind us, we have crafted a plan to revise the subdivision ordinance next. That's in keeping with a recommendation in the Town's comprehensive plan. The Planning Board has been in contact with a representative from Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) who will provide us with much needed guidance for this task.

I want to thank each Planning Board member. They each bring a wealth of professional experience and skill to the board. They are: Roger DeRosier, Rich Baker, Craig Alexander, George Seel and Peter Sargent. These caring volunteers are thoughtful and generous with their time, which they donate to Belgrade monthly. I'm grateful for their numerous contributions. Thank you for your service!

Planning Board Secretary Nick Poole has also done a great job. His endless patience with our group is appreciated. We've been known to debate and discuss issues at length. That means we sometimes stay later than expected. We're actually a little better about getting out on time. Thank you, Nick!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Rushton, Chairman

BELGRADE REGIONAL CONSERVATION REPORT

Town funding supports the lake conservation work in the Belgrade Lakes region. The Town's support is critical to the success of erosion control and invasive plant (milfoil) prevention programs, and is used to leverage funding from other sources, including the state. Lake shorefront properties represent over 50% of the property tax base in Belgrade. An investment in lakes is an investment in keeping taxes low and in maintaining local jobs. Clean lakes support the economic infrastructure of our region.

With respect to invasive plants (milfoil prevention and removal), here are the highlights from 2019:

- 7 Lakes Alliance conducted 10,033 courtesy boat inspections between May and September 2019 at five public boat launches and one private launch in the Belgrade area lakes. Of those inspections, 3,111 were at Long Pond and 3,839 at Great Pond. Since 2003, BRCA's CBI program has performed approximately 15% of all boat inspections in Maine. CBIs help prevent the spread of invasive plants into all of the lakes. In 2019, CBIs removed invasive plant fragments from boats entering East Pond.
- Working with the Belgrade Lakes Association, 7 Lakes Alliance removed 33,435 gallons of variable milfoil from Great Pond and Great Meadow Stream. This number has steadily decreased since 2012, when 50,000 gallons were removed, due to our aggressive efforts.
- 52 miles of shoreline on Great and Long ponds were "adopted" through the Adopt-A-Shoreline program, and at-risk areas of both lakes were surveyed.
- In 2019, we employed 20 CBIs. A mix of high school and college students, and local community members had rewarding summer jobs learning about lake ecology, the value of Maine's lakes, and the risk of invasive plants.
- Total milfoil program expenses amounted to \$220,000. Funds were received from lake associations, towns, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and private donors. Volunteers also contributed over 1,600 hours of volunteer time to this effort.

With respect to 2019 erosion control programs (to prevent algae blooms and improve water quality), BRCA's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC):

- Has, since 1996, completed 1,600 projects, the largest such program in Maine.
- Employs high school and college-aged young people. In 2018, 12 were hired and completed 119 erosion control projects within the Belgrade Lakes watershed.
- In 2019, the YCC budget was \$125,350. Funding was provided by homeowners, towns, lake associations, private donors and businesses, and Maine DEP.

Respectfully submitted,
7 Lakes Alliance

ROAD COMMISSIONER

After a total of 29 years working on town roads, my health does not allow me to continue as road commissioner. I have enjoyed working for the town as road commissioner all these years. I want to give a special thanks to Billy Martin and Jason Stevens (as well as others), who helped me a lot getting through the season.

Our paving program did not get completed this year, mostly due to bad weather holding up the paving contractor. It will be completed this year. I anticipate this coming year will also involve maintenance work, including shoulders, ditching and brush-cutting.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me over the years. I have enjoyed working with everyone in Belgrade.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Childs, Road Commissioner

SENIOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Accomplishments:

- Trifold pamphlet listing resources developed and available at Town buildings (Library, Center for All Seasons, Town Office)
- Belgrade is an AARP Age-Friendly Town (Committee completed the requirements)
- Survey is developed (using AARP survey, and partly distributed)
- Attended state forum on aging
- Attended Department of Transportation forum on transportation for aging
- Developed long-range plan through developing senior center and assisted-living center
- Assisted Spectrum Generations in getting signatures to get on the March ballot (Meals on Wheels)
- Reviewed a number of senior-related programs and senior assistance organizations for introduction to Belgrade

To-do list:

- Find a one-stop shopping source for senior needs/information
- Resolve transportation problem for non-driving seniors
- Organize and implement a committee communications plan
- Complete survey
- Start grant-writing efforts
- Raise sufficient funds to hire part-time director
- Resolve housing problem for seniors
- Move from Town ad-hoc committee to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to secure grants and donations
- Recruit a board of directors to manage the various programs
- Continue working to develop a senior center
- Continue evaluating the feasibility of an assisted-living complex in Belgrade

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Mahler, Chairman

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club is happy to report good attendance at the club meetings. The trail crews were busy this fall as usual. We got basic work done early in the season on most sections of trail. A couple of major repairs were made, a ramp was rebuilt on Great Pond and a complete rebuild of a bridge over Bog Brook (a joint effort with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) was completed.

The Club invites you to check out our website at belgradedragginmasterssc.com. Our updated site truly promotes the Belgrade area's recreational activities and businesses. It is about much more than just snowmobiling, as we try to provide information that promotes all winter activities. We provide up-to-date trail conditions and information on current activities. The Club welcomes any suggestions or information that would be beneficial for the website.

The Club thanks the voters for their continued support by providing us access to snowmobile registration dollars shared from the Town. These funds are used for material costs incurred to maintain the Belgrade trail system. As a club, we put in more than 700 hours of labor at no charge – it is a totally volunteer effort. Because of this group, the snowmobile trail system is well maintained and is an important asset to the town. In March 2019, I road our complete trail system with a state representative doing a complete GPS survey of our trail system. The GPS provided the actual miles (43) and the map shown on our website. The 43 miles of snowmobile trails are also great for hiking/walking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. These are nicely groomed trails with no user fees! We continue to have one of the best maintained local trail systems in the state. I personally wish to thank all the hard-working Club members.

We held two raffles to raise money that were a success! We donate some of these fundraising dollars to the local food pantry. Local businesses continue to support our efforts through donations. At several intersections we have posted signs advertising many of those businesses. We also list businesses on our website. Thank you for your continued support!

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank all of the landowners. We appreciate your generosity in allowing us to cross your land and maintain the trails. To show our appreciations, we invite all landowners and their families to attend our annual landowners' supper. This year, it will be at the Center for All Seasons at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. We will be serving a complete spaghetti dinner, including all the fixings. We will be sending out invitations closer to the time of the event. At the supper, we are open to discussing any matter you wish. However, should you have any problems or concerns during the season, feel free to contact me at 207-495-3445. I or another club member will be sure to give immediate attention to your concerns.

Again, thanks to all townspeople for your continued support – happy trails/riding to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest Rice, President

DON C. STEVENS TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Belgrade Central School students are fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Don. C. Stevens, whose foresight provided this trust fund. The fund provides for students by supporting additional programs during school, afterschool enrichment activities, additional materials and resources, and new experiences above and beyond what our school district can provide.

The trust truly enriches the educational experience of all Belgrade students. Enrichment activities continue to extend our students' artistic and cultural experiences. This school year, we will have a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, a watercolor artist, and the Missoula Children's Theater. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, as well as puppets, paintings and the performances themselves.

The trust helps to fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. These trips extend students' learning greatly beyond their textbooks. This year we were able to fund a visit from the Northern Stars traveling planetarium. Each class visited the planetarium for one of four interactive shows.

A spring and fall session of an afterschool Running Club for grades 1-5 was also funded this year. The fund provides many materials that reach every student. Special funds to provide extra art, reading, math and science materials are made available and are well used. Classroom libraries continue to grow. A special program (Black Bear Book Awards) to encourage reading was designed by our librarians. Our library continues to arrange the annual visits of children's book authors or illustrators. This fall author Jennifer Jacobson visited; she provided insight on her young adult novel for our third- through fifth-grade students. Another author, Sarah L. Thompson, will visit the pre-kindergarten through second-grade students in the spring. These wonderful authors and illustrators often provide whole-school presentations, as well as individual classroom workshops.

Our annual meeting will be on Jan. 10, 2021. As always, this committee truly enjoys the work it does, helping to provide enriching experiences for the children of Belgrade Central School.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Dunbar (Chairwoman), Evan Fisher,
Sara Lozefski, Jill MacKenzie and Alyssa Tibbetts

	2019 Proposed	2019 Spent	2020 Proposed
General			
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$0	\$100
Parent Folders	\$500	\$351	\$500
Art			
Teacher Supplies	\$1200	\$1271.37	\$1800
Enrichment			
PCAC	\$9700	\$6,001	\$13600
Math/Science Materials	\$400	\$225.17	\$500
Field Trips	\$1000	\$146	\$1000
Reading/Writing			
Reference	\$100	\$0	\$100
Library	\$2000	\$2,100	\$2000
Black Bear Book Awards	\$300	\$241.19	\$300
Supplemental	\$2400	\$1,936.21	\$3600
Totals	\$17,700	\$12,271.94	\$23,500



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Carl Gartley
Superintendent of Schools

Keith Morin
Chief Academic Officer

Gary Smith
Chief Operations Officer

Every year I have the opportunity and pleasure of providing input into the town reports of all five towns in RSU 18. While these town reports will be released sometime this spring, I find it appropriate that I sit here on New Year's Day writing my reflections of the last year. When I am asked by people to tell them about RSU 18, my go-to response is simple; I tell them stories about our amazing students and staff.

- I would tell them about a student who was so eager to show me (or anyone else who happened to visit that classroom) how well he could read. When I asked him how he got so good at reading, he responded, "I worked hard." That child has unlocked the secret to success.
- I would tell them about a student who I watched practice her assignment in class on her Ipad, then, with her teacher's approval, through an app on her device she shared this work instantaneously with her parents. The teacher had set this up so parents who work every day can still be actively involved with their child's learning.
- I would tell them about a music concert I attended when I overheard a grandparent in the audience say, "I can't believe these are high schoolers. This is amazing."
- I would tell them about our students who face obstacles every day that fortunately most of us never have to face. Then I would follow up with the herculean effort our caring staff puts in every day to ensure these students know we care about them and are there for them.
- I would tell them about our Advanced Placement scores at MHS, where our students performed amazingly well, doing better than most other schools in the state and country.

As you have undoubtedly seen in all of our schools, we have been making a significant push to improve our facilities around the district. Energy efficiency, heating, improved educational settings, air-quality and safety projects have been at the forefront of our efforts. From the new athletic complex at MHS to the new addition at China Middle School to the new parking lots at Belgrade Central, the facility improvements in all eight schools have truly made a difference for everyone. My sincere thanks to everyone in our communities for supporting our facility improvement work; we could not have done this work without you.

There is no shortage of material I have to share about the incredible things happening in our district by and for our students. So, in short, the staff and students of RSU 18 are doing awesome. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Gartley, Superintendent of Schools

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TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLE FACILITY

2019 proved a challenging year at the Transfer Station & Recycle Center. In January 2018, China shut down all of its ports to recyclables. That drove down markets worldwide, which made marketing some plastic and paper products virtually impossible. As a result, we are recycling differently. The Recycle Facility accepts all kinds of plastics, paper, metal, paint and universal waste, including televisions, printers, batteries, computers, CFL lightbulbs (the curly ones) and tube florescent bulbs.

Updated recycling guidelines are available at the Transfer Station, at the Town Office and at townofbelgrade.com. When we recycle, we keep those items out of the solid waste stream. In turn, we keep the Town's (and taxpayers') costs down and keep the environment clean. All of us at the facility and the committee are dedicated to these goals through hard work, dedication and education. We urge you to ask us if you're unsure what is recyclable; our knowledgeable staff will be happy to help.

Revenue at the Transfer Station was \$33,587 in 2019, down approximately 10% from 2018. That is due in large part to the downturn in the recycling market.

Infrastructure projects for the coming year are:

- Paving. We will carry-forward \$7,600 from the 2019 budget. The balance of the project's cost will be paid using capital reserves.
- Cement pads to support storage containers. The estimated \$20,000 cost will be paid for using capital reserves.
- A replacement office building. This will also be funded using capital reserves.

We have several donation options at the Transfer Station, all of which help to reduce our waste stream and benefit our community. Please take advantage of these options:

- Bottle redemption: Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry, Belgrade Bible Church and the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
- Apparel Impact: clothing and shoes
- Kennebec Valley Humane Society: pet food and other items (new for 2020)
- Too Good to Throw Away building

Lastly, here are a few reminders about using the Transfer Station:

- ✓ Display a current Transfer Station sticker on your vehicle. These are available at the Town Office.
- ✓ Separate and dispose of recyclable items properly. See attendant with questions.
- ✓ Keep loads covered and secure while driving and when entering the facility.
- ✓ Practice safety at the facility.
- ✓ Participate in the "punch card program" for bulk waste. It saves you money and streamlines our process. Punch cards are available for free to all taxpaying Town residents at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Scheno, Transfer Station & Recycle Center Director



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Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next three years, I will continue to do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

During my first year in office, I directed the implementation of the voter-approved Medicaid expansion, allowing over 40,000 Maine people to gain health care coverage. We added state-guaranteed protections for people with pre-existing conditions, passed a prescription drug reform package, and restored the Maine Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled program, covering an additional 1,800 seniors. And we continue to work on strategies to bring down the cost of health care for small businesses and others. I also signed an Executive Order directing my Administration to develop effective opioid prevention efforts in schools, make Narcan more available, increase medication assisted treatment, train recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

Protecting Maine's environment and tackling climate change are key priorities of my Administration. I am committed to increasing Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 80 percent by 2030; improving our modes of transportation; weatherizing homes and businesses; and reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. By embracing the green technology of the future, we will reduce the impacts of climate change, create good-paying jobs, preserve clean air and water, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

The biennial budget provided more revenue sharing, more homestead reimbursements, and more disaster assistance for towns – which all together will result in relief for property taxpayers. It invested \$115 million in education and school renovations, and we are working toward Pre-K for every 4-year-old, increasing post-high school options that result in a valued credential, and making sure that every able adult is working. Further, I, along with government agencies, small business owners, entrepreneurs, economists, and hard-working Mainers, developed a statewide economic development plan, the first in nearly 25 years. We will diversify our economy, empower innovators, and attract young, talented people to live, work, and raise their families here in Maine.

It is time for new, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, healthy people, and prosperous communities

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

Janet T. Mills
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Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the "Military Widow's Tax," an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people's health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine's Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation's premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's housing needs are addressed. For Maine's roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS' Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear friends,

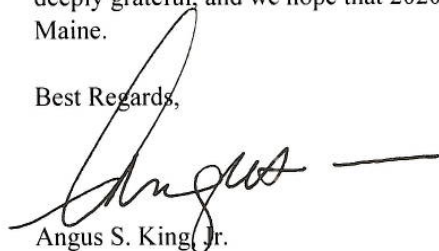
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King Jr.
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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an immense honor to serve as your representative in Congress. I take very seriously the responsibility that has been placed on me, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of what I've been working on in my first year in Congress.

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

On top of working on this legislation, I have also been advocating for our district directly to administrative agencies. I have been fighting for Maine lobstermen to urge the president to intervene in proposed regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that would hurt our lobster industry. I pressed government agencies to ground their regulations in sound science and data when crafting new regulations on Maine's lobstermen. I also persuaded the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in Maine about the proposed Central Maine Power NECEC transmission line, which gave hundreds of people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the project.

Some of the most important work of members of Congress is rooted in on-the-ground constituent services. We have three offices in the district -- in Caribou, Bangor, and Lewiston -- and my staff work tirelessly to help Mainers solve problems they may face with federal government agencies. I urge you to stop by to talk to us in person and let us know how we can better serve you and your communities.

My favorite part of the job is coming home to the district and hearing about what matters to you. This year, I brought a hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure to Maine to find ways to expand access to rural broadband. I've also held open town halls and coffee hours throughout the district to hear directly from Mainers veterans, as well as roundtables to find more ways to help small businesses in Maine grow and create jobs.

As always, please continue to reach out to me and my staff if you'd like to voice an opinion, let us know about a local event, or seek any assistance with federal agencies.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

Maine is in the midst of one of the greatest periods of prosperity in its history and has led the nation in a number of economic categories over the last several years. Unemployment is at record low levels, wages are up, and state government has had seven straight years of surpluses. The number of children living in poverty is in a steep decline, and Maine now leads the nation in equality for women in the workplace and politics.

Though we have accomplished a great deal in the past year, there is still much more to be done. Maintaining the prosperity that you have built over the last several years tops the list. We can do this by holding the line on government spending, doing our best to stay out of the way of local businesses so that they can thrive as a result of their own hard work, and making sure that government is the most fiscally responsible steward of your tax dollars. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

My work on the Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry committee has allowed me to sponsor and co-sponsor forestry and industry bills to help improve Maine. We have also been able to provide property tax relief by allocating \$75 million in the budget to this cause, increasing the Homestead Exemption by \$5,000, and expanding the eligibility for the Property Tax Fairness Credit to include an additional 13,000 Mainers. We were able to pass a budget that raises the state's share of education funding to nearly 51 percent, which includes \$115 million in new state support for local education.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Russell Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Russell Black
State Senator

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January 2020

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature began on Wednesday, January 8. Along with the 260 carryover bills and papers from the First Regular Session, there are more than 400 new pieces of legislation to be deliberated over the coming months. My colleagues and I will need to be efficient and sensible in order to complete our work by the statutory adjournment date of April 15.

Also in April, I am happy to report that Maine's homestead property tax exemption will increase by \$5,000, allowing residents to reduce up to \$25,000 from the value of their home for property tax purposes without adverse impact on local municipalities. In the event you have not already applied for the exemption, the application process is quick and easy. Associated paperwork, as well as other related details, can be found online at <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/apps/homesteadapp.pdf>.

The budget passed by lawmakers last year, which set in motion the previously-mentioned tax relief, may be supplemented due to revised economic forecasts. An additional \$116.9 million in revenue, with potentially more to come, has left my colleagues and I even more determined to meet pressing needs, including our roads, nursing homes, direct care workers, and people with disabilities on waitlists. With the budget already 11% higher than the previous one, it is imperative that restraint be exercised by not instituting more new programs that could potentially create future fiscal strain.

Thank you for the ongoing privilege of serving the good people of Belgrade at the State House. If you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send me your e-mail address.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl
State Representative

District 76 Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna and Wayne

**Office of the Sheriff
Kennebec County, Maine**



Ken Mason, Sheriff
Alfred G. Morin, Chief Deputy

January 28, 2020

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2019. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2019 Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands calls for service. As a result, deputies made 735 arrests or summonses, 544 traffic summonses issued, thousands of warnings and responded to 691 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 338 alarms, 139 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 498 times. Deputies and Detectives made 33 drug seizures. This is merely a snapshot of what we do during the year.

Deputy Michael Sayers resigned his position as a patrol deputy and will be working in the private sector. We wish Michael and his family well.

Deputies Zachary Carey and Elijah Curtis were hired to fill two vacant positions. We are very excited to have them join our Kennebec family. Both are very motivated and understand their responsibilities to the citizens of our county.

In December of 2019, Brenda Grimes, a 30-year employee of the correctional facility retired. Brenda's ability to communicate with and control a block of inmates was noteworthy. She will be missed. This summer Brenda plans on taking a trip to Southeast Asia and to see the world. We are in hopes that Brenda will continue to knit hats for Justice Fuller, so his ears stay warm in the winter months.

Our Civil Process deputies served legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2019, the three civil deputies received over 9,722 requests for service in Kennebec County. 691 more calls for document service than in 2018.

In 2019, our Correctional Facility managed 2,686 inmates, a slight dip from 2018. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from harassment to homicide. The CARA Program (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) continues and we have added two weeks to the program. The last two weeks of the program involve the participants working at area businesses. Upon their release, the participants have steady employment and a brighter future. Our program not only benefits Kennebec County inmates, it benefits all 16 counties who have individuals that meet the criteria to attend C.A.R.A.

Our correctional facility also helps out our fellow counties whom have serious overcrowding issues. Overcrowding can create an unsafe working environment for the corrections officers as well as the inmates. All county correctional facilities within our state have had a dramatic increase of individuals being held on class A, B, or C crimes. The majority of crimes involve the sale of heroin or fentanyl.

Qualifying inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised by our programs officers on outside projects.

The outside work crews have partnered with local municipalities providing snow removal to those individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Programs Officer Gagnon and Matthews and their work crews raised over 10,000 pounds of produce which gleaned nearly 5,000 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2019. We would have had hundreds of pounds of cucumbers however, the deer population near the garden enjoyed their tasty goodness.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible afflicted with substance use disorder.

In 2019 we began a M.A.T. (Medical Assisted Treatment) program within the correctional facility. The facilitator of the program is ENSO Recovery. The monies for this program come from federal grants managed by the Maine D.H.H.S. in the amount of 1.5 million dollars.

Highway fatalities and serious injury accidents continue soar as a result of individuals using electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness. In 2019 Maine adopted the "Hands Free Law" not allowing operators of a motor vehicle to have an electronic device in their hand while operating.

As your Sheriff, in 2020 my focus will remain on providing professional services to the people of Kennebec, our visitors, risk management and my staff, creating a healthier, safer place to live.

Ken Mason, Sheriff

TOWN CLERK

Our goal is to assist citizens as much as possible as they conduct business at the local town level.

Deaths			Online transactions	
Bridgham, Hilda E.	84	08/22/2019	Dog licenses	\$111
Brooks, Birchard Lloyd	61	02/05/2019	Boat renewals (excise)	\$3,289
Brooks, Carlton J.	83	03/07/2019	Motor vehicle excise	\$834,422
Chaude, Jean Barbara	72	12/20/2019		
Davis, Catherine Jean	60	09/04/2019		
Day, Gary J.	82	11/05/2019	Fish & Wildlife	
Dolak, Robert A.	84	06/15/2019	resident licenses	
Donato, John J.	83	10/19/2019		
Dostie, Clement O.	90	04/22/2019	Hunting/fishing	\$7,194.50
Fiehler, Duane Austin	73	01/22/2019	Boats	\$46,384.71
Gordon, Jennifer M.	38	01/24/2019	ATV's	\$598.50
Haines, Eugene W.	89	10/05/2019	Snowmobiles	\$9,909.81
Hosea, Harriet F.	84	10/16/2019		
Keene, Ruby A.	77	08/08/2019	Non-resident licenses	
Kenney, Thomas A.	62	06/25/2019	Fishing	\$3,768.00
Megill, Frank D.	90	01/22/2019	ATV's	
Nutter, William C.	61	10/25/2019	Snowmobiles	\$1,199.00
O'Neal, Duane F.	69	09/02/2019		
Plaisted, Delbert Arthur	92	07/26/2019		
Sawyer, Matthew G.	39	05/19/2019	Dog licenses	
Stocco, Gabriel Ernani	10	03/20/2019	Issued	222
Sypien, Edward Jason	47	06/10/2019	Kennel licenses issued	0
Tripp, Joan S.	84	10/17/2019	Unregistered dogs	
Workman, Emogene A.	92	09/22/2019	as of 1/1/2020	487

Thanks to all who have complied with our request to bring your prior registration and other related information when re-registering your vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, and dogs. Doing so allows us to provide you a more efficient and accurate customer service experience.

As a reminder, please bring your prior year's registration when renewing a registration. For vehicles, providing the license plate number will suffice if the vehicle was registered in Belgrade before. You must also provide the vehicle's accurate mileage and proof of insurance. For snowmobiles, ATV's and boats, if you cannot locate your previous year's registration, you may take a picture of the previous year's registration sticker with your cellphone or write down this information and bring it with you. The state has advised us we will no longer be able to use a name search to access these items.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Area of Expenditure</u>	2019 Appropriation	2019 Actual	2019 Lapse	2020 Proposed
SELECT PERSONS	14,955.00	10,831.59	4,123.41	14,955.00
APPEALS BOARD	2,212.00	0.00	2,212.00	1,438.00
ADMINISTRATION	386,215.00	354,786.48	31,428.52	397,577.00
TOWN MANAGER	95,525.00	95,297.95	227.05	100,369.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	45,700.00	41,660.00	4,040.00	47,828.00
PLANNING BOARD	6,100.00	1,216.43	4,883.57	5,700.00
ELECTIONS	7,200.00	5,138.76	2,061.24	10,450.00
HISTORIAN	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
GENERAL GOV. TOTALS	558,307.00	509,331.21	48,975.79	578,717.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
FIRE & RESCUE	218,651.00	202,058.62	16,592.38	207,071.00
DISPATCH	38,126.00	38,932.06	-806.06	49,633.00
STREET LIGHTS	13,000.00	8,701.89	4,298.11	10,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	14,350.00	9,776.28	4,573.72	13,950.00
HEALTH OFFICER	450.00	400.00	50.00	450.00
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS	284,877.00	259,868.85	25,008.15	281,404.00
ROADS MAINTENANCE	115,500.00	50,671.16	64,828.84	135,575.00
PLOW & SAND	368,164.00	364,191.66	3,972.34	375,597.00
PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	483,664.00	414,862.82	68,801.18	511,172.00
PAVING TOTALS	402,600.00	126,039.34	276,560.66	0.00
CEMETERY TOTALS	42,350.00	40,105.03	2,244.97	28,600.00
FACILITY MAINTENANCE	114,200.00	90,418.44	23,781.56	147,200.00
CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS	20,692.00	23,595.76	-2,903.76	19,140.00
NORTH BELGRADE COM. CTR	5,660.00	5,464.46	195.54	7,410.00
TOWN GARAGE	2,200.00	3,998.03	-1,798.03	3,400.00
SAND & SALT SHED	1,150.00	1,067.19	82.81	1,150.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:LAKES	6,005.00	8,358.79	-2,353.79	6,855.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT: DEPOT	3,865.00	3,092.18	772.82	3,865.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT: NORTH BEL	4,065.00	3,058.84	1,006.16	4,065.00
TRANSFER STATION	10,180.00	13,259.43	-3,079.43	9,805.00
PARKS	5,200.00	6,626.64	-1,426.64	6,900.00
DALTON PROPERTIES	14,786.00	4,861.84	9,924.16	10,536.00
DAMS	420.00	0.00	420.00	0.00
HISTORY HOUSE	325.00	203.20	121.80	325.00
TOWN OFFICE	15,915.00	11,328.69	4,586.31	10,615.00
VACANT TOWN OFFICE	900.00	1,357.59	-457.59	0.00
LIBRARY	600.00	388.76	211.24	3,500.00
FACILITIES TOTALS	206,163.00	177,079.84	29,083.16	234,766.00

Treasurer's Report

Area of Expenditure	2019 Appropriation	2019 Actual	2019 Lapse	2020 Proposed
HHW	2,000.00	2,821.35	-821.35	2,000.00
TRANSFER ST. OPERATIONS	267,330.00	213,567.01	53,762.99	265,200.00
CHANDLER ROAD	1,500.00	487.50	1,012.50	1,500.00
DUNN ROAD	4,100.00	4,953.60	-853.60	4,100.00
SOLID WASTE TOTALS	274,930.00	221,829.46	53,100.54	272,800.00
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALS	1,800.00	620.00	1,180.00	780.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	6,450.00	435.00	6,015.00	4,000.00
FUEL FUND	0	1215.9	-1215.9	799
GENERAL ASSISTANCE TOTAL	6,450.00	1,650.90	4,799.10	4,799.00
SPECIAL REQUESTS	11,102.50	11,102.50	0.00	53,130.00
HRA ADMINISTRATION	1,050.00	862.00	188.00	1,050.00
HRA CLAIM	10,000.00	9,277.72	722.28	10,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION	37,000.00	36,314.00	686.00	37,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	8,000.00	4,972.83	3,027.17	8,000.00
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	32,000.00	29,986.00	2,014.00	32,000.00
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS	1,350.00	1,394.00	-44.00	1,500.00
REC ACTIVITY INSURANCE	1,550.00	1,658.00	-108.00	1,700.00
INSURANCE TOTALS	90,950.00	84,464.55	6,485.45	91,250.00
RECREATION	149,782.00	134,844.59	14,937.41	160,129.00
DEBT SERVICE				
GOB 2015	143,963.00	132,671.95	11,291.05	49,893.00
LIBRARY TOTALS	82,094.00	58,862.96	23,231.04	82,094.00
SCHOOL - RSU 18	6,292,010.22	6,292,010.14	0.08	0.00
KENNEBEC COUNTY TAX	657,420.40	657,420.40	0.00	0.00
OVERLAY	40,759.77	17,779.20	22,980.57	0.00

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Belgrade, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the schedules related to the OPEB liability, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Belgrade, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2020, on our consideration of the Town of Belgrade, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Belgrade, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



February 4, 2020
South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,933,756
Investments	1,087,893
Receivables:	
Taxes	445,174
Tax liens	68,732
Due from other governments	4,800
Nondepreciable capital assets	1,730,807
Depreciable capital assets, net	6,556,316
Total assets	14,827,478
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	54,595
Accrued wages	2,740
Taxes paid in advance	8,433
Unearned revenues	22,388
Accrued interest	13,491
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	444,087
Due in more than one year	847,277
Total liabilities	1,393,011
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	24,302
Total deferred inflows of resources	24,302
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	7,043,014
Restricted - donations and grants	289,678
Restricted - Nonexpendable permanent fund principal	277,715
Restricted - Expendable permanent fund earnings	1,024,687
Unrestricted	4,775,071
Total net position	\$ 13,410,165

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Functions/programs	Expenses	Charges for services	Program Revenues		Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position
			Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Primary Governmental activities
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,621,246	35,590	-	-	(1,585,656)
Public safety	306,478	-	16,085	-	(290,393)
Public works	1,051,624	-	45,992	-	(1,005,632)
Solid waste	222,367	33,937	-	-	(188,430)
Public services	13,374	-	-	-	(13,374)
Recreation and culture	135,471	101,364	4,725	-	(29,382)
Education	6,310,186	-	945	-	(6,309,241)
Other Town programs	24,975	42,100	29,602	-	46,727
Interest on debt	57,581	-	-	-	(57,581)
Total governmental activities	9,743,302	212,991	97,349	-	(9,432,962)
Total primary government	\$ 9,743,302	212,991	97,349	-	(9,432,962)

General revenues:

Property taxes	8,600,033
Excise taxes	919,721
Interest and costs of taxes	23,703
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:	
State Revenue Sharing	156,708
Homestead and BETE exemption	174,596
Other	19,397
Unrestricted investment earnings	240,069
Cable franchise fees	48,868
Sale of Town property	84,100
Miscellaneous	14,582
Contributions to permanent fund principal	4,886
Total general revenues	10,286,663

Change in net position 853,701

Net position - beginning, restated 12,556,464

Net position - ending \$ 13,410,165

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,486,789	97	446,870	4,933,756
Investments	-	-	1,087,893	1,087,893
Receivables:				
Taxes	445,174	-	-	445,174
Tax liens	68,732	-	-	68,732
Due from other governments	-	4,800	-	4,800
Interfund loan receivable	-	1,337,257	185,878	1,523,135
Total assets	5,000,695	1,342,154	1,720,641	8,063,490
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	30,746	-	23,849	54,595
Accrued wages	2,740	-	-	2,740
Taxes paid in advance	8,433	-	-	8,433
Unearned revenue	22,388	-	-	22,388
Interfund loan payable	1,509,803	-	13,332	1,523,135
Total liabilities	1,574,110	-	37,181	1,611,291
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	428,000	-	-	428,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	428,000	-	-	428,000
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	277,715	277,715
Restricted	-	-	1,314,365	1,314,365
Committed	-	1,342,154	91,380	1,433,534
Unassigned	2,998,585	-	-	2,998,585
Total fund balances	2,998,585	1,342,154	1,683,460	6,024,199
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	5,000,695	1,342,154	1,720,641	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	8,287,123
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.	428,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Notes payable	(1,244,109)
OPEB liability with deferred inflows and outflows of resources	(32,111)
Accrued compensated absences	(39,446)
Accrued interest	(13,491)

Net position of governmental activities **\$ 13,410,165**

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 9,519,340	-	-	9,519,340
Intergovernmental revenues	396,693	-	-	396,693
Charges for services	169,712	42,100	996	212,808
Rental income	-	-	21,086	21,086
Donations	-	-	15,890	15,890
Other revenues	163,135	500	3,365	167,000
Investment income	50,319	1,893	187,857	240,069
Total revenues	10,299,199	44,493	229,194	10,572,886
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	512,116	-	-	512,116
Public safety	259,971	-	-	259,971
Public works	755,215	-	-	755,215
Solid waste	221,929	-	-	221,929
Public services	13,374	-	-	13,374
Recreation and culture	195,787	-	9,052	204,839
Education	6,292,010	-	18,176	6,310,186
County tax	657,420	-	-	657,420
Other Town programs	-	-	24,975	24,975
Unclassified	102,244	-	-	102,244
Capital outlay	-	971,137	-	971,137
Debt service	132,672	-	-	132,672
Total expenditures	9,142,738	971,137	52,203	10,166,078
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,156,461	(926,644)	176,991	406,808
Other financing sources (uses):				
Bond proceeds	-	826,385	-	826,385
Transfers from other funds	-	703,060	70,000	773,060
Transfers to other funds	(773,060)	-	-	(773,060)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(773,060)	1,529,445	70,000	826,385
Net change in fund balance	383,401	602,801	246,991	1,233,193
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated	2,615,184	739,353	1,436,469	4,791,006
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,998,585	1,342,154	1,683,460	6,024,199

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	1,233,193
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

These are the changes related to capital assets:

Capital outlay	1,042,807	
Depreciation expense	(399,751)	
Loss on disposal of assets	(272,701)	370,355

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the change in unavailable revenue - property tax.		24,117
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

These are the changes in the other liability-related amounts:

Accrued interest	(13,491)	
Accrued compensated absences	(22,740)	
OPEB liability, including related deferred inflows and outflows	70	(36,161)

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

These are the changes in long-term debt and related amounts:

Proceeds from note payable issuances	(826,385)	
Principal payments on notes payable	88,582	(737,803)

Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	853,701
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 9,432,990	9,432,990	9,519,340	86,350
Intergovernmental revenues	326,854	326,854	396,693	69,839
Charges for services	132,000	132,000	169,712	37,712
Other revenues	59,085	59,085	163,135	104,050
Interest	7,500	7,500	50,319	42,819
Total revenues	9,958,429	9,958,429	10,299,199	340,770
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	558,307	558,307	512,116	46,191
Public safety	284,877	284,877	259,971	24,906
Public works	1,134,777	1,134,777	755,215	379,562
Solid waste	274,930	274,930	221,929	53,001
Public services	19,353	19,353	13,374	5,979
Recreation and culture	233,955	233,955	195,787	38,168
Education	6,292,010	6,292,010	6,292,010	-
County tax	657,420	657,420	657,420	-
Unclassified	131,710	131,710	102,244	29,466
Debt service	143,963	143,963	132,672	11,291
Total expenditures	9,731,302	9,731,302	9,142,738	588,564
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	227,127	227,127	1,156,461	929,334
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted use of carryforward balance	16,927	16,927	-	(16,927)
Utilization of prior year surplus	12,013	12,013	-	(12,013)
Transfers to other funds	(256,067)	(256,067)	(773,060)	(516,993)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(227,127)	(227,127)	(773,060)	(545,933)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	383,401	
Fund balance, beginning of year			2,615,184	
Fund balance, end of year			\$ 2,998,585	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF BELGRADE



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UNIFIED INVESTMENT TRUST (UIT)

Purpose: Belgrade's UIT is the Town's investment vehicle for funds that are now, or may in the future be accepted by the Town for dedicated Town purposes; examples: Education, Cemeteries, History, Library, Memorials, Recreation, Parks, Lakes, Open space, Trails, etc. New additions to the UIT must be for defined purposes and accepted by vote of the Town. A general sub-account may be added to receive funds for un-named Town improvement purposes as determined by the Board of Selectpersons (Board).

Policies: UIT investment assets are held and managed by a qualified professional investment Custodian and overseen by the Board. Retention or change of the Custodian is subject to Board satisfaction and approval. The Custodian will submit monthly reports of UIT performance, with sub-accounting for each individual account. The Board will review Custodian's performance and compare it with appropriate financial benchmarks at least quarterly.

The Board will maintain an up-to-date list of authorized recipients for UIT fund distributions. During the first month of each fiscal year the Board will advise such recipients the maximum amounts available for distribution based on 90 percent of each recipient's UIT proportional results for the prior year, according to the Custodian's report of December 31 for that year.

Annual fund earnings (dividends plus interest minus custodial charges) will be transferred to the Town, or retained in the UIT as follows during the first quarter of each fiscal year, based on prior year's proportional results and distributed as follows:

- Up to 90% of earnings or less as requested by each authorized sub-account recipient;
- Retain 10% or more of earnings permanently within the UIT;
- Earnings are not transferrable between sub-accounts.

Future UIT investments of \$10,000 or more may be permanently recognized in named sub-accounts, as requested by donors and accepted by the Town. Future accepted investments of less than \$10,000 will be combined in a General UIT sub-account, with 90% of its proportional net annual earnings used at the Board's direction for non-routine, beneficial Town purposes.

Note: Legal approval is needed for a statement that contributions to the fund are tax-exempt within Maine and Federal laws, that nothing of value is given to the donor in return, and that contributions are non-refundable. Prospective contributors should consult with their tax advisors.



January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
Town of Belgrade
(Account #0076)

Fund Name	Beginning Fund Value ¹	Beginning % of Fund ²	Additions ³	Withdrawals ⁴	Interest & Dividends ⁵	Realized Gains/Losses ⁶	Unrealized Gains/Losses ⁷	Management Fee ⁸	Ending Fund Value ⁹	Ending % of Fund ¹⁰
DON C. STEVENS FUND FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BELGRADE CEMETERY PORTFOLIO	\$677,683.46	58.60%	\$0.00	(\$19,879.50)	\$26,181.69	(\$8,660.28)	\$97,923.27	(\$6,890.75)	\$766,337.89	58.23%
G4-103-00 AND ICS PERP CARE	\$409,979.04	35.45%	\$0.00	(\$12,013.00)	\$16,022.79	(\$5,390.72)	\$59,429.28	(\$4,207.59)	\$463,819.80	35.24%
DON C. STEVENS FUND	\$35,220.81	3.05%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,382.15	(\$452.64)	\$5,131.28	(\$363.10)	\$40,918.50	3.11%
G4-104-00	\$2,099.45	0.18%	\$0.00	(\$98.00)	\$80.88	(\$27.23)	\$302.42	(\$21.28)	\$2,336.23	0.18%
GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND	\$3,790.47	0.33%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.75	(\$48.71)	\$552.23	(\$39.08)	\$4,403.65	0.33%
G4-105-00	\$13,643.69	1.18%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$535.41	(\$175.34)	\$1,987.74	(\$140.66)	\$15,850.84	1.20%
LACROIX CEMETERY CARE TRUST	\$13,970.53	1.21%	\$1,136.91	\$0.00	\$551.45	(\$179.54)	\$2,067.28	(\$144.92)	\$17,401.71	1.32%
ROBERT A. GUPTIL HISTORICAL TRUST FUND G4-107-00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$4,881.24	\$0.00	\$13.80	\$0.00	\$137.07	(\$3.85)	\$5,028.26	0.38%
THE WORTHY POOR TRUST	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
G1-101-00 AND ICS	\$1,156,387.46	100.00%	\$6,018.15	(\$31,990.50)	\$44,916.92	(\$14,954.47)	\$167,530.56	(\$11,811.23)	\$1,316,096.89	100.00%

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

Beginning Market Value:	\$1,156,387.46
Additions:	\$6,018.15
Withdrawals:	(\$31,990.50)
Interest & Dividends:	\$3,611.49
Realized Gains/Losses:	\$0.01
Unrealized Gains/Losses:	\$183,077.12
Management Fee:	(\$1,006.84)
Ending Market Value:	\$1,316,096.89

Change in FMV¹¹: \$159,709.43

NOTES:

- This is the "Ending Market Value" carried forward from the previous month.
- This is the percentage of the market value attributable to each sub-account carried forward from the previous month.
- This reflects contributions or additions made to each sub-account, if any, during the current month.
- This reflects withdrawals or distributions made from each sub-account, if any, during the current month.
- This reflects net interest, dividends and accrued interest, if any, posted to each sub-account during the current month.
- This reflects capital gains or losses, if any, actually realized in each sub-account during the current month.
- This reflects the sum of management fees and brokerage commissions charged to each sub-account during the current month.
- This reflects the value of each sub-account as of the end of the current month.
- This is the percentage of the market value attributable to each sub-account as of the end of the current month.
- This is the net change in fair market value after accounting for all activity.
- The dollar values and percentages above are rounded to 2 decimal places. Discrepancies up to \$1.00 between this sub-accounting report and the monthly account statement are possible.
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2019 outstanding taxes as of Dec. 31, 2019

2 G's Transportation Inc.	200.71
2 G's Transportation Inc.	189.82
2 G's Transportation Inc.	199.15
Ackerson, David; Ackerson, Penny	1.05
Adinolfi, Thomas M.; Adinolfi, Nancy L.	1,134.24
AKJ Associates	4,221.13
Allain, Jennifer	387.41
Alley, John M. Jr.; Alley, Barbara E.	240.27
Amik Realty LLC	12,787.86
Amon, Joan S.	3,800.69
Ardito, Ralph	2,242.04
Ashland, Brian & Dori	715.71
Auger, Michael C. & Victoria	117.65
Auger, Michael C. & Victoria	22,018.96
Ayres, David W .	59.84
Bachelder, Walter Roger III	745.27
Baillie, Elizabeth	0.54
Baillie, Alan; Baillie, Elizabeth	1.63
Baker, James H. & Kimberly	693.93
Ballard, Glee C.	1,218.26
Barclay, Barry & Trudy	1,048.67
Barclay, Barry & Trudy	2,727.47
Barton, Sandra	332.96
Batchelder, Raymond & Linda	2,402.29
Bates, Robert S.	6.45
Bean, Clarence L. & James A. Sr.	2,483.20
Bearce, Jeffrey & Joanna	96.74
Beatie, Polly Parkhill	256.72
Beatie, Polly Parkhill	9,019.50
Beatie, Polly Parkhill	57.57
Beauchesne, Pamela M.	435.65
Beedle, Duane	490.11
Belgrade Lakes Camps Condo Assoc.	0.72
Belgrade Lakes Summer Camps LLC C/O Michael Shabsels	17,012.10
Belgrade Lakes Summer Camps LLC C/O Michael Shabsels	119.81
Belgrade Lakes Summer Camps LLC C/O Michael Shabsals	2,046.00
Bellavance, Ronald J. & Diana F.	409.20
Bequeath, Aaron B.; Bequeath, Kristen M.	735.58
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L.	927.31
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	1,334.95
Bickford, Ronald S.; Bickford, Carlene	269.17

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2019 unpaid (continued)

Bischoff, Gerald H. & Carol A.	3,749.68
Blethen, Parker D. & Bernice L. (1/2 interest); Bernice L. Blethen Revocable Trust (1/2 interest)	4,774.30
Bonneface, Darlene	538.34
Borman, Megan P.	3,460.30
Boston, Howard	1,342.73
Bouchard, Reginald & Maxine	513.44
Breton, Forest	851.08
Brogan, Scott J.	1.90
Broz, Megan Marie	984.87
Burch, Kathryn	1,924.64
Burgess, Chris J.	714.15
Burnham, Lyle	413.87
Burrill, Lindsey A.; Burrill, Christopher J.	1,105.91
Burton, Terry & Claudia	1,338.85
Cardali, Emile J.	1,294.50
Caret, Paul & Connie	1,591.67
Carey, James Jeffrey	3,292.27
Cassani, Domenic & Cynthia	413.87
Cassani, Domenic & Cynthia	1,940.20
Caswell, Margaret G. Caswell, William B. & Meyer, Jennifer C.	5,599.65
Chaput, Christina	161.81
Childs, Gordon	712.72
Ciforelli, Robert	2,693.25
Conant, Melissa Rose	715.71
Cook, Randall S. et al.	0.66
Cote, Henry R. & Carol A.	1,218.07
Crosby, Donald L.	1,671.02
Crosby, Gordon A.; Wadleigh-Crosby, Beth A.	50.12
Crossland, Linda A.	477.66
Culbertson, Stephen Lee & Janet	4,278.70
Damon, Jeffrey P. & Leonard Gregory	2,075.56
Damren, Richard H. & Rachel S.	135.37
Damren, Richard H. & Rachel S.	1,957.31
Damren, Richard H. & Rachel S.	216.27
Danevich, Victor III & Dawn M. – trustees, Danevich Family Revocable Trust	421.65
Devoe, Robert H.	2.51
Diamond, Cecily	3,780.81
Dickey, Dennis R.	1,492.10
Dickey, Megan L.	3,466.52

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2019 unpaid (continued)

Dieterle, Joseph & April	2,876.84
Dingus, Laurence	1,154.47
Dingus, Laurence	837.07
Dorsey Gomberg, Judith	1,473.43
Doucette, David	986.43
Dr. Clone LLC	1,037.78
Dulac, Paula B. & E.S.	5,837.70
Dunn, Ian E.	112.03
Duplessis, Richard & Hilda	1,793.94
Dyer, Jonathan & Sylvia	1,552.77
Ederle, Douglas - Acorn Lane Realty Trust	3.03
Edgecomb, Patricia	23.34
Ellis, Kimberly J.	1,205.82
Emmons, Dean R.; Emmons, Kimberly	383.58
Ermatinger, Timothy C.; Ermatinger, Alma Velasquez	1,090.68
Farina, John P.	5,999.52
Farris, Carol & Earl	345.41
Faucher, Jeffrey J.; Faucher, Amy L.	1,470.32
Fecteau, Ernest A. & Lorraine M. - trustees of Fecteau Family Trust	157.15
Ferellec, William M.	4,958.63
Finlay, Scott S. & Martha K.	10,021.49
Finley, Martin S. Jr.	868.18
Fischer, Keith J. & Donna A.	1,389.16
Fowler, Mark	28.00
Fox, Barbara F. Trust, Silow, Mark et al. - trustees Charles E. Fox Jr. Trust June 22, 2000	5.06
Franklin, Carol	3,748.66
French, Gail & Fred E. Sr.	690.07
French, Gregory	1,151.36
French, Helen C/O Mark Black	1,117.13
Fulling, Tammy & Nathaniel	3,186.46
Gagnon, Charles & Linda M.	852.62
Ganesan, Geetha; Murray, Michael J.	1.37
Gardner, Jeanette F. & Neil L.	2,221.81
Gardner, Jeanette F. & Neil L.	182.04
Genness, Sherrie & Clay	2,368.07
Gerrie, Mary P.	490.11
Gilbert, Laurie A.	1,084.46
Gildred, Maxine M.	1,797.05
Gillis, Brian J. & Ingrid	5,208.34
Grant, Jeffrey R. & Michele M.	1,093.79

2019 unpaid (continued)

Grant, Shawn A.; Berry, Mark W.	3,345.16
Hartley, Colby & Jessica	283.18
Hawes, Kevin	717.27
Hawes, Kevin S.	91.80
Hawes, Kevin S.	161.81
Hawkins, John A.	2,526.76
Helm, Peyton R.	364.19
Henderson, Richard A.; Henderson, Donna J.	1,082.90
Hickey Family Trust	2,273.57
Hickey Family Trust, Karen Beth Hickey, trustee	385.86
Hilliard, Gary & Julie	4,628.77
Hudson, Thomas & Laura J.	3,576.99
Jabar, Joseph M. Jr.	1,730.97
Jaeger, Thomas K.	5,714.78
Joseph, Rosalind	432.53
Jungels, Anne C.	158.70
Kadnar, Keith J. & Stephanie S.	2,587.44
Kelley, Jeanne	93.35
Krikorian, Patricia & Stephen J.	3,000.65
Labun-Michaud, Angelique S.	4,101.33
Laflamme, Monique	2,729.03
Lafreniere, Gary L. & Jean E.	1,805.07
Lafreniere, Stephen M.	683.03
Landry, Linda L.	1,008.21
Languet, Jon A.	3,150.68
Languet, India B.	359.41
Lavallee, Cristina Laudie Chaput	970.87
Lavenson, Joel S. & Crista C.	2,976.41
Leonhardt, Robert L., trustee	5,915.50
Lewis, Thomas, Sandra & Joseph	1,513.88
Libby, Matthew & Gordon, Dawn Lea	2,464.53
Libby, Steven & Mae	930.42
Liberty, Steven R.	1,703.70
Longley, Bruce W.; Longley, Renalie R.	443.43
Maddix, Donna	1,137.36
Maheu, Tricia I.; Maheu, David P.	135.37
Maheu, Tricia I.; Maheu, David P.	2,755.48
Marshall, Gilbert	96.47
McLeod, Richard; McLeod, Amy	18.21
Megill, Mark	1,214.45
Meritt, Wesley O.	670.59

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2019 unpaid (continued)

Merrow, Christopher	813.73
Merrow, Eugene B. & Anita	211.60
Merrow, Eugene B. & Anita	146.25
Merrow, Michael J. & Carrie	1,282.02
Mieczkowski, Francis & Mary Anne	1,299.17
Monk, Beth	153.43
Moore, Barbara & Stanley B. Jr.	3,746.58
Morin, Holly Rebekah	762.97
Morin, Holly Rebekah	217.82
Morin, Alex	1,540.33
Morin, Alex	127.59
Morrison, Benjamin Jacob	1,524.77
Morrison, Eugene W.; Morrison, Barbara E.	516.56
Nabarowsky, Derek J.	1,381.17
Naoum, Anthony D. & Darlene M.	2,279.38
Naslund, Raymond Jr.	4,641.22
Nelson, Wayne O.	1.82
Nieman, Antonio D.	219.38
Nisbet, Everett & Louise	1.56
Nutter, William C.; Nutter, Marion L.	2,025.77
Nutting, Lindsay H.	3,858.61
Osborne, Gary M. & Amy S.	4,289.39
Owner Unknown	219.38
Palleschi, Arron & Keri; Palleschi, Everett Jr. & Trudy	1,084.63
Panagiotopoulos, Paula M. - trustee Paula M. Panagiotopoulos 2016 Trust	3.03
Paradis, Willard G.	364.08
Parent, Dean; Parent, Rebecca	581.90
Parsons, M.H.	4.79
Peck, Joseph & Darcie	6,674.70
Pelletier, Roger & Theresa	1,112.46
Pepper, Kendal P.	94.91
Pepper, Leslie M. & Kerry J.	2,682.35
Putnam, Molly J.	2,207.81
Rackliff, Nelson F.	1,487.43
Rebenack, Normarie	4,099.77
Roberts, Brett	1,235.37
Robideau, Caitlyn J.; Robideau, Daniel J.	1,569.89
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	298.74
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	326.74
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	102.88
Rogers-Stevens, Denise	298.74

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2019 unpaid (continued)

Rogers-Stevens, Denise	299.55
Rogue Enterprises LLC	1,479.30
Rogue Enterprises LLC	1,657.66
Rose, Kelly	1,705.26
Santana, Carlos A. & Ellen B.	1,056.45
Seifert, Betty L. & Walter K.	0.35
Seitz, Harold F. & Louise R.	3,166.24
Serio, Frank & Pamela	3,665.68
Shirley & Lambert Associates, Inc.	3,292.27
Skeel, Richard D.	3,015.31
Smith, Cheryl A. & James M.	900.43
Solomon, Deborah	2,403.85
Soucy, Carol L.	1,750.38
Soucy, Jeremy	367.19
Stanford, Susan	340.74
Steeves, Tina	773.28
Steinberg, Robert J. & Ann	2,329.17
Stevens, Gregory	549.23
Stevens, Ormand	824.03
Stevens, Ormand	26.45
Stoney Ridge Homeowners Association	46.68
Stoney Ridge Homeowners Association	43.56
Stoops, Rick L. & Sharon K.	345.41
Stratton, Hal M. & Gayle L.	1,568.33
Strawberry Lane, LLC	557.90
Stuart, John & Vera	2,305.83
The Deborah Elias Living Trust, Deborah Elias, trustee	6,041.52
The Julia A. Ellis Trust	146.69
Tilley, Jon Peter & Mary Elizabeth	219.38
Tripp, Joel Wing	102.69
Tripp, Joel Wing	66.90
Tukey, Colleen	1,173.14
Vintinner, Ralph & Michelle	4,065.54
Vogel, Darren	168.03
W & R Real Estate, LLC	18,620.87
Waldman, David H	483.95
Webster, Jamison	415.43
Webster, John G. & Sandra	3,268.93
Welch, Kristen; Cote, Heather	59.12
Welch, Kristen; Cote, Heather	129.13
Welton, Paula R.	4,085.77

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2019 unpaid (continued)

Willmatt Company LLC	219.38
Wilson, Betty	1,887.29
Wilson, Robert W. & Donna L.	1,003.58
Wood, Harvey & Joyce	2,618.56
Wood, J. Dixon	4,806.14
Wood, J. Dixon	409.20
Wood, J. Dixon	46.68
Wood, J. Dixon	426.31
Workman, Emogene	2,088.01
Woytowicz, John M.	3,044.88
Wright, Chester D. & Karen S.	869.74
Zambelli, Stephen V. & Barbara E.	2,414.75
Ziv Harish 2015 Revocable Trust (1/2 interest) Orna Harish 2015 Revocable Trust (1/2 interest)	0.41
Zozula, Robert B. & Maryann	3,178.31
Total	447,329.23

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2018 outstanding taxes

Ardito, Ralph	2,273.76
Ashland, Brian & Dori	771.96
Barton, Sandra	386.80
Batchelder, Raymond & Linda	2,124.60
Berube, Gerard & Bonnie L.	958.08
Bickford, Thomas & Paula	1,377.19
Bonneface, Darlene	596.66
Burgess, Chris J.	744.82
Burnham, Lyle	473.62
Carey, James Jeffrey	3,311.83
Chaput, Christina	224.49
Crossland, Linda A.	516.19
Diamond, Cecily	3,831.63
Dingus, Laurence	1,204.95
Dingus, Laurence	885.08
Doucette, David	1,032.71
Ellis, Kimberly J.	1,249.55
Ermatinger, Timothy C.; Ermatinger, Alma Velasquez	297.26
Farina, John P.	3,920.12
Finley, Martin S. Jr.	915.83
French, Gregory	1,196.99
French, Helen C/O Mark Black	1,161.89
Gerrie, Mary P.	81.62
Grant, Jeffrey R. & Michele M.	1,138.82
Hartley, Colby & Jessica Hartley	337.59
Henderson,, Richard A.; Henderson, Donna J.	970.84
Joseph, Rosalind	113.88
Jungels, Anne C.	216.10
Kelley, Jeanne	50.15
Labun-Michaud, Angelique S.	4,111.52
Lafreniere, Stephen M.	718.06
Landry, Linda L.	1,887.38
Languet, Jon A.	3,178.73
Languet, India B.	412.95
Lavallee, Cristina Laudie Chaput	1,026.55
Lewis, Thomas, Sandra & Joseph	1,554.04
Marshall, Gilbert	153.05
Merrow, Christopher	862.00
Merrow, Eugene B. & Anita	266.85
Nutter, William C.; Nutter Marion L.	1,005.21

Some taxes may have been paid after Dec. 31, 2019. In some cases, failure to pay may be attributed to a mortgage or lending institution oversight.

2018 unpaid (continued)

Pelletier, Roger & Theresa	637.18
Rackliff, Nelson F.	755.60
Robideau, Caitlyn J.; Robideau, Daniel J.	1,204.33
Rose, Kelly	145.17
Seitz, Harold F. & Louise R.	3,105.99
Serio, Frank & Pamela	3,687.76
Skeel, Richard D.	1,476.88
Soucy, Carol L.	1,114.83
Steeves, Tina	829.71
Stratton, Hal M. & Gayle L.	1,537.67
Stuart, John & Vera	2,336.82
Tripp, Joel Wing	159.20
Tripp, Joel Wing	123.82
Tukey, Colleen	1,117.26
Webster, Jamison	468.31
Webster, John G. & Sandra	3,296.45
Wilson, Betty	1,923.13
Wood, Harvey & Joyce	2,645.93
TOTAL	74,107.39

2017 outstanding taxes

Linda, Landry	1,900.92
TOTAL	1,900.92

Some taxes may have been paid after Dec. 31, 2019. In some cases, failure to pay may be attributed to a mortgage or lending institution oversight.

2019 abatements

Beale, Julian III & Brenda	\$676.72
Burton, Terry & Claudia	\$1,282.69
Gilbert, Heather M.; Gilbert, Matthew J.	\$33.84
Hendrix, Leonarda Johanna Maria	\$1,005.85
Stevens, Savannah; Hawes, Dylan	\$362.97
TOTAL	3,362.07

2019 refunded abatements

Burton, David; Burton Carolyn	301.45
TOTAL	301.45

2019 supplementals

Dyer, Aaron	2,123.98
Luker, Bradford; Luker, Chanda	2,117.83
TOTAL	4,227.97

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MIL RATE CALCULATION

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2020 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WORKSHEET

For Budgetary Purposes

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

1. Total taxable valuation of real estate	1	553,558,400		
		(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 6)		
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	5,283,600		
		(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 10)		
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	558,842,000		
		(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 11)		
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	21,000,000		
		(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 14f)		
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	14,700,000		
		(line 4(a) multiplied by 0.7)		
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	1,818,800		
		(should agree with MVR Page 2, line 15c)		
(b) The statutory standard reimbursement for 2016 is 50% Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Contact MRS for the Enhanced Calculator Form.	5(b)	909,400		
		(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)		
		DO NOT QUALIFY		
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	574,451,400		
ASSESSMENTS				
7. County tax	7	\$657,420.40		
8. Municipal appropriation	8	\$3,079,150.50		
9. TIF Financing	9	\$0.00		
		(should agree with MVR Page 2, line 16c)		
10. Local education appropriation (local share/contribution) (Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)	10	\$6,292,010.22		
11. Total assessments (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	\$10,028,581.12		
ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS				
12. State municipal revenue sharing	12	\$143,155.00		
13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally	13	\$1,149,576.00		
		Total		
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	\$1,292,731.00		
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15	\$8,735,850.12		
16. \$8,735,850.12 x 1.05 = \$9,172,642.63 Maximum Allowable Tax				
(Amount from line 15)				
17. \$8,735,850.12 ÷ 574,451,400 = 0.015207 Minimum Tax Rate				
(Amount from line 15)		(Amount from line 6)		
18. \$9,172,642.63 ÷ 574,451,400 = 0.015968 Maximum Tax Rate				
(Amount from line 16)		(Amount from line 6)		
19. 558,842,000 x 0.015380 = \$8,594,989.96 Tax for Commitment				
(Amount from line 3)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)
20. \$8,735,850.12 x 0.05 = \$436,792.51 Maximum Overlay				
(Amount from line 15)				
21. 14,700,000 x 0.015380 = \$226,086.00 Homestead Reimburseme				
(Amount from line 4b)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)
22. 909,400 x 0.015380 = \$13,986.57 BETE Reimbursement				
(Amount from line 5b)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)
23. \$8,835,062.53 - \$8,735,850.12 = \$99,212.41 Overlay				
(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)		(Amount from line 15)		(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)
(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)				

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant,
Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

PERPETUITY ARTICLES

1956, Article 50: To see if the town will vote to waive in its annual report an itemized list of receipts and disbursements said vote to stand effective until revoked at a regular Town Meeting.

1990, Article 4: To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed and provided by statute, on the following question: "Shall the Town approve the use of the Town owned parcel of land just north of Belgrade Central School (The Stuart Lot) by the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc., as an athletic and recreation area. Said field to be developed and maintained by said Association under the administration of the Belgrade Recreation Committee until the Town revokes this privilege by vote at another Town Meeting."

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell and convey property acquired through tax lien foreclosure in the following manner. A sealed bid process will be utilized, Bids will be opened in public at an announced time and place. The Board will retain the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Notice of such sales will be posted at least ten days in advance of the bid opening. Delinquent taxpayers will have the right to retain ownership of their properties at any time prior to acceptance of a bid by paying all taxes, interest, tax lien and administrative charges that are due. The authorization is to remain in effect until changed by a subsequent Town vote.

1999, Article 66: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons or their designee to enter into contracts on behalf of the Town for the rental of the new Recreational Facility, adopt a fee schedule, and set up and maintain reasonable rules and regulations. This shall remain in effect until repealed or modified by a town meeting or referendum vote.

2008, Article 13: To, as Trustees for the Town of Belgrade, if necessary, spend money from reserve accounts for a project or item falling within the scope of those accounts to meet unanticipated expenses. This authorization to remain in effect until changed by a future vote by the Town of Belgrade.

2009, Article 52: To see if the Town will continue to allow Troop #453, Belgrade Boy Scouts of America and Belgrade Girl Scouts to promote recycling, by bundling used newsprint for shipment on Town property, and to authorize the payment from these revenues to Boy Scout Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts, in support of their programs and activities. To the extent that any such bundling and shipping is done in collaboration with other Town recycling efforts, Troop #453 and Belgrade Girl Scouts shall compensate the Town for its pro rata share of related expenses. This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2010, Article 18: To see if the Town will act upon the following issues:

Vote to accept donations and grants to support all municipal facilities, operations and programs over and above what has been raised and appropriated.

Vote to accept FEMA and insurance claim proceeds to offset actual expenses. Vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36

M.R.S.A. §506, with no payment of interest by the Town.

To sell and convey tax acquired property, real estate, or personal property belonging to the Town to the highest acceptable bidder submitting sealed competitive bids to be opened in public at an announced time, or in any other manner the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town. (Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §1074).

To authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend money from the municipal overlay to provide property tax abatements.

This article to remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2010, Article 46: To see if the Town will agree to allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining snowmobile trails. This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2011, Article 34: To see if the Town will agree to the following: Place all unspent Recreational funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account. Place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account. Authorize the Library Board of Trustees to conduct fundraising to support the capital and/or operating and programming costs for the Belgrade Public Library and appropriate those funds to be used for those purposes by the Trustees. Funds generated by the Trustees through fundraising activities shall be separately accounted for by the town treasurer and any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to be used for similar library expenditures in subsequent years. If approved, this article shall remain in effect until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2012, Article 40: To see if the Town will agree to the following:

Place all unspent Recreational funds into/or draw any revenue short fall from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.

Place all unspent Library funds into the Library Capital Reserve Account.

This article will remain in effect, until changed by a vote of a future town meeting.

2013, Article 19: To see if the Town will use 50 percent of revenues generated from boat excise taxes collected by the Town, to fund the established “Water Quality Improvement Fund,” with this article to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

2013, Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to use funds generated from foreclosure sales to fund both the “Town Office Reserve Account” and the “Water Quality Improvement Fund,” with the proceeds to be divided evenly into both accounts, with this article to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

2017, Article 45: To proceed with voting on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend an amount of money, not to exceed \$15,000, for projects in the best interest of the Town, with any expenditures over this amount to be advertised with a Request for Proposal that are to be put before the Board of Selectpersons for selection of the proposal? This article is to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

2017, Article 47: To proceed with voting on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade vote to refund motor vehicle excise tax credits, but only as expressly authorized by 36 M.R.S.A. §1482(5)? This article is to remain in effect until changed by a future vote of the Town.

**TOWN OF BELGRADE
2020 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

STATE OF MAINE
Kennebec, S.S.

To Jeremy Damren, of the Town of Belgrade, in the said County and State:

Greetings:

In the name of the State, you are hereby required to notify and warn inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Center For All Seasons, in said Town, Friday, March 20, 2020, at 7:45 a.m. to elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 to 15. Polls are to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., to act on Article 16 to the end of the warrant. In the event of inclement weather, a date of Monday, March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., has been set, with the inhabitants of the Town of Belgrade to assemble and act on Article 16 to the end of the warrant, at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

(ARTICLE 1) To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

(ARTICLE 2) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s):

One Selectperson to a three-year term

One Road Commissioner to a one-year term

One School Board Member to a three-year term

(ARTICLE 3) To proceed with the voting by secret ballot on the following question: Shall the Town approve a total amount of \$160,129 for the operating budget of the Recreation Department, with \$65,129 to be raised and appropriated, and \$95,000 to be appropriated from the undesignated fund.

2019 budget: \$149,052	2019 actual: \$131,933	2020 request: \$160,129		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Abstain:</i> 0
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 2

(ARTICLE 4) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town appropriate \$23,231 in unspent 2019 funds that lapsed into the Library Capital Reserve, and raise and appropriate \$58,863, for a total sum of \$82,094, to support the Library budget?

2019 budget: \$82,094	2019 actual: \$58,863	2020 request: \$82,094		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Abstain:</i> 0
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 2

(ARTICLE 5) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500 to support the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area?

2019 budget: \$1,500	2019 actual: \$1,500	2020 request: \$1,500		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	1	<i>Absent:</i> 1

(ARTICLE 6) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$2,067.77 to support the Central Maine Area on Aging also known as Spectrum Generations?

2019 budget: \$2,041	2019 actual: \$2,041	2020 request: \$2,067.77		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	1	<i>Absent:</i> 1

(ARTICLE 7) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 to support Literacy Volunteers?

2019 budget: \$1,000	2019 actual: \$1,000	2020 request: \$1,000		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	1	<i>Absent:</i> 1

(ARTICLE 8) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town appropriate \$20,000 from the Water Quality Improvement Fund, and raise and appropriate \$20,000, for a total of \$40,000, for lake water quality programs, including erosion control and invasive plant (milfoil) removal and prevention, operated by the following non-profit organizations. The current balance of the Water Quality Improvement Fund is \$26,970.

Belgrade Lakes Association – Great Pond milfoil removal	\$16,000
7 Lakes Alliance – courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps	\$ 8,400
Friends of Messalonskee – Belgrade Stream milfoil removal	\$13,100
McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association – courtesy boat inspection, Youth Conservation Corps, Port-O-Let	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
TOTAL:	\$40,000

2019 budget: \$40,000	2019 actual: \$40,000	2020 request: \$40,000
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 9) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000 to support the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's Fourth of July fireworks with a set rain date for July 5?

2019 budget: \$4,500	2019 actual: \$4,500	2020 request: \$5,000
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1

Budget Committee recommends: For: 2 Against: 3 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 10) To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,116.50 to support the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center?

2019 budget: \$1,116.50	2019 actual: \$1,116.50	2020 request: \$1,116.50
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 11) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500 to support the Town's Senior Resources Committee?

2019 budget: \$0	2019 actual: \$0	2020 request: \$1,500
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(**ARTICLE 12**) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town of Belgrade accept from the Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village, a non-profit corporation, a gift of six benches and six bike racks with an approximate value of \$25,000, installed as enhancements to the Route 27 road construction?

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(**ARTICLE 13**) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town approve an ordinance that allows the Belgrade Fire & Rescue Department to recover the costs of responding to incidents involving people and/or entities who do not pay property taxes in Belgrade?

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(**ARTICLE 14**) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town approve an update to the Town's library ordinance, which was last amended in 2008?

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(**ARTICLE 15**) To proceed with voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town approve an updated interlocal agreement for the maintenance and operation of the Town of Belgrade's three dams?

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

(**ARTICLE 16**) To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Road Commissioner from elected to appointed effective as of the March 2021 annual town meeting. Thereafter, a single road commissioner will be appointed by the Selectboard for a one-year term.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*****GENERAL GOVERNMENT*****

(**ARTICLE 17**) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to act on the following:

- Spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budget for 2020 between January 1, 2021, and the date of the regular 2021 Town Meeting.
- Vote to accept any and all overdrafts and balances that have lapsed and are not otherwise directed to the undesignated fund.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 18) To see if the Town will set Friday, September 4, 2020, as the date the 2020 property taxes are due. For taxes paid after September 4, 2020, interest will be charged at a rate of 1% per annum higher than the interest rate on the tax anticipation note (TAN). Interest will continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full. Additionally, to see if the Town will set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on taxes paid and later abated at 2% per annum. Interest will accrue from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer. *(Note: The maximum rate allowed by the State Treasurer on late taxes is 9%.)*

Selectpersons Recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 19) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to enter into a contract with the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library for up to \$3,000 to be paid by the Friends to the Town for plowing and mowing services to be performed by the Town at the Library property on Depot Road.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 20) To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2020 to reduce the 2020 property tax commitment:

	<u>2019 received</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Vehicle excise tax	\$ 900,321	\$850,000
Boat excise tax	\$ 9,853	\$ 8,500
Plumbing fees	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,000
Town agent fees	\$ 19,108	\$ 18,000
Interest & cost fees	\$ 23,703	\$ 20,000
Cable franchise fees	\$ 48,868	\$ 47,000
Bank interest	\$ 36,825	\$ 7,500
Library mow/plow contract	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$1,044,278	\$959,000

2019 budget: \$910,500 2019 actual: \$1,044,278 2020 request: \$959,000

Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

(ARTICLE 21) To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,500 from the undesignated fund, and raise and appropriate \$574,217, for a total sum of \$578,717, to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

	<u>2019 actual</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Selectboard	\$ 10,832	\$ 14,955
Board of Appeals	\$ 0	\$ 1,438
Administration	\$352,565	\$397,577
Town Manager	\$ 95,298	\$100,369
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector	\$ 41,645	\$ 47,828
Planning Board	\$ 1,216	\$ 5,700
Hearings/Elections	\$ 4,867	\$ 10,450
Town Historian	\$ 400	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$506,823	\$578,717

2019 budget: \$558,307	2019 actual: \$506,823	2020 request: \$578,717
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<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Abstain:</i>	0
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	2
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*****PUBLIC SAFETY*****

(ARTICLE 22) To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,325 in 2019 late dog license fees from the undesignated fund, and raise and appropriate \$228,446, for a total sum of \$231,771, to support the following divisions of the Public Safety Department, with any unexpended balance from the Fire & Rescue Department to lapse back into the Fire & Rescue Department Reserve Account:

	<u>2019 actual</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Emergency Management Director	\$ 0	\$ 300
Fire & Rescue Department	\$ 201,809	\$ 207,071
Municipal Streetlights	\$ 8,702	\$ 10,000
Animal Control Officer	\$ 9,691	\$ 13,950
Health Officer	\$ 400	\$ 450
TOTAL	\$ 220,601	\$ 231,771

2019 budget: \$230,666	2019 actual: \$220,601	2020 request: \$231,771
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<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Abstain:</i>	0
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	2
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(ARTICLE 23) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$49,633 to support the Public Safety Answering Point (call answering \$7,255, dispatch services for Fire & Rescue \$13,956, and rural law enforcement dispatch estimated at \$28,422; fees are for Fire, Police and Rescue calls).

2019 budget: \$38,126	2019 actual: \$38,932	2020 request: \$49,633
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For: 4</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Abstain: 1</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For: 4</i>	<i>Against: 1</i>	<i>Abstain: 1</i>

(ARTICLE 24) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50,000 to support the employment of a second full-time firefighter/EMS.

(NOTE: The cost to Belgrade taxpayers will be \$25,000 should Rome voters also approve a warrant article to share in the cost of a full-time firefighter/EMS. Rome's approval would provide seven-day service for at least 10 hours per day for medical calls in both communities. If Rome voters oppose the warrant article, Belgrade taxpayers would fund the full cost of the firefighter/EMS, who would respond to calls in Rome only under extraordinary circumstances.)

2019 budget: N/A	2019 actual: N/A	2020 request: \$50,000
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For: 5</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Abstain: 0</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For: 4</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Absent: 2</i>

(ARTICLE 25) To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$23,000 from the undesignated fund to convert Belgrade's streetlights to LED. Doing so would reduce streetlight electric costs by an estimated 86 percent. The conversion would pay for itself in less than 3 years.

2019 budget: N/A	2019 actual: N/A	2020 request: \$22,412
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For: 5</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Abstain: 0</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For: 4</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Absent: 2</i>

*****PUBLIC WORKS*****

(ARTICLE 26) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$115,575, and appropriate \$20,000 from the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve, for a total sum of \$135,575, for general road maintenance, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve account. The current balance of the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve is \$454,868.

2019 budget: \$115,500	2019 actual: \$49,946	2020 request: \$135,575
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For: 4</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Absent: 1</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For: 5</i>	<i>Against: 0</i>	<i>Absent: 1</i>

(ARTICLE 27) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$375,597 for general plowing, sanding and salt for Town roads, with any unexpended balance to lapse back into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve account. The current balance of the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve is \$454,868.

	<u>2019 actual</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Plowing and sanding	\$240,526	\$253,997
Sand and salt	<u>\$118,525</u>	<u>\$121,600</u>
TOTAL	\$359,051	\$375,597

2019 budget: \$368,164	2019 actual: \$359,051	2020 request: \$375,597
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<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	1
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	1
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*****CEMETERIES*****

(ARTICLE 28) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,620, appropriate \$16,280 from the income of the Cemetery trusts, appropriate \$1,200 from the Cemetery capital reserve, and appropriate \$2,500 from the undesignated fund, for the total sum of \$28,600, to support costs of operations and maintenance of Belgrade cemeteries for 2020. Itemized requirements are as follows:

	<u>2019 actual</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Personnel	\$19,281	\$ 0
Services & contracts	\$ 6,334	\$ 3,970
Supplies & materials	\$ 4,227	\$ 6,350
Equipment & repairs	\$ 6,372	\$11,030
Purchases	\$ 2,057	\$ 3,000
Unclassified	\$ 0	\$ 2,250
Flowers	<u>\$ 2,703</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$40,974	\$28,600

2019 budget: \$42,350	2019 actual: \$40,974	2020 request: \$28,600
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<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	1
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i>	1
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(ARTICLE 29) To see if the Town will appropriate \$30,000 from the Facilities/Cemetery Truck Replacement Reserve, and appropriate up to \$45,000 from the undesignated fund, for a total sum not to exceed \$75,000, to purchase a one-ton truck to replace the current 2008 model.

2019 budget: N/A

2019 actual: N/A

2020 request: \$75,000

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Against: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 30) To see if the Town will designate the portion of Town property in Map 07/Lot 059B adjacent to Pine Grove Cemetery for future cemetery growth.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 31) To see if the Town will increase the rates for Cemetery lots and services to the following: \$200 for a cemetery lot for a Town resident and \$450 for a non-resident, \$450 for a full burial on a weekday and \$500 on a weekend or holiday, \$150 for a cremation burial on a weekday and \$250 on a weekend or holiday.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 3 Against: 1 Absent: 1

*****FACILITIES AND GROUNDS*****

(ARTICLE 32) To see if the Town will appropriate \$6,270 from the undesignated fund, appropriate \$3,000 to be received from the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, and raise and appropriate \$225,496, for a total sum of \$234,766, to support the Town's maintenance of the following facilities:

	<u>2019 actual</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
General	\$ 86,088	\$147,200
Center for All Seasons	\$ 23,470	\$ 19,140
North Belgrade Community Center	\$ 5,464	\$ 7,410
Garage	\$ 3,673	\$ 3,400
Salt & Sand Shed	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,150
Lakes fire station	\$ 7,960	\$ 6,855
Depot fire station	\$ 3,092	\$ 3,865
North Belgrade fire station	\$ 3,059	\$ 4,065
Transfer Station	\$ 13,119	\$ 9,805
Parks	\$ 6,627	\$ 6,900
Dalton Road properties	\$ 4,862	\$ 10,536
History House	\$ 203	\$ 325
Town Office	\$ 11,329	\$ 10,615
Former Town Office	\$ 1,358	\$ 0
Library	\$ 389	\$ 3,500
TOTAL	\$171,760	\$234,766

2019 budget: \$206,163	2019 actual: \$171,760	2020 request: \$234,766
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<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Abstain:</i>	<i>0</i>
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i>	<i>2</i>
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*****SOLID WASTE*****

(ARTICLE 33) To see if the Town will appropriate \$25,000 from anticipated revenue from Solid Waste operations, appropriate \$40,740 from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve, and raise and appropriate \$207,060 for a total request of \$272,800. Additionally, place up to \$5,000 in unspent funds and up to \$5,000 in revenues above \$25,000 into the Solid Waste Capital Reserve account, with the balances lapsing into the undesignated fund, and/or any revenue shortfall be taken from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve to cover the difference. The current balance of the Solid Waste Capital Reserve is \$102,385.

2019 budget: Raise	\$239,930	2019 actual: \$215,552	2020 request: Raise	\$207,060
Appropriate	<u>\$ 35,000</u>		Appropriate	<u>\$ 65,740</u>
TOTALS	\$274,930			\$272,800

<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Abstain:</i>	<i>1</i>
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<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Abstain:</i>	<i>1</i>
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*****UNCLASSIFIED*****

(ARTICLE 34) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$91,250 to pay general liability and casualty, workers compensation, unemployment and health reimbursement administration fees for municipal employees.

2019 budget: \$90,950	2019 actual: \$84,473	2020 request: \$91,250		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i> <i>2</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Absent:</i>

*****TRUST ACTIVITIES*****

(ARTICLE 35) To see if the Town will raise, appropriate, authorize, designate or release the collective sum of \$25,060 as dictated by the following trusts and funds:

- To make available to the Principal of Belgrade Central School the interest, in the amount of \$496, from the Robert A. Guptill Historical Fund for the promotion and association of history.
- To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$927, and appropriate \$73 from the Don C. Stevens Fund for a total of \$1,000 to support an academic award from the Town to the highest-ranking Belgrade senior graduating in 2020.
- Authorize use of the Don C. Stevens Fund income in the amount of \$23,564 to benefit the public schools of Belgrade.

TOTAL: \$25,060

2019 budget: \$18,148	2019 actual: \$16,812	2020 request: \$25,060		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i> <i>1</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i> <i>1</i>

*****SOCIAL SERVICE DONATIONS*****

(ARTICLE 36) To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,799 from the undesignated reserve to support General Assistance in the sum of \$4,000 and the emergency fuel fund in the sum of \$799.

2019 budget: \$6,450	2019 actual: \$1,651	2020 request: \$4,799		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Abstain:</i> <i>0</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i> <i>2</i>

(ARTICLE 37) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$780 for traffic control for the following community events:

Memorial Day	\$260
July Fourth	\$260
Holiday Stroll	<u>\$260</u>
TOTAL	\$780

2019 budget: \$1,800	2019 actual: \$620	2020 request: \$780		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Abstain:</i> 0
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 2

*****INTER-GOVERNMENT*****

(ARTICLE 38) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$32,000 as Belgrade's share of 2020 operations/maintenance costs of the region's three dams – Village Dam, Wings Mills Dam and Salmon Lake Dam. Total projected cost in 2020 equals \$80,000 (Rome's share = \$17,900, Oakland's = \$11,200, Sidney's = \$6,400, Mount Vernon's = \$5,600). Of the total cost, \$20,000 is for the ongoing annual maintenance of the dams and \$60,000 is to replace the wooden crib structure of the Wings Mills Dam controlling Long Pond's water level.

2019 budget: \$44,800	2019 actual: \$44,800	2020 request: \$32,000		
<i>Selectpersons recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	5	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1

*****DEBT SERVICE*****

(ARTICLE 39) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,000 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the tax anticipation note (TAN) in 2020.

2019 Budget: \$50,000	2019 Actual: \$27,173	2020 Request: \$50,000		
<i>Selectpersons Recommend: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	0	<i>Absent:</i> 1
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For:</i>	4	<i>Against:</i>	1	<i>Absent:</i> 1

(ARTICLE 40) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$478,110 to pay the combined 2020 debt service as follows:

- First-year payment on the 2019 road paving two-year bond
2019 budget: \$0 2019 actual: \$0 2020 request: \$428,217
- Fifth-year payment on Town Office 13-year bond
2019 budget: \$49,893 2019 actual: \$49,893 2020 request: \$49,893

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 41) To see if the Town will appropriate \$86,330 from the proceeds of the sale of the former town office to repay the principle on the debt on the current Town Office.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

*****ADDITIONAL ARTICLES*****

(ARTICLE 42) To see if the Town will establish a Maintenance Garage Capital Reserve account to fund improvements to the garage.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 43) To see if the Town will appropriate from the undesignated fund the following amounts for the following purposes:

- Fire & Rescue Department Capital Reserve \$ 50,000
- Cemetery Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve \$ 5,000
- Fire & Rescue Department Building Capital Reserve \$ 50,000
- Maintenance Garage Capital Reserve \$ 5,000
- TOTAL** **\$110,000**

The current balances of these capital reserves are as follows:

- Fire & Rescue Department Capital Reserve \$295,933
- Cemetery Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve \$ 15,000
- Fire & Rescue Department Building Capital Reserve \$ 80,000
- Maintenance Garage Capital Reserve \$ 0

2019 budget: N/A 2019 actual: N/A 2020 request: \$110,000

Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 44) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Parks & Recreation to conduct fundraising to support the capital and/or operating and programming costs for the Recreation Department. Fundraising revenues up to \$95,000 are hereby appropriated to the undesignated fund; revenues above that amount are hereby appropriated to the Recreation Capital Reserve.

2019 budget: \$85,000	2019 actual: \$100,185	2020 request: \$95,000
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 45) To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any and all gifts, donations, pass-through funds, grants, or any other funds that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations that have not been listed in any other articles if the Board of Selectpersons determines the gifts, donations, pass-through funds, grants, or other funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town. If approved, this article will remain in effect until repealed or replaced by a future town meeting.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(ARTICLE 46) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town through the tax lien foreclosure process for non-payment of property taxes on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the Town's best interest and in accordance with applicable State law. If approved, this article will remain in effect until repealed or replaced by a future town meeting. Approval of this article will repeal prior town meeting action on Article 14 from the 1991 annual town meeting warrant and the fourth item in Article 18 of the 2011 annual town meeting warrant.

(Note: The language of the 1991 and 2011 articles appears in the list of "Perpetuity Articles" that is included in the 2019 annual town report.)

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 47) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell or otherwise dispose of any item of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$2,500 or less, if the Board determines the Town no longer needs the property and that its sale or disposal is in the Town's best interest. Such sale or disposal shall be by any legal and reasonable method. Any proceeds from the sale or disposal shall be placed in the Town's undesignated fund. The sale or disposal of personal property with a value greater than \$2,500 shall require a specific town meeting vote related to the particular item. However, where the personal property in question is a Town-owned vehicle or other piece of equipment that is being replaced and the Town has previously voted to approve the purchase of a replacement either through a specific vote or through the establishment of an applicable capital reserve fund, the Board is authorized to sell or trade in the existing vehicle or piece of equipment without an additional Town vote, regardless of its value. The Town hereby appropriates the proceeds of the sale or trade in and hereby authorizes the Board to determine whether the proceeds of the sale or other disposal shall be applied to the purchase price of the replacement vehicle or equipment, placed in an applicable capital reserve account previously established by Town vote, or transferred to the Town's undesignated fund. If approved, this article shall remain in effect until repealed or replaced.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1

(ARTICLE 48) To see if the Town will vote to repeal the third item in Article 18 adopted as a Perpetuity Article at the 2011 annual town meeting and take action annually to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of property taxes made prior to delivery of the annual tax commitment to the tax collector by the assessors, pursuant to 36 MRSA section 506.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

(ARTICLE 49) To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 36 MRSA section 506 to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of property taxes prior to the delivery of the tax commitment to the tax collector by the assessors without payment of interest.

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

(ARTICLE 50) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend money from the undesignated fund to pay refunds related to approved property tax abatements and any required interest. This authority remains in effect until repealed or replaced.

(Note: If approved, this article modifies and replaces Article 18, fifth item, adopted at the 2011 annual town meeting.)

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

(ARTICLE 51) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to expend \$15,000 or less for Town-approved projects or purchases without the need for a competitive bidding or request for proposals process. If a Town-approved expense will be more than \$15,000, the Board shall advertise a competitive bidding or public RFP (request for proposals) process and the Board shall determine the winning bid or proposal. This authority shall remain in effect until repealed or replaced.

(Note: If approved, this article replaces the action taken on Article 45 at the 2018 annual town meeting.)

Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

(ARTICLE 52) To see if the Town will vote to refund excess motor vehicle excise tax credits to the extent authorized by 36 MRSA 1482 (5)(D) and to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to pay those refunds from the undesignated fund. This authority shall remain in effect until repealed or replaced.

(Note: If approved, this article replaces the action taken on Article 47 at the 2018 annual town meeting.)

Selectpersons recommend: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Budget Committee recommends: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 2

CONTINGENCY ARTICLES

CONTINGENCY ARTICLE (ARTICLE 53) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$40,033 to support the operational cost for the Recreation Department until March 31, 2020. (Article 54 is required if Article 3 is defeated.)

2019 budget: \$37,446	2019 actual: \$32,984	2020 request: \$40,033
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

CONTINGENCY ARTICLE (ARTICLE 54) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$20,524 to support the operational cost for the Library until March 31, 2020. (Article 55 is required if Article 4 is defeated.)

2019 budget: \$20,524	2019 actual: \$14,716	2020 request: \$20,524
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Selectpersons recommend: For: 4 Against: 0 Absent: 1
Budget Committee recommends: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1

*****BUDGETARY AUTHORIZATION*****

(ARTICLE 55) To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,500,471 established for Belgrade by state law in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

<i>Select persons recommend: For:</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Absent:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Budget Committee recommends: For</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Absent:</i>	<i>1</i>

****BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS****

Michael Barrett, Chair

Ernst Merckens, Vice Chair

Rick Damren

Kathleen Wall

Melanie Jewell

A true and attested copy:

Cheryl Mitchell, Town Clerk

WARRANT RETURN

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the Voters of the Town of Belgrade to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at: Christy's Country Store, Belgrade Post Office, Belgrade Lakes Post Office, Day's Store, Center for All Seasons, North Belgrade Community Center, Belgrade Public Library and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the _____ day of February, 2020.

Jeremy Damren

Notes

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