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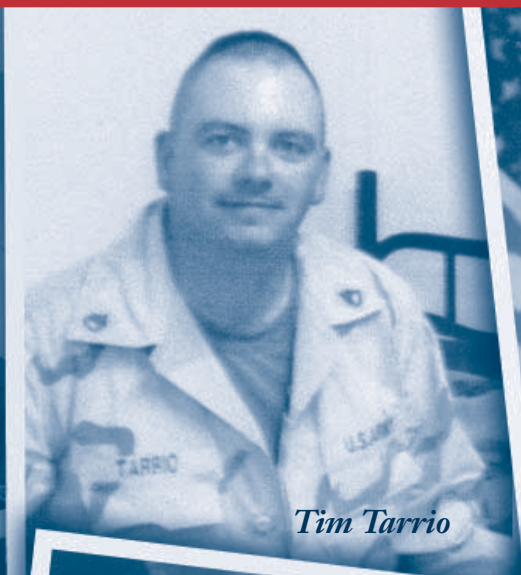
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Town of Belgrade

2003 ANNUAL REPORT



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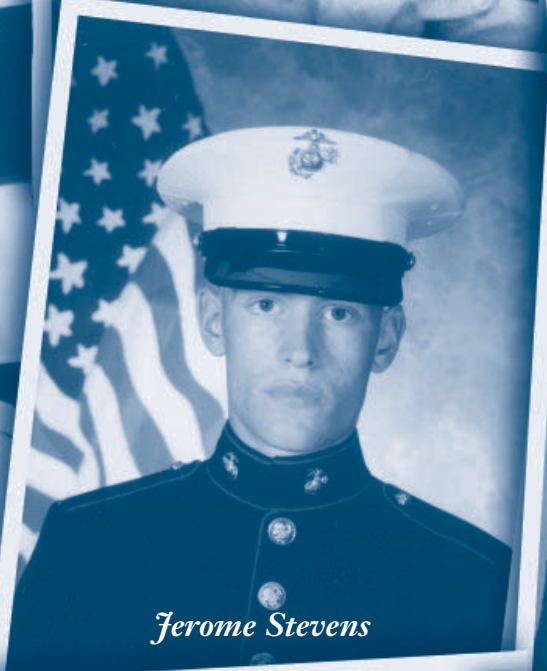
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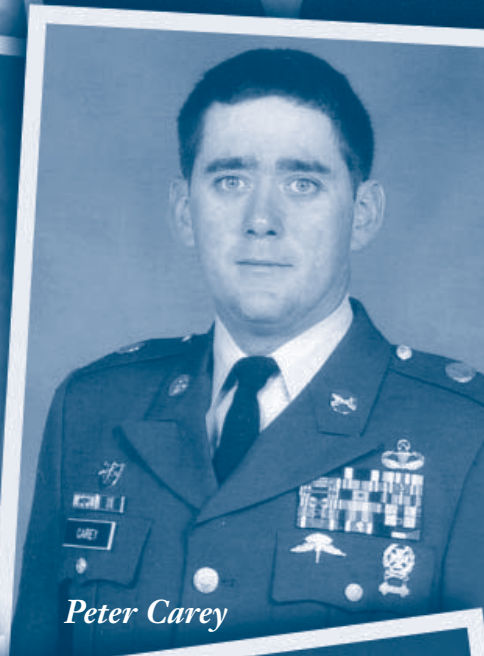
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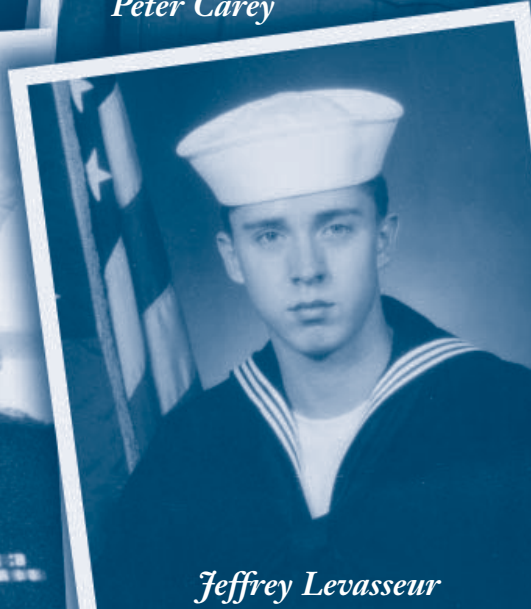
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*It is the soldier,
not the reporter,
who has given us
freedom of the press.*

*It is the soldier,
not the campus organizer,
who has given us
freedom to demonstrate.*

*It is the soldier,
not the poet,
who has given us
freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier,
not the politician,
who has given us
the right to a fair trial.*

During our Memorial Day Service in May of 2003, we were reminded with these words that we need to remember that the only reason we are able to enjoy the freedoms we have today is because of our men and women serving in the military, both at home, and abroad.

Our 2003 Town Report is dedicated to these selfless individuals.

Town of Belgrade



2003 ANNUAL REPORT



*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

BELGRADE
From the French
BEL
fair, fine, beautiful
and
GRADE
step in preferment.

FOR THE YEAR 2003

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In Memory of Pamela Murray

Pamela Murray was not a Belgrade native, but she loved her adopted town. Topsham was her hometown and where she first met her future husband, Michael Murray. Mike was in the Navy and was stationed at Brunswick Naval Air Station. Pam and Mike were married on March 24, 1962 after which she worked for a short time at the Navy base. In 1965, both took jobs with the State in Augusta. Mike worked in the Department of Transportation and Pam first worked at the Liquor commission, later moving to a clerk-typist job in the Department of Education.

After her daughter, Allison, came along, Pam became a homemaker. She came to Belgrade with her family in 1980 and continued her life as a homemaker until her second child, Joey, became a teenager. It would be in 1981 that Pam returned to the work force by applying for the combination position of Belgrade Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectpersons. During her interview for the job, Pam was somewhat taken aback when one of the Selectperons wanted to test her typing ability. She had thought that having been a clerk-typist for the State was evidence that she could type, and she nearly walked out of the interview. Having second thoughts, however, she sat down at a typewriter and copied a letter that had been placed before her. The Selectpersons found that she could indeed type, she could converse intelligently, she knew how money should be handled and so she was hired. Diminutive in stature, neat of person and conservative in dress, she was a perfect fit for the job.

It was during Pam's tenure that the Town Office began to remain open for business five and a half days a week. Although some citizens may have thought her uncaring because of her brusque, businesslike manner, she was always thinking of their needs. She offered them more services and more convenient hours for the conduct of business than ever before. Although Pam's salary was for a forty-hour week, she often worked more hours than required to make sure the town and citizen-customer needs were being met. During that busy time of the year at the Town Office, when the proposed budget and Town Report were being prepared, she voluntarily completed work that had not been assigned to her in order to help the Selectpersons meet deadlines.

Pam had a great sense of humor and was glib of tongue. She enjoyed bantering with members of the public that came into the office and could usually hold her own with the best of them. She had a ready answer for nearly everyone's comments or questions, basking in her ability to outwit others. However, she was once at a loss for the right words when a summer visitor demanded to know what the Town was going to do to get rid of the mosquitoes. Thinking the man was kidding, Pam



quickly replied that big fly swatters were going to be passed out to everyone. This was not the answer the visitor expected or wanted and Pam could not come up with an explanation that would satisfy him. One of the Selectpersons had to come to her rescue and restore calm in the outer office.

Always inquisitive and with an ear to the phone, Pam seemed able to keep up with the goings and comings of everyone in town. She was “eyes” and “ears” for the Selectpeople. She knew about every newborn baby. She seemed to be the first to know about a family rift. She knew about upcoming marriages and divorces. There was little that happened or about Belgrade or its citizens that she did not know. One of her tasks was to provide Town assistance to those in need, and she often knew in advance who was in need.

Although she had such hobbies as doing crossword puzzles and reading at home, her primary interest was providing a good home for her husband and children. She had a great love for the three of them. Her face would glow and she would break into a big smile whenever Allison or Joey came into the Town Office to see her. She was supportive of their endeavors and generous in fulfilling their wishes. She was a devoted wife and mother.

To describe Pam’s attributes and her contributions to the Town government, one would have to include her dependability, accuracy of work and loyalty. Given an assignment, she always completed it without fanfare and on time. She seldom made errors but when one was discovered, she made sure it was corrected. She was completely trustworthy and dedicated to her job.

Pam is greatly missed by Mike, Allison and Joey and, also, by those among us who were privileged to know her.

A friend



Reference Numbers

Belgrade Town Office

Telephone 495-2258
Fax 495-2742
Email townoffice@belgrademaine.com

Town Manager

Kathleen Farrin 495-2258 (W)

Fire Wardens-Burning Permits

Jeff Stevens 495-2085 (H)
Mark Day 495-3840 (H)
Ed Ketch, Jr 495-3861 (H)
Chris Henninger 465-7585 (H)

Emergency Management Director

Dwight Alexander (Dir.) 465-2724 (H)
Ed Ketch, Jr. (Asst. Dir.) 495-3861 (H)

Center for All Seasons

Cathie Pinkham (Dir.) 495-3481

Public Library

Marcia Haigh (Librarian) 495-3508

Road Commissioner

Maurice Childs 495-2982/2145 (H)

Code Enforcement Officer - Building Permits

Gary Fuller 495-3868 (H)

Health Officer

Lois Doran 465-3297 (H)

Plumbing Inspector

Gary Fuller 495-3868 (H)

Animal Control

Anne Cameron 293-3749 (H)

Civil Constables

Jeremy Damren 495-2258 (W)

Transfer Station 495-3326

Belgrade Central School 495-2321

SAD #47 Superintendent 465-7384

Messalonskee High School ... 465-7381

MAINE LAW REQUIRES THAT BURNING PERMITS
BE ISSUED FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES

Emergency Numbers

Belgrade Fire Department 911
Belgrade Rescue Squad 911
Kennebec Sheriff's Department 1-800-498-1930
Maine State Police 1-800-452-4664
State Warden Service 1-800-292-7436

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Town of Belgrade, 6 Manchester Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917 (207) 495-2258

More “Handy Information”

TOWN OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 8 am - 7 pm
Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday - Open The Last Saturday Of The Month From
April - September 9am - 12 Noon And A Saturday In December

SELECTPERSON BOARD MEETINGS

The First And Third Tuesday Of The Month At 7:00pm At The Town Office.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

The First And Third Thursday Of The Month At 7:00pm In The Town Office.

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Each Thursday Evening From 5-7 pm At The Town Office.

FOOD PANTRY

Every Tuesday From 9:00 am - 11:00 am At The Town Office.

BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

495-3323

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 - 12:30 And 1:30 - 4:30

ADELPHIA CABLE CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-336-9988 Or 623-5145

BELGRADE POST OFFICE

Postmaster Betty Cole: 495-2011

BELGRADE LAKES POST OFFICE

Postmaster Dexter Bridges: 495-2064



ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Edward Ketch	256 Augusta Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3861
Kyle Wescott	191 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2929
William Gee, Jr.	169 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2167
Beavis Electric	52 Oakwood Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3233

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

William Gee, Jr.	169 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2167
Steve Jenney	1067 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3572
Belgrade Plumbing & Heating,		
Steve Young	107 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2189
Bob The Plumber		
Plumbing & Heating	976 Wings Mills Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2942

HEATING CONTRACTORS

KDNR Heating & Irrigation, Keith Kadnar	P.O. Box 71, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-9326
R & E Heating,		
Eric Nilson	P.O. Box 558, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	495-7747
Belgrade Plumbing & Heating,		
Steve Young	107 West Rd., Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2189
Bob The Plumber	976 Wings Mill Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2942

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Maurice Childs		
Construction	176 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2145
Lyle Strickland	P.O. Box 32, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3544
David Stevens Excavating	103 Grandview Drive, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-3815
David Hallowell	70 Damren Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-3344
Kevin Hawes	652 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3412
John Taylor		
Taylor Contractor	RR 1 Box 871H, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2260

PAINTERS

Timothy Nutter	73 Stevens Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-4242
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BUILDING & CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS

E.P.Construction/ Eric Pelletier	83 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2702
John Gawler (Sheet Metal Roofing)	457 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3885
Ronald Bellavance, Bellavance Construction Co.	P.O. Box 164, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918	495-2492
Larry Stanley	P.O. Box 345, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2976
Perry Biegon	238 Dunn Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2838
Paul Stevens	P.O.Box 526, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-9395
Craig's Carpentry	P.O. Box 240, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-3749 • 1-800-417-2880
Dan Trembly	652 Oakland Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	465-9522
Guido's Construction	757 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3632
Thomas Kenney	27 Point Road, Belgrade Maine 04917	495-2997
R. E. Violette	P.O. Box 409, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2349
David Lord	32 Montana Way, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-3521
James Vogel	204 Location Road, Belgrade, ME 04917	495-2913
Jerry Steiner, Steiner Floors	P.O. Box 562, Belgrade Lakes, Me. 04917	495-6028

SURVEYORS

Kane Coffin Coffin Engineering & Surveying	RR 2 Box 887A, Augusta, ME 04330	623-9475
Greg Carey Carey Land Surveyor	27 Sterling Street, Waterville, ME 04901	873-2613
Lloyd Rowe Rowe & Wendell Engineering & Surveying	179 Main St., Waterville, ME 04901	873-5808
Elliot Thayer Thayer Engineering Co.	5 Hasson St., Farmingdale, ME 04344	
Northeast Land Surveys	RR 7 Box 1965, Augusta, ME 04330	1-800-425-3500
K & K Land Surveyors	P.O. Box 596, Oakland, ME 04963	
Malcolm Harriman Land Surveyor	8 Country Club Rd., Manchester, ME 04351	622-2049

LANDSCAPERS

Michial C. Heino	P.O. Box 422, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918 ...	495-2978 • Cell 458-5900
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BUSINESS ADDED TO THIS LIST,
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE AT 495-2258



About Belgrade

Belgrade is located just a few miles northwest of Maine's capital city, Augusta. Our current population is estimated to be about 3000 year-round citizens, and that number nearly doubles when non-residents arrive to spend the summer months at their cottages.

The first settlers came to Belgrade in 1774, and the Town was incorporated in 1796. In the early days, most of its citizens earned a living by farming or working in its several grist and lumber mills. Gradually, however, residents started commuting to nearby cities for employment. Now, no working farms remain in Belgrade, and the town has become what many call a "bedroom community" composed of people who reside here but who work elsewhere. Employment in town is limited, with two lumber companies and a manufacturer of concrete products employing most locals. Small businesses such as restaurants and country stores provide a few year-round jobs, with rental cottages, boys/girls camps, marinas and a golf course adding part-time positions in the summer.

Belgrade covers about sixty square miles, with a large part of this area composed of lakes, streams and wetlands. Its five lakes and their inlet/outlet streams offer several species of fish for those who enjoy fishing, plenty of water surface for boaters, and excellent opportunities for those people interested in bird watching. With our forest acreage expanding, as former farmland reverts to tree growth, deer, moose and birds have become more plentiful for people to enjoy. There is a new 18-hole golf course, just south of Belgrade Lakes Village, with entrance from the West Road.

Although the Town has one constable, his authority is limited, with nearly all law enforcement being provided by the Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff and State Game Wardens. Our Fire Department and Rescue Unit are manned by local volunteers, and they operate from facilities in three locations - Belgrade Depot, Belgrade Lakes Village and North Belgrade. The Town does not have a municipal water district, a sewage disposal system or a public works department, although we do have a Road Commissioner. Belgrade also has a transfer station for disposal of rubbish, garbage and items which can be recycled.

Belgrade has retained the traditional Town Meeting form of government with oversight provided by a Board of Selectpersons. Day-to-day Town administration is provided by a Town Manager, with staff of an Administrative Assistant, a Tax Collector/Town Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a part-time Clerk and a Treasurer. Citizen volunteers serving on our several boards and committees provide technical advice and assistance on specialized matters to the Town Manager and Selectpersons.

More About Belgrade

SIZE:

27,917 Acres of Land; 9,638 acres of Water;
1,158 Acres of Bog or Swamp, for a total of 38,713 Acres.

REGISTERED VOTERS:

2,243

SCHOOLS:

Belgrade Central School (K-5), Belgrade

Messalonskee Middle School, Oakland

Messalonskee High School, Oakland

All schools are in School Administration District #47

CHURCHES:

Old South Church - Intersection Rt. 135 and West Rd.

Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village

North Belgrade Baptist Church - Intersection Rt. 11 and North Belgrade Station Rd.

Belgrade Bible Church - Rt. 27, 1 mile north of intersection of Rt. 135 and Rt. 27.

HEALTH FACILITY:

Belgrade Regional Health Center, School St., Belgrade Lakes Village.



***Belgrade's Elected Representatives
to the State Government***

SENATOR

KENNETH T. GAGNON (D)

District 14
Senate Chamber,
State House Station #3,
Augusta, ME 04333
or
1 Clearview Avenue,
Waterville, ME 04901
872-2338

REPRESENTATIVE

STANLEY A. MOODY (R)

District 80
House of Representatives,
State House Station #2
Augusta, ME 04333
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626-0594 Residence & Business
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E-Mail: StanHunts@aol.com
Capitol Telephone: 207 287-1400
TTY: 207 287-4469

***Belgrade's Elected Representatives
to the Federal Government***

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SUSAN M COLLINS (R)

United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-2523
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SENATOR

OLYMPIA SNOWE (R)

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REPRESENTATIVE

THOMAS H. ALLEN (D)

1717 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1901
202-225-6116
fax: 202-225-5590
e-mail: rep.tomallen@mail.house.gov

2003 Town Officers

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectpersons

Richard "Spike" Carey, Chair (06)
Dennis Purington V. Chair (06)
Roger J. Nadeau, (04),
Chad Nickless (05)
Richard (Ricky) Damren (04)

Road Commissioner

Maurice Childs

Sexton

Michael Urbanek

SAD #47 Board of Directors-Belgrade Members

Frank Fekete (05)
Tonia Boterf (06)
Laura Corbett (04)

Town Meeting Moderator

John R. Bradshaw

Deputy Moderator

William Pulsifer

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager

Kathleen P. Farrin

Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant & Tax Collector

Ellen M. Edgerly

Treasurer

Pamela G. Tracy

Deputy Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Jane E. Bickford

Town Historian

Nancy Mairs

Health Officer

Lois Doran, RN

Civil Constables

Jeremy Damren

Code Enforcement Officer

Gary R. Fuller

Tree Warden

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Plumbing Inspector

Gary R. Fuller

Secretary, Board of Selectpersons/ Clerk

Mary Vogel

Secretary, Planning Board

Karen Damren

Secretary, Board of Appeals

Penelope Morrell

Assessor

Robert Duplisea, CMA

Auditor

Keel J. Hood, CPA



Town of Belgrade

APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Budget Committee

G. Donald Taylor (04), Mary DeRosier (06), Willard Arnold (04), John Sutton (04), Charles Heino (05), Jonathan Perkins (04)

Planning Board

Albert Languet III, Chair (05), David Lord (06), Stephen Foster (04), Dan Pratt (05), Peter Rushton (05), Karen Damren (Alt.)

Board of Appeals

Robert Martin, Chair (05), David Roy (04), Dennis Keschl (04), Kirk Sperrey (04), Peter Sargent (06), Shawn Mullens (05), Gordon Pow (06)

Board of Assessment Review

Vacant (04), Gordon Pow (05), Betty Grant (03)

Cemetery Committee

Kenneth Workman (05), Michael Urbanek, Sexton, Marion Minot (04), Raymond Nutter (05), Nancy French (06)

Dams Committee

Richard Mackenzie, Chair, Rome; Percy Ackerman, Belgrade (05); Dennis Purington, Belgrade (04); George Hoy, Belgrade (04); Roger Pelletier, Belgrade (06); Dolores Lemon, Oakland, (03)

Don C. Stevens Trust Committee

Pam Prescott, Chair, Denise Lord, Molly Durin, Linda McMullin, Sue Wintle Bradshaw

Board of Parks & Recreation

Nancy Findlan, Chair (04), Betty Jo Howard, V. Chair, (06), Jean Saucier (05), Michelle Urbanek, Student Member (05), Cindy Davidson (05), Julie Dana (05), Catherine Urbanek (05), Sue Perrino (05), Faith Morgan (06), Robin Pepin (05), Vacant Alt (05), Vacant Alt (04)

Recycling Committee

Adam Doran, Chair, Dawn Burnham, Gene Burgess, Mike Burnham, Clarence Burnham, Eric Nutting, Harold (Pal) Tripp, Cedric Young, Ralph Endicott, Katie Farrin, Town Mgr.

Municipal Fire Department Officers

Jeffrey Stevens, Chief (06), William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (05), Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/Belgrade Depot (04), Edward Ketch, Ass't Chief/Belgrade Lakes (05), Chris Henninger, Ass't Chief/North Belgrade (05), Gene Burgess, Ass't Chief/Director of Rescue (06)

Long Range Planning Committee

Jack Sutton, Chair (06), Adelaide Lalime (06), Nancy Mairs (05), Vacant (04), Cherilyn Almedia (05), Bruce Hazard (04)

Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee

Richard (Spike) Carey, Jeremy Damren, John Perkins, Fred Cole, Ronald Bellevance, Nathan Bellevance, Jean Dalton & Ray Hutchinson

Recreation Director

Cathie Pinkham

Library Director

Marcia Haigh

Library Trustees

Timothy Corbett (05), Nancy Mairs (04), Stuart McConnell (06), Kris Veins (04), John Willey (06), Patricia Pow (05), Loyce Hayslett (06)

Selectpersons' Report

The past year has been another challenging year for the Board. While the State rebuilt Routes 8 & 11, there has been much concern about the location of the separation of the two roads. An effort to re-examine the junction of those two roads was still under study at the end of the year.

An ordinance reflecting the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan was placed before the citizens during the March 2003 election. Ads in the Sentinel by local business interest swayed the voters to reject the proposed change.

In another matter, the Board voted 3 - 2 not to fund town contributions. Citizens circulated a petition and received enough signatures to put the question on the ballot. Voters overturned the action of the Board. On the question of the tax reform, for the operation of funding the cost of furnishing 55% of funding the cost of education, the statewide ballot question outpolled the Governor's proposal but did not receive more than half of the votes statewide and the question is still being debated.

The Board has renewed the contract of the Town Manager who continues to demonstrate much more than just a cursive outlook on just how she perceives Belgrade to grow in an orderly manner.

The Board appreciates the volunteers who devote countless hours working to make Belgrade an even better place to live and work in. Belgrade is truly a gem which cares about its people and its outlook towards the future. It is the volunteers that make the Board look good with their sound decisions.

Early In the spring, Jason Alfond, grandson of Harold and Bibby Alfond approached the Town with a proposal to build a world class lodge that will bring back the memories of the old Belgrade Hotel. The plans are being reviewed by the state and our own Planning Board. Construction should start during the spring or summer. Another gem added to the crown making Belgrade yet an even better place to work and play.

The Board looks forward to a greater year for all, supported by a well trained staff of dedicated public servants.

Sincerely,

Richard J. (Spike) Carey
Chairman of the Board of Selectpersons



BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Richard Carey, Chair; Dennis Purington, V Chair; Roger Nadeau;
Richard W. Damren, Jr.; Chad Nickless



Town Manager's Report

Persistence, more than anything else, keeps us great. Anyone can be great for a day or a week or a month. People, or groups of people, who ultimately succeed, understand that success is a long-term commitment.

Our municipal leaders, committee heads and countless volunteers recognize the need for the kind of planning and research that results in solutions that last for years. Planning that supports the infrastructure of the community, such as keeping the Town Office on the cutting edge of technology; upgrading equipment and structures at the Transfer Station; adding a repeater to the tower on the West Road and a dry hydrant on the Manchester Road; and paving the driveway and parking areas at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons enhances the quality of services and reinforces the integrity of the Town of Belgrade.

Our Fire and Rescue Department was successful in 2003 with their third attempt at an application to FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The approved project costs amount to \$69,660. The Federal share is 90 percent or \$62,694 of the approved amount and our share of the costs is 10 percent or \$6,966. We plan to purchase twelve carbon-wrapped SCBA tanks which will replace our spare iron-type tanks; thirty-one complete sets of turnout gear, including coats; and thirty-one two-channel pagers.

The greatest resource our community has is its tax base. Vigilant management results in an equalization of this broad base on which a fair distribution of taxes will be based. We are about half way through our revaluation. Data is being collected and sales will be closely analyzed in order to develop and test guidelines that will be used to finalize our project. The final phase of our process will be a mailing of valuation notices to taxpayers. These notices will summarize the valuation of the property and provide for informal hearings to review and discuss the valuations for property owners with questions. This project will ultimately establish the assessed valuations that will be utilized for tax billing purposes for the 2004 commitment.



The budget contained in the 2004 warrant is an overall decrease from that offered last year. This is due to several capital investments that were made in 2003 and none slated for 2004. Operationally, there are some departmental increases which reflect growth and development within our community. It was the Board's intent to be conservative throughout this process; while being aware that we must continue to look toward a solid, well planned, future. We cannot let items like road maintenance projects creep ahead of our ability to budget for them.

Without discipline, today's successes often become tomorrow's failures. We cannot become complacent. We need to build on our accomplishments of the last four years. We need to be open to the idea of regionalizing of services. We need to continue to search out grant opportunities. It is not good fortune that causes success, but an entire lifestyle of achievement.

I will say this as I did last year: I want to thank our awesome Board of Selectpersons, our Town Office staff, all Town employees and volunteers who have devoted endless hours to furthering our commitment to serve you and protect and enhance the quality of life here in the Town of Belgrade.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen P. Farrin



Road Commissioner's Report

Last year we paved the whole length of the Knowles Rd. The bad hill was made safer by widening the shoulders, making the pavement 30 feet wide. Also, the hill and the bad corner were striped to increase safety.

This year we plan on paving the whole length of the Bartlett Rd. Hopefully the D.O.T and Railroad will get the approaches finished around the railroad crossing to complete the project. The paving costs in the last few years have increased by more than 1/3 so we pave less road for the same money. In the future the paving budget will need to be increased.

At the Transfer station we still need to have your help by putting different items in the proper places. The compost pile still needs particular attention. It is intended only for leaves, pine needles and grass clippings. NO brush, wood, or plastic bags and, definitely, NO garbage. Please remember to remove the doors from refrigerators and freezers before leaving them for disposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maurice W. Childs
Road Commissioner

Kennebec County Sheriff's Report

Kennebec County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Everett B. Flannery

Major Randall Liberty

Captain Jon Perkins

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is please to once again have served the Town of Belgrade in 2003. Some of you may have noticed that the uniform of your Kennebec Deputies has changed. Due to on going problems with finding a professional looking uniform in the brown color, a decision was made by the Sheriff to change to our current tan top with black pockets and epaulets and black pants with a tan strip. The uniform change was done while staying within the budgeted allotment for the clothing line.

The next piece of news is in the area of the war on drugs. Kennebec Sheriff's Office has a team of deputies known as the Kennebec Drug Operations Team. These deputies executed 107 warrants for drugs in Kennebec County with 10 of these search warrants being executed in Belgrade. These search warrants resulted in numerous drug convictions ranging up to 15 years in prison and over \$100,000 dollars in forfeited cash and drug paraphernalia. Sheriff Flannery urges all of the citizens of Belgrade to become involved in this battle by calling the anonymous drug tip line at 623-3614 ext. 510

If we all get involved then you will not be involved in the battle as a victim or the parent of a victim.

In 2003 the Sheriff's Office handled 443 calls for service in Belgrade, not including the calls that were handled by the State Police. Of these calls there were 11 burglaries, 66 traffic accidents, and 10 search warrants involving drugs. If there are any questions or complaints, please call Captain Jon Perkins or Sgt. Jeremy Damren at 623-3614.



Planning Board Report

2003 has passed and I want to thank all the planning board members for their dedication and service. Through their knowledge and experiences I feel that we have served the public well through an equitable process. The board members are: Daniel Pratt, Stephen Foster, David Lord, Peter Rushton, and myself. Our secretary is Karen Damren (also an alternate board member) and Gary Fuller is our code enforcement officer. The challenges for 2004 are: making sure that the public (you) continues to understand and follow existing ordinances, clarifying ordinances for ease of understanding, and making sure that any new ordinances are fair and easy to follow.

I encourage the citizens of Belgrade to attend meetings of the planning board and other boards to see how our municipal government works. It is a system built on volunteers. If you like our small town atmosphere, then you need to get involved by volunteering today. It's great to talk about doing something, but nothing happens until you take action.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Languet, Chair

Budget Committee Report

Belgrade's Budget Committee comprises six members appointed by the Select Board for staggered three-year terms. The Committee's responsibility is: "to advise the Board of Selectpersons on financial matters, whenever funds are to be raised and appropriated and to make written recommendations on the Annual Budget to the Townspeople".

During 2003 the Budget Committee met with the Select Board in July to decide the year's tax commitment and again in November on organizational and 2004 budget issues. There were three additional meetings with the Select Board in late November and December, with another scheduled for January 2004 to complete the review of financial articles for the March 2004 Town Meeting. Budget Committee recommendations for 2004 were developed through joint discussions with the Select Board, Town Manager, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Town committees and representatives of requesting organizations. Committee votes are recorded for each financial article in the 2004 Town Warrant.

Looking ahead, we believe the Budget Committee's effectiveness can be enhanced with more in-depth focus on major areas of town costs and revenues in advance of regular year-end meetings on warrant articles. To this end, we expect to meet and work with town officials throughout 2004 to benchmark Belgrade's performance against similar or neighboring communities in high-cost categories of the municipal budget and to develop recommendations.

We are constantly aware that MSAD 47 and Kennebec County assessments comprise the bulk of Belgrade's tax commitment. The Town is severely limited to the degree in which significant increases in these assessments can be balanced with municipal budget cuts without impacting basic services.

Long-time member and chair Phil Cobb left the Budget Committee in 2003. Phil's insightful contributions and company are missed and we thank him for his many years of valuable service to Belgrade. Mary DeRosier has agreed to step-up from alternate to participation as a full member status. There are openings for Budget Committee members in 2004. Interested Belgrade residents available to volunteer and participate actively in the committee's work are invited to contact the Town Manager or the Select Board.

Respectfully,

Belgrade Budget Committee

BELGRADE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Willard Arnold (04), Phil Cobb (03), Mary DeRosier (Alt), Charles Heino (05),
Jonathan Perkins (04), Jack Sutton, Chair (04), G. Donald Taylor (04)



Long Range Planning Committee

The Land Use Ordinance to implement recommendations of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan was defeated by a wide margin on written ballot at the March 2003 Town Meeting. Opposition was publicly encouraged by several Belgrade businesses and those concerned with the real or perceived impacts of further land use regulation. Regardless, the development activities and pressures widely evident in Belgrade Lakes area towns will not abate. As a result of this vote Belgrade will develop more densely; the Town will lose more open land and the challenge to protect the quality of Belgrade Lake waters will become ever more difficult. For better or worse, this vote will change Belgrade's character in the years to come. The opposition's nature and the margin of defeat for this ordinance proposal suggest that further significant initiatives to regulate land use and to preserve open space through Belgrade's municipal processes will not succeed in the foreseeable future. However, open space and natural resources can be permanently protected through private initiatives such as land conservation easements. LRPC and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance have opened discussions to plan a seminar on conservation easements for interested landowners in mid-2004.

The gathering State emphasis on regionalization in Maine to improve efficiencies and reduce costs merits a look at this issue from Belgrade's perspective. After all, Maine towns were laid out when distances were governed by foot and horse travel. Belgrade already participates with neighboring towns in MSAD 47 and control of the dams on Salmon Lake, Great Pond and Long Pond. The Center for All Seasons and Library are regionally oriented. Looking ahead, Belgrade and Rome comprise much of the shore land and watershed areas of Great Pond and Long Pond. Our demographics are similar, both lie on the Rte. 27 corridor and many residents of each town share the Belgrade Lakes postal address. Starting in 2004 toll calls between the towns are eliminated. We are bound by similar issues of land use, code enforcement, water quality protection and the implications of high State property valuations. The time is approaching to put a merger of Belgrade and Rome on the table for serious public discussion and consideration.

Responding to priorities set by the Select Board, LRPC also gathered comparative data on summer and winter road costs and solid waste statistics for Maine towns of similar size to Belgrade. Such information can point in directions for further inquiry in ongoing town efforts to improve service efficiencies and control costs. Raw data for 2001 shows Belgrade's relative cost per road-mile ratio is high for snow plowing and sanding (\$252,742 approved for 2003-04). Another high ratio for Belgrade, based on 2001 data, is municipal solid waste cost per person per year (\$271,618 approved for 2003-04). Conclusions or recommendations for Belgrade are not in order without penetrating the differences between towns represented by these ratios. However, they are examples of potentially valuable indicators, worthy of follow-up by the

Select Board and Budget Committee. This process further suggests that widespread publication of key ratios for Maine municipalities, based on a uniform classification of major accounts, would enable much useful networking between municipal officials statewide.

Thanks to Dianne Oliver who left the LRPC this year and welcome to Cherilyn Alemeida who joined this year. LRPC members are appointed by the Select Board. Meetings are public and inquiries are invited from residents interested in joining the committee.

Respectfully,

Long Range Planning Committee: Bruce Hazard (04), Adelaide Lalime (06), Nancy Mairs (05), Dianne Oliver (04), Jack Sutton, Chair (06)



Fire & Rescue Report

During the year of 2003 the Fire and Rescue responded to a combined total of 345 calls. The following is a list of those calls:

Vehicle Accidents (10-55)	30
Vehicle Fires	1
Chimney Fires	2
Structure Fires	2
Fire/Smoke Alarms	3
CO Alarms	0
Possible Structure Fire	9
Brush/Grass Fires/Landfill	4
Downed Wires	13
Stove/Electrical	1
Smoke Investigation	4
Miscellaneous	9
Rescue Calls (Medical)	220
Mutual Aid Response, Fire & Rescue	47
Sidney	6
Oakland	8
Rome	28
Smithfield	1
Mt. Vernon	1
Manchester	1
Readfield	1
Winslow	1

6 YEAR FIRE & RESCUE RESPONSE SUMMARY

1998 = 244, 1999 = 218, 2000 = 205, 2001 = 266, 2002 = 306, 2003 = 345

It has been another very busy year for the Belgrade Fire Department.

The Lakes Regional Mutual Aid group once again this year invited Belgrade Fire to send firefighters to their Fire Fighter I certification class. The class graduated in April after conducting a live burn at the old Brann house on the West Road in Belgrade. Three additional Belgrade firefighters now on our roster have this certification. There is another Fire Fighter I class planned at the Oakland Fire Department which will include area fire departments as well as Belgrade. We currently have two fire fighters enrolled in this class.

In the past year we have gained another Thermal Imaging Camera which is on Unit 62 in North Belgrade. We now have a camera at each end of Town and are currently working on obtaining one more for Unit 61 located at the Lakes Station. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations toward this valuable piece of equipment.

A new dry hydrant has been installed on Route 135 near the Bartlett Road.

The Repeater System (communication) is up and running smoothly.

We have been awarded a Grant from FEMA which will be used to buy new turnout gear (which are lighter weight and safer for our fire fighters), pagers, radios, and SCBA Tanks.

Belgrade Fire is in the midst of building a new Bean Hole Pit at the Belgrade Center for All Seasons. Thanks to Mr. Rich Baker, we have acquired all the granite needed for the pit.

For the year 2003, awards were give to the following:

Firefighter of the Year Randy Marshall, Firefighter/EMT

Rescue Person of the Year Ralph Boss, Firefighter/ EMT

Junior Firefighter of the Year MaryAnn Boss

Junior Firefighter of the Year Brandon Galouch

On behalf of the Belgrade Fire and Rescue, we would like to thank Hammond Lumber Company and all other local businesses who release Rescue and Firefighter personnel during the work day to respond to calls. If it wasn't for this benefit, we would have a huge daytime coverage problem. Thank you for your support, we appreciate it very much.

Belgrade Fire and Rescue would also like to thank the people of Belgrade for their continued support as well; and would like to assure them that we are doing everything in our power to keep Belgrade a safe and healthy town to play in, live in, and enjoy.

We would like to thank all Belgrade Fire and Rescue personnel for the hours they have dedicated to the Department and the Town of Belgrade this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey C. Stevens, Fire Chief

William P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief

Gene Burgess, Assistant Chief, Director of Rescue

Edward Ketch, Jr., Assistant Chief, Belgrade Lakes

Bruce Galouch, Assistant chief, Belgrade Depot

Chris Henninger, Assistant Chief, North Belgrade



Belgrade Lions Club

Once again it is time for the annual report of the Belgrade Lions Club. This year, as in years past, the Lions Club held their annual Ice Fishing Derby in February 2003. This is the major fundraising activity of the club. All of the funds raised from the derby are donated back to the community in various charitable ways. We would like to thank all of the local businesses and individuals who donated to our fundraising.

Some of these include; purchase of exams and eyeglasses for those in need, two annual college scholarships, food bank donations and the purchase of yarn for Senior Spectrum for the purpose of knitting hats and mittens for children in need. We also make an annual donation to the Belgrade Regional Health Center and have sponsored the Belgrade Cub Scout Pack and the Boy Scout Troop.

As always, we look forward to serving the Belgrade community again in 2004 in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Lions Club

Plumbing Inspector's Report

A total of 98 Plumbing permits were issued for the year ending December 31, 2003. Of these permits 63 were for external plumbing and 35 were for internal plumbing.

Please remember that all plumbing for which a permit is issued is required to have two inspections: a rough inspection and a final inspection.

If you need a plumbing permit or your project is ready for inspection please contact me at 495-3868 or at the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller
Plumbing Inspector, Town of Belgrade



Recycling Committee Report

The transfer station underwent substantial changes during 2003. A canopy and retaining wall were constructed at the trash hopper. The diesel engine for the trash hopper was also replaced during the year. New transfer station access stickers for Belgrade residents have been issued and a reminder in the summer newsletter was posted indicating the location for the stickers in the rear window of all vehicles. A second new pallet jack was purchased to replace the second of two used in the recycling center. The Boy Scouts are still continuing the newspaper recycling effort at the Transfer Station. Safety equipment purchases were made for the transfer station employees throughout the year. A sign at the transfer station for the trading of goods amongst the town residents entitled "Cedric's Swap and Sell" has been erected and residents can feel free to start utilizing the sign located on the left just before the recycling center storage trailers.

It was the intent for the Town of Belgrade to begin collecting universal wastes during 2003. The town has selected a vendor for the universal waste, but is still waiting for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to inspect the recycling shed and offer suggestions before initiating the collection of wastes. The Town of Belgrade received a grant from the State of Maine in 2002 to begin the transition into the mercury-added products reuse/recycle (rather than disposed of) program that will be mandatory as of January 1, 2005 for all towns in the State. The grant involved receiving a recycling shed for the storage for recycling of the mercury-added product wastes generated by the town. These mercury-added wastes include fluorescent lamps, mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium light bulbs, mercury thermostats, mercury switches, and mercury thermometers.

Each year, Maine's communities are required to report details and tonnage of their solid waste management programs, including trash disposal, recycling, and composting to the Maine State Planning Office, Waste Management & Recycling Program. Belgrade sent the various state organizations annual reports during 2003 for the compost facility, the steel recycling information database, the transfer station and recycling center, and the continued monitoring of the old landfill. The Maine State Planning Office calculated the state-recycling rate to be 42% for 1997. The state's overall goal for recycling is 50 percent of its solid waste. Belgrade's adjusted recycling percentage for 2002 was 30.7%, down from 41.9% in 2001. The town also produces and distributes about 30 cubic yards of compost each year.

The town needs to maintain a consistent effort at recycling. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the recycling effort, which reduces the waste stream and the overall cost of solid waste disposal for the town. Please remember that copies of the town's recycling brochure are available at the recycling center and at the town office if you have any questions about recycling. The transfer station employees are also glad to help you with any questions or concerns. The recycling committee welcomes any ideas for recycling efforts. Please contact any one of our members with ideas or attend a recycling committee meeting (second Tuesday of every month at the Town Office at 4:00 p.m.). We appreciate your continued support and efforts in recycling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belgrade Recycling Committee

Gene Burgess, Clarence Burnham, Dawn Burnham, Mike Burnham, Maurice Childs, Adam Doran, Harold Tripp, Cedric Young, Eric Nutting, Cedric Young

Belgrade Library Board of Trustees

Dear Belgrade Citizens,

Our Library Board of Trustees is extremely proud of the success and continued growth of library services and patronage during the past year. Informational and children's programming, computer access, a summer reading program, an ongoing effort to keep up with current and requested titles and an outreach program to local daycares are a few of the many facets of our library services. Under the leadership of a very dedicated librarian, patronage has continued to increase, particularly during the summer months.

In order to grow and to serve our communities in a more complete manner, the Board of Trustees, along with community members, have completed the first step in a Long Range Plan. We have presented this plan to our Friends of the Library group, the Board of Selectpersons and interested community members. The results of the planning indicate the need for a larger facility which is centrally located and is supported by the Town and the Friends of the Library. We will continue to pursue this goal through the coming years in an effort to find a solution for the space limitations in our current location.

We certainly hope you will visit our library and will consider assisting in the planning to reach our goal of a larger facility better able to serve the taxpayers of Belgrade. If you would like to help, please notify anyone on the Board or call the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

The Belgrade Public Library
Board of Trustees
John Willey, Chair '03
Tim Corbett
Stu McConnell, Chair '04
Nancy Mairs, Treasurer
Pat Pow, Secretary
Linda Sprague
Kris Viens



Public Library Committee

Belgrade Public Library has been open for three years now. In 2003, 173 people signed up to use the library bringing the total number of registered users to 736. This number includes families sharing one card, seasonal residents and about 20 dues paying non-residents. Beginning in October 2003, the library hours increased to 23 hours per week. The staff counted 347 visits to the Library over the 17 days that it was open for the month of October.

Library patrons borrowed 5,130 items from the library in 2003. While books are the most frequently borrowed item, this circulation number includes magazines, audio books, and videos. The number and complexity of reference questions is increasing as people view the library as a local information resource. Topics requested include business trade laws, veteran's benefits, patent information, medical and nutritional issues, as well as book and author searches from other library collections.

The Library currently has 4,201 items in the collection. Of these, about 3,500 have been cataloged. All new materials are cataloged as they are added to the collection, and I continue to work on the books that were classified and shelved without complete cataloging the first year the library was open. The library uses a web-based circulation and catalog system that makes it possible for people to view the collection online from any computer with Internet access. In 2003 people made 585 searches of the catalog. Try viewing the catalog online by following these steps:

1. Type in the library URL <http://www.librarycom.com/opac>.
2. In the space beside Library Name type exactly Belgrade Public Library.
3. Select the box beside Access Library as Guest.
4. Click on the Login button.
5. Select the Search tab and you may search the library catalog by keyword, title, author or subject.

The Library offered numerous programs over the year. We had 50 story hours run by staff and volunteers. This fall, I started Wednesday visits to daycares and preschools. I read a couple books and leave a box of library books for the children to share. The summer reading program helps get many children excited about reading. Forty children read 10 or more books last summer and earned a free book. The library also sponsored a Chewonki nature program and a magic show that were attended by people of all ages. The book prizes and some program costs were paid for with donations.

The Library and the Friends group submitted a grant request to the Libri Foundation. This group offers children's books to libraries in rural areas. We received a grant for \$1,050 worth of books. The Friends of Belgrade Public Library paid for the \$350 match for this grant. The 64 books have arrived and will be added to the collection in 2004.

The library received a generous gift from Ed Mayer, to develop a natural science collection in memory of his granddaughter, Maggie Schneider. Monetary gifts have been received to honor Lydia Johnson on her 85th birthday, and in memory of Henry Piecuch and Dexter Goodrich. Other people who chose to support the Library have made donations to our Friends group. The Friends have used funds to support programming, match grants, show appreciation for volunteers, printing of promotional material, and are raising money to help with the cost of future library space needs.

Projects for 2004 include developing an informational brochure, update the computer use policies, develop a policy for new wireless connection, update library policies, expand book shelf space, promote the summer reading program (trail theme to commemorate the Lewis & Clark expedition and the new trails available in the Kennebec Highlands), and position the library to be grant worthy when it comes time to develop a bigger library.

The Library budget request for 2004 includes some increases. Last year \$3,000 for books and periodicals was budgeted from donations. Donated funds for the collection have been depleted so the full amount is being asked of the taxpayers. The part-time library assistant position is for the full year (last year it was for 40 weeks because we did not fill it until after funding was approved) and we are requesting an extra 4 hours for twelve weeks in the summer. The library director position is proposed to increase from 20 to 25 hours per week, beginning in April. The time is needed for administrative duties, book selection and cataloging, maintaining the 4 library computers, and pursuing grants.

I wish to thank the volunteers who help with programming, shelving, and book processing. Our library community benefits greatly from their dedicated efforts. Belgrade Public Library is open Tuesday 12 to 7 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 12, and Saturday 12 to 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Haigh
Library Director
495-3508



Friends of the Library

Dear Belgrade Citizens,

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library have enjoyed a year punctuated by several important events in the group's development. We are currently in the process of finalizing our by-laws, and we will apply for 502-C3 (non-profit) status early next year. We held our first annual meeting in June, during which we elected a slate of officers and discussed long-range goals.

The group has enjoyed planning the successful and well-attended poetry nights for which we are becoming known, and we continue in our desire to support the library and its patrons. Additionally, we have continued to meet on a monthly basis to plan book sales and other events to emphasize library programming. We are currently able to accept donations to support the library, and anyone interested in making a donation may contact one of the group's officers for more information.

We welcome any interested residents to join us at our regular monthly meetings, which are held at 7PM on the third Wednesday of every month at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

Sincerely,

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library

Laura Romano, President

Maureen Newman, Secretary

Kati Sutton, Treasurer

Dams Committee Report

The structural repairs we did in 2002 seem to be holding up well. We are presently doing some improvements on the Salmon Lake Dam and general maintenance on Wings Mill and Great Pond Dams. 2003 has been a good year for water. Wings Mill and Great Pond gates have been open for most of the fall and we are still not at the desired levels for winter.

I expect that we will be looking at preventive maintenance on the metal gates on Salmon Lake and Great Pond in 2004. This will require outside contractors with experience.

For the year 2004, we are asking the towns to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for ongoing expenses, maintenance and repairs.

Belgrade	\$5,600
Rome	\$2,700
Oakland	\$1,700
TOTAL	\$10,000

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A MacKenzie
Chair, Dams Committee



Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee Report

This fall wrapped up the E 9-1-1 committee's work in naming the roads in town and sending out notifications to all residents of their new physical address.

Addresses of "Verizon" phone holders were provided to "Verizon" to be forwarded to the Kennebec Sheriff's Office dispatch to match up a phone number to an address.

It is the responsibility of the building owner, not the tenant, to place an address number on the building or on their MailBox.

If you use only a cell phone, the E 9-1-1 addressing system is defeated and you will have to know where you are when calling in an emergency!

The Town office personnel will continue the E 9-1-1 addressing process, which includes the naming of new roads and addressing new buildings.

As of this writing there have been 279 roads named.

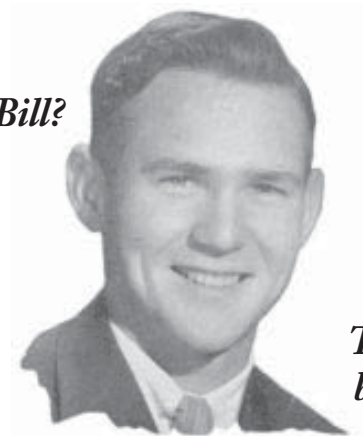
I cannot thank all of the volunteers enough for the hard work they did to bring this project to the point that we are at today. It has been sometimes trying, boring, comical, but always interesting. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Pulsifer
Chairman, E 9-1-1 Committee



*Do you see
what we did to Bill?*



*This is what he looked like
before our E 9-1-1 project*

Health Officer's Report

A reminder to all residents that the following diseases need to be reported to the Health Officer: Animal Rabies, Meningitis, Chicken Pox, Chlamydia, E. Coli, Viral Encephalitis, Giardiasis, Gonorrhea, Invasive Influenza, Hepatitis, HIV Infection, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Mumps, Pertussis, Rubella, Salmonella, Invasive Streptococcal Group A, Syphilis, Tuberculosis and Toxic Shock Syndrome. This is the latest list of reportable diseases required by Maine Bureau of Health. I realize that you will probably seek medical treatment for these diseases and your physician will report these to the Bureau of Health; however, in case you do not seek medical treatment, you will need to report them to your local health officer. We cannot control the spread of disease unless we are aware of its presence.

In January and February I attended meetings of Health Officers in Central Maine which was again sponsored by Maine General Hospital. One of the meetings was led by an epidemiologist; she spoke a lot about smallpox vaccinations for health care workers but this has not taken place due to the end of the threat of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

This Summer and Fall, I participated in numerous sessions with the American Red Cross pertaining to using the Center For all Seasons as a shelter during a disaster. There was a very good group of Belgrade residents attending these sessions so we will be able to open the Center as a shelter if a natural or man-made disaster should occur.

I have written articles for the Town Newsletter this year dealing with frequently asked questions about S.A.R.S. and the influenza vaccine. If there are topics you would like to know more about, please let me know.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of Belgrade Residents. The number of families served has increased this year and the Pantry can always use either food or cash donations. It is staffed with volunteers who are providing a wonderful service to the community.

I received an inquiry this summer regarding the presence of glio trichia in the waters of Great Pond. I talked with Mike Little and was informed that very little is known about this as far as health problems are concerned but that they are working on it. I shall continue to also research it with DEP.

With the economy as it is and so many people out of work, we all need to care for our friends and neighbors. As Health Officer, I am always available if problems arise so feel free to contact me. My telephone number is 465-3297.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Doran,
R.N. Belgrade Health Officer



Belgrade Historical Society

The Historical Society had a very busy year. We have over 70 paid members and many other names of interested parties. The programs throughout the year included visiting some of Belgrade's oldest homes. Did you know that Roger and Maggie Shannon's house used to be the tavern where folks would stop on their way home from Hallowell?



We learned a great deal about farming in Belgrade from Frank Farnham and Lydia Johnson. Actually, they had lots of fun stories to share!! We had a speaker on the Underground Railroad efforts in Central Maine. We believe there were some sites right here in Belgrade. We have had some educational programs which taught us how to do oral histories, how to identify architectural styles and related time periods and so forth.

The group is now formally incorporated, have developed formal by-laws and is working on Tax exempt status.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

The purposes of the Belgrade Historical Society are to identify, collect and preserve data, material objects and oral narratives concerning the history of Belgrade to perpetuate the memory of those who contributed to this history, to identify and promote the preservation and restoration of buildings of historic and architectural interest, to develop education programs, and to encourage researchers in their study of the Town's history. Ultimately, it is the goal of the Belgrade Historical Society to house the collection in a secure, accessible public space.

To date we have received some wonderful gifts- a collection of old postcards from the Popes, a collection of old photos from the Dionnes, a documentation of Revolutionary War veteran Mark Frost, a teacher's pointer from Mrs. Tremblay, and many other items too numerous to mention. We have them stored at Long Pond Realty at the moment. We are also very appreciative that we have received funds in memory of Roscoe Page. Our group had video-taped an interview with Roscoe which will be very precious historically.

If you would like to become a member, or simply attend some of our programs, please do so.....call 495-9220 for more information.

Submitted by

Gloria McGraw, President

Town Historian's Report

Belgrade has an interesting collection of records which start in 1796, including old records of town meetings, taxes, schools, cemeteries and roads. They are found in a variety of formats - bound ledgers, narrative journals, and forms in binders or folders. Copies of old vital records and one reel of microfilm are at the State Archives, and a typed copy of some pages is in the State Library.

Local governments and their agencies are required to take special care of their records; they are also expected to provide public access to many records. The State Archives specifies how long original records must be kept by the town and proper procedures if they are discarded. Records of births, marriages, and deaths are considered vital records, which must be kept permanently. The Maine State Archives' rules also state that "all records created prior to January 1, 1900, must be retained permanently, unless specifically authorized for destruction by the Archives Advisory Board."

This coming year, Belgrade will receive a small grant (\$315) to microfilm a few more of the old record books and protect some unbound vital records, providing the voters authorize \$100 as the cash match. The Belgrade Historical Society has already pledged \$100 toward the project. Even without grants, I believe Belgrade would do well to join other towns who are setting aside money regularly for microfilm and fireproof storage. At the present time, microfilming is the standard process used for preservation of information on paper; no other current technique can match it for longevity. Microfilm would be our back-up copy of historical records that could never be replaced.

In the original books, it can be difficult and time-consuming to locate a specific vital record. Some books are roughly indexed and some are not. The creation of a master alphabetical index would enable a researcher or staff to quickly search the vital records by name or other field. The original pages would be handled less frequently and could stay in fireproof storage.

If we adopt these two long-range approaches, Belgrade can gradually provide protection, preservation and access to some of the most important facts in our municipal history.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mairs,
Town Historian



Superintendent's Report

Dear Belgrade Residents,

As a school district and community, we have much to be proud about when it comes to educating our children. Our staff, instructional programs, and facilities are exceptional. Recent enhancements to our facilities now ensure that the vast majority of children are out of the portable classrooms and learning in bright, well-designed spaces. With the additions to the James Bean School and Belgrade Central School and the completion of our extraordinary new middle school, we have expanded learning opportunities for all our students K-8.

The elementary schools have fewer students this year as a result of declining Kindergarten enrollments and sixth grade students transferring to Messalonskee Middle School. If you visit Belgrade Central School (285 students), James Bean School (325 students); Atwood Primary School (235 students); or Williams Elementary (265 students), you will find educationally exciting schools. For the first time in ten years, students are inside school buildings that have enough space for children and teachers to work and learn. There is a dramatic effect on school climate; a pervasive feeling of calm permeates all the buildings.

The new Messalonskee Middle School has exceeded our expectations. It opened with 650 students and we have yet to hear a student or staff member say that they aren't thrilled with the building. As with any new school project, it was a labor of love for teachers, staff administration, community volunteers and board members from start to finish. Every person involved with the school project was amazing. Within a short period of time after completion, teachers and staff had all classrooms ready as though the building had been there for years. The children blended into the new facility seamlessly. It is worth saying once again, thank you for your support of this project and the elementary projects.

Messalonskee High School staff and students are working this year with a new master schedule called a 4 X 4 Block. The Board adopted the new schedule after considerable research and discussion and data is being collected to evaluate the schedule's effectiveness. At a mid-year point, the data continues to support the new schedule and the faculty and administration are working through 'glitches' that come with any change. Now, there are opportunities for new courses, including Anatomy and Physiology, Full-year Algebra, Full-year Freshmen English/Literacy, and Visual Media. All new courses were added to address specific student needs relative to college and work choices after high school. Finally, a 'Learning Center' was introduced to provide assistance to students who need extra support for a course.

The state of Maine passed into law a set of learning standards for children in the state called Maine's Learning Results (MLR). These high standards are noteworthy as Maine set rigorous standards for ALL students and this endeavor deserves our complete support. All children need to have equitable educational opportunities regardless of the wealth of their community. The Messalonskee School System has honored that principle for decades. We have been a leader in the state, setting our own high standards long before the state passed Maine's Learning Results into law.

The federal government passed legislation last January that also has a significant impact on local education. The No child Left behind Act (NCLBA) imposed mandates and penalties for school systems not meeting benchmarks (adequate yearly progress) set by state and federal guidelines. Both federal and state governments want the best for children and both have high expectations. Unfortunately, the philosophy and principles in NCLB and Maine's Learning Results are in conflict. NCLB measures student achievement based on one test administered in Grade 4, 8, and 11. It is high stakes testing for schools and determines whether they have met the benchmarks (adequate yearly progress). Maine's assessment system of the Learning Results is more comprehensive and evaluates a student's knowledge and skills over a period of 12 years and with many different types of testing measures. The conflict between these two approaches is of deep concern to school districts across the state. In closing, there must be mention of an issue of grave concern to all of us: state funding. At the moment state funding for education is based on student enrollment and property value. The promise of state funding for 55% of education costs has never materialized. Schools across the state have endured limited funding, less than 55% promise, for the past twenty years. To add to the funding issue is that property values in both Belgrade and Sidney are rising faster than state average and overall state population is declining dramatically. Fewer children results in a decrease in state aid while fixed costs of operating a school increase. Any hope for a sufficient funding from the state is growing dim.

Based on the current school funding formula, I expect the budget season this year will be as difficult as last spring when the District cut 30 FTE positions to bring the budget down by \$1.6 million dollars. Our district cannot withstand another year of decreased staffing nor can our communities assume huge increases in education cost. Once again, we face difficult decisions in order to fund the quality educational services that meet the expectations of the citizens of Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney, and Rome as well as meet the requirements of Maine's Learning Results and the federal law 'No Child Left Behind'.

We must face this funding dilemma together and demand that State of Maine and the U.S. Government fully fund the mandates they pass for local education. Sometime in the next twelve months, the citizens of Maine will have an opportunity to send a definitive message to our legislature to fund education at the 55% level as promised over twenty years ago. We must also let our congressional delegation know that the U.S. Government has a commitment to fully fund special education and the mandates of 'No Child Left Behind'. It is our local responsibility to maintain the District's commitment to quality instructional programs for our children and we need the state and federal government to honor their financial commitment to education as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools



Cub Scout Troop Pack #453 Report

The Pack Committee of Cub Scout Pack 453 in Belgrade would like to thank the residents of Belgrade for their support of the Cub Scout pack during the last year. Your support of our popcorn drive has helped the Pack to provide a quality Scouting experience for the 7 to 10 year old boys in Belgrade.

The Pack has grown considerably over the last year. At the time the Pack was restarted in September 2002 there were 6 boys in the pack. By the end of June 2003 there were 22 boys in the Pack. As of February 2004 there are now 43 boys in the Belgrade Cub Scout Pack. The dens have taken numerous field trips, and we have had a number of special events; a campfire Pack meeting at Camp Bomazeen, a Cub Scout cake bake in January, Pinewood Derby in February, and a special overnight trip to the Boston Museum of Science in April. The Cub Scouts have also participated in the spring camporee with the Boy Scouts. The Pack is also on the Internet and can be found at www.bsa453.org.

Scouting stresses the importance of community service. The Pack assists with the gravesite flags for Memorial Day, while the dens have worked at collecting roadside litter, bell ringing with the Salvation Army, and making Christmas cards for nursing home residents.

If you know a boy age 7 to 10 that would like to join in the scouting experience, please contact Steve Symonds (495-3355) for more information and assistance. Pack 453 pledges to support every boy and his family to the benefit of all.

The Pack would like to extend a special thank you to the American Legion for supplying the finances needed to acquire a new American flag and a new Pack flag. The Pack would also like to thank Hammond Lumber Company for the exceptional work that was done to rebuild our Pinewood Derby track and for supplying the materials for our ceremonial crossover bridge.

Lastly, the committee would like to thank the Belgrade Lions Club for their continued support as our sponsor. Without their support, the Cub Scout pack would not be where it is today.

Respectfully submitted,

Pack 453 Committee

Boy Scout Troop #453 Report

The Troop Committee of Belgrade Scout Troop #453 would like to again thank the residents of Belgrade for their continued support during 2003. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for the troop. You will find our scouts and adult volunteers baling newspapers at the Belgrade Recycling Center most Saturday mornings. Not only does this help fund a number of scouting activities, but provides scouts with an opportunity to take responsibility and contribute to the support of the troop. We very much appreciate the contributions of newspapers by town residents and are pleased to be able to help Belgrade by including the town's sale of magazines in our cooperative agreement for newspapers. Along with our other fund raising projects, such as selling popcorn, these funds allow us to continue to provide a meaningful scouting experience for the boys of Belgrade and now Sidney area scouts.

This year our scouts participated in many great adventures. Scouts enjoyed a beautiful three-day backpacking trip to Russell Pond in Baxter State Park and skiing trip to Saddleback Mountain in Rangely. In addition, the troop held a winter camp-out at Camp Bomazeen and attended Summer Scout Camp at Camp Roosevelt, near Ellsworth, Me. Our scouts had a great time hiking and bicycling in Acadia National Park during peak fall colors. The troop participated in the Memorial Day service and set up and maintained the nativity scene at the Old South Church. Many scouts completed requirements for rank advancement in the troop and earned a number of merit badges, including communications, Snow Sports, Indian Lore, Basketry, Shotgun Shooting and others. One of our Life Scouts, Tim Veilleux, for a eagle project, planned and built a sand and salt shed adjacent to the town office, with the assistance of many of the members of the troop. This enables local residents to obtain sand and salt for their own private use.

In addition, Cub Scout Pack 453 is again active under the direction of Cubmaster Steve Symonds and Assistant Cubmaster Duane Bickford, soon to be the new Cubmaster. Enrollment in the pack has increased from twenty-six to thirty-two boys, and the pack has resumed regular den and pack meetings. We want to thank Steve and Duane as well as all the den leaders, assistants, and parents for their help in getting the pack up and running again.

We want to thank everyone at the Town Office and the Transfer Station for their help and support and we would also extend our appreciation to the many local businesses and individuals for their generous support. A final thank-you goes to the Belgrade Lions Club for being our Troop Sponsor.

If you know of a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in becoming a Boy Scout, or would like to volunteer your time and talents to troop 453, please contact Scoutmaster Glen Davis at 495-3337 or Committee Chairperson Frank Haggan at 495-2121. In addition, if you know of a boy between 6 and 11 who is interested in becoming a Cub Scout, or would like to help Pack 453, please call Pack Cubmaster Steve Symonds at 495-3355.

Respectfully submitted,

Boy Scout Troop #453, Troop Committee



Don C. Stevens Trust Fund Advisory Committee Report

The students of Belgrade Central School are very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Don C. Stevens whose generosity and foresight provided this trust fund. The fund provides for students in many ways, including additional programs both during and after school, additional materials and resources, and new experiences above and beyond what our school district is able to provide. The Trust truly enriches the educational experience of all Belgrade students.

The Parent Creative Arts committee continues to extend our student's artistic and cultural experiences. This past year we have had live theater performances, a puppetry residency, a dance and movement residency, and a special drama program designed by area college students. Our students get great training during these experiences, which expose them to acting, prop and costume preparation, and staging a live performance themselves.

The Trust helps fund field trips, support for which continues to be needed in these difficult budgetary times. Our students are able to visit places such as the Norlands, Sturbridge Village, Old Fort Western, and the Scarborough Marsh. These trips extend their learning greatly beyond their textbooks.

The Fund provides many materials which 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. Our Math manipulatives and Art materials provided by the Ellison Letter machine are frequently used. This past year we purchased the Maine Studies monthly newsletter for our fourth graders studying Maine.

As always, this committee truly enjoys the work it does, helping to provide enriching experiences for the children of Belgrade Central School.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Prescott (chair), Cal Davis, Sue Nutter, and Linda Sprague

Don C. Stevens Trust

Expenditures and Proposed 2004 Budget

	2003 PROPOSED	2003 SPENT	2004 PROPOSED
General			
Speech Festival	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Art			
Teacher Supplies	\$1200.00	\$984.99	\$1000.00
Laminator	\$2250.00	\$2240.00	\$ 500.00
Ellison Letter Machine	\$1200.00	\$1291.70	\$600.00
Enrichment			
PCAC	\$6400.00	\$6667.00	\$6400.00
Technology Resource	\$500.00	\$369.21	\$700.00
Stamp Club	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Music	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Art Enrichment	\$1825	\$1150.21	\$1825
Math/Science			
Materials	\$1200.00	\$1108.00	\$200.00
Gymnastics/Tennis	\$2200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Trips	\$4000.00	\$1651.70	\$2000.00
Camp Kieve Scholarship Fund	\$500.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Reading			
Reference	\$500.00	\$490.90	\$500.00
Library	\$1500.00	\$1043.05	\$1700.00
Supplemental	\$2400.00	\$2074.37	\$1800.00
Book Awards	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pride Books	\$600.00	\$211.16	\$400.00
Totals	\$25,325.00	\$19,447.86	\$18,325.00



The Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund

Robert Alonzo Guptill served as the Belgrade historian for many years. He was an advocate of education, believing that the knowledge of history is essential to the understanding the past and a key to the challenges of the present and the future. Following his death, his family decided to continue the work and interest that had given him enjoyment and fulfillment throughout his life by establishing the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

According to the terms and conditions of the trust fund, the Town of Belgrade will hold a certain sum of money in interest bearing accounts or certificates of deposit, whichever derives greater interest. The interest income will be utilized by the Belgrade Central School for lectures, field trips, or other programs for the promotion and appreciation of history. A faculty committee appointed by the principal shall vote on the use of the funds. Faculty members include: Linda Sprague and Linda Click. The principal serves as an ex-officio voting member; and Phronie Hammond, a sister of Mr. Guptill, serves as a voting member throughout her lifetime.

During the 2003 school year, the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund was used for a fifth grade field trip to Sturbridge Village. The committee will meet in the spring to review additional requests, field trips, and programs that meet the criteria established by the Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

INTEREST AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE 2003 YEAR

December 2002	Ending Balance	\$3,053.19
April 30, 2003	Old Sturbridge Village	\$318.50
December 31, 2003	Annual Interest	\$365.00
December 2003	Ending Balance	\$3,099.69

Respectfully submitted,

John Lisa, Principal
Belgrade Central School

Sexton's Report

As the season came to an end this year we found we had accomplished about half of what we set out to. First with major water problems we decided to drill a well on the premises, which turned out to be a disaster. A high salt content rendered the new well useless. A second well was drilled in another location on the property which could not be done immediately due to scheduling and prior commitments. Hopefully, this will solve the problem.

New equipment increased productivity and saved us money for future years. The cemetery expansion on Routes 8 & 11 is on schedule as planned. New improvements to the storage building proved to be quite a chore; but extensive modifications done this year will assure that it lasts for years to come

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Urbanek



Recreation Report

Programs, programs, programs! The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons has a program for everyone! And, when we are not running programs, we are meeting the growing demand on rental space at our two community centers. We also maintain two public beaches, one is located at the Center and the other one is located on Lakeshore Drive. They are both open to the public from sun up until sun down. Our only request is that you play safe and carry out what you have carried in. That is not all folks, we also maintain two beautiful parks. Peninsula Park and Hayden Park are both located on the Augusta Road (formerly Route 27). Both have picnic tables for picnicking or just relaxing and enjoying the view of our spectacular lakes. If lakes are what you see all day, then come over and enjoy our inground pool that is open nine weeks out of the summer. Kids, have mom and dad bring you to play on our playground at the Center.

Programs being held at the Center this year include: Child gymborees, storytimes, music in motion series, a magic show, summer day camp, the after school education program, teen basketball tournament, teen nights, senior aerobics, aerobics, yoga, tai chi, bridge club, men's basketball tournament, coed volleyball, our annual talent show and our annual community gathering. Many other programs were offered by the non-profit organizations in Belgrade. The Belgrade Business Group held their annual winter carnival and art festival here. The Belgrade Central School PTO held their Halloween party and basket bingo at the center. Yes, that is right Bingo is back in Belgrade, the next bingo will be held in April. Also, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have held many of their functions here. The Fire Department holds their Annual Beanhole Bean supper and other training programs at our facility. Several functions were held by the Belgrade Lakes Association and Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and The Belgrade Regional Health Center held their annual fund raiser too.

The word is out that we have a very nice facility and all groups are welcome to utilize the center. Unfortunately, we have run into some issues with a few private groups not being able to acquire the liability insurance that is required to rent the facility. We are working hard to come up with a policy that will allow all Belgrade residents to utilize rental space. The center is for everyone and it is our goal to accommodate everyone!

If you have an activity or program in mind that you would like to see offered or if you have a special interest project that you would like to share with the community, we urge you to come share your ideas with us. The only bad idea is the one that goes unmentioned. Our success as a 'recreationally centered' community depends greatly on the joint efforts of many dedicated citizens that are willing to share their many different talents. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to these many citizens who have continued to provide support in recreation. We have many volunteers that do share their time with us. These citizens are and always will be the backbone to our continued success. Thank you again!

At our 2003 Talent Show, Kenneth Workman and Jean Dalton were recognized as our Citizens of the year 2003. Congratulations to both of you for your hard work and continued dedication to our Belgrade Community.



Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Pinkham, Belgrade Recreation Director

Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc.

Another year has passed and once again the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc. successfully provided three seasons of sports programs for the youth of the area.

In the spring, T-ball, softball and baseball kept everyone involved and very busy. The snack shack and other fundraising events, including the Belgrade Recreation Golf Tourney, helped us fund new equipment purchases, and assisted in providing uniforms for both minor league boys and girls. We, at Belgrade Recreation, would like to thank the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course again this year for allowing us the use of their beautiful golf course for our major fund-raiser. Also this year, due to the large number of registrations, Belgrade and Rome were able to form their own 13-year old Babe Ruth team. In post-season play, the Baseball All-Star Tournaments proved to be quite eventful again this year. Both the 9 and 10-year old teams took home State Championships and represented Maine (and Messalonskee) in the Regional Tournaments. Congratulations to all of our Belgrade athletes who participated and to all their dedicated parents.

The fall soccer season and the winter basketball season also showed us again the value in providing organized sports programs. The new soccer program coordinators continued the tradition of providing a program based on establishing the skills and fundamentals of soccer, while at the same time making it fun for all who participated. The winter basketball season continues to be a combined effort with Rome, Oakland and Sidney. Mixing kids from each town on various teams sometimes proves to be a challenge for practices and games because of travel requirements. This challenge, we believe, is outweighed by the relationships that develop during the season, but more importantly, gives these athletes a taste of what to expect when they move on to the Middle School.

This year was a light fix-up year regarding our building and grounds projects. In the spring we replaced the 1st and 3rd baseline fences and repaired the backstop of the Bambino Field. In the fall we purchased a badly needed soccer goal and net. A “big” thank you Ken Workman and all the other volunteers who helped spruce up the ball fields during both the spring and fall seasons. Ken we really appreciate everything you do!

We also want to thank the many coordinators, coaches, helpers and parents for their continuing support in providing quality-sporting programs for Belgrade’s youngsters. Year after year children graduate from the grade school and its sports programs and make the trip to the Messalonskee Middle School. Usually at this same time the supporting parents move up the ladder as well. As with all voluntary organizations in the town, there is a continuous need to have new people involved to continue the good work for future grade school children. Please get involved with the programs and make sure your child enjoys the best experience possible. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Workman, President, Steve Veilleux, Vice-President,
Todd Pelletier, Treasurer, Mary Vogel, Secretary



Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc.

UPDATE FOR THE YEAR 2003

Once again the past year has been productive for the Organization, but also a very sad year. 2003 marks the passing of two of our most influential members, Jan Barton and Bessie Dyer, therefore, this report is dedicated to them.



BESSIE DYER

PATRIOT AND LUNA VISTA COTTAGES

Bessie and her husband John joined the organization in the early "60's" and jumped right in helping to place signs on "95" denoting our area. They were the driving force that brought the B.L.R., Inc. to the Big "E" in Massachusetts. John was the artist that created the sign that now hangs in the Information Center. It was created for the booth at the New England Exposition.

In "82" Bessie was the inspiration behind "On Golden Pond Days" bringing Ernest Thompson to the Village for the festivities which included a luncheon at the Village Inn where we could all meet and greet author. It was a major fund raiser for the organization. For many years Bessie was a valuable volunteer at the Information Center. With her vast knowledge of the area was a wonderful source for the visitor and members of the Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc.

JAN BARTON

WOODREST COTTAGES

Jan became a member of this organization in "82" and was "The Wind beneath Bessie's Wings for on Golden Pond Days.!!!!!! The Hurricane did not stop there!!!! She was the mover and shaker within this organization ever since she first joined and became President in "84". Her knowledge of the business world, flamboyant personality and gift for gab made this organization work. She could talk folks into donating just about anything for which we were very grateful. It kept the B.L.R., Inc. a working organization when there was money just enough for postage to answer inquires and get the "List" to members. With her knowledge of Grants we were able to receive money from the State for a new brochure and other forms of advertising.

I could go on and on but will just say that this woman is an inspiration to all who knew her and called her Friend.



The information center was host to 1,392 visitors from 33 States with most visitors for Maine, Mass, Conn, New York, New Jersey and 9 Countries that included, Canada, England, France, Germany, Serbia, Netherlands, Spain, Australia and the West Indies. Thirteen volunteers kept the Center open for 508 hours. We heartily thank.

Ellen Walter, Carl Kimball, Frank Mitchell, Ann & Reno Deschaine, Dick Elz, Tommy Bangs, Ray Cyr, Jean Cassey, Ray Winegardner, Sylvann Lauban, Doris Mathias & Sylvia Amon.

Once again if it was not for the generosity of Joan Mackenzie of Lake and Country Real Estate with her supplying the Porta-Potty the Center would not be able to be open for such extended periods of time.

The Center was opened and cleaned by Peg Churchill~Bear Spring Camps & Kerry Hammond~Hatch Cove Cottages. Doris Mathias helped put things in order and gave the kiosk a new look. New flags were flying thanks to Steve Blake of Blake's Hardware and our Jan Barton. Her husband Tom came down with his bush hog and kept the grass cut back. Thanks again to Katie Sutton for being the keeper of the flowers that Jackie Healy donated along with Mary Pierce. To our youngest volunteer, Bobby Richter, a great big thanks for fixing the screen door and handle with a bit of help from Mom Laura~Belgrade Lakes 4 Season Cottages. Ray Winegardner repaired the steps and many other odd things that needed fixing in the building and also kept the grass neat. He is our jack of all trades from Knotty Pine Camps. A special thanks from us and the visitors goes to Nancy Mairs and Bill Pulsifer for supplying us with the much needed updated Streets of Belgrade which is a needed guide to assist everyone looking for that new street name. As you can see, the Information Center does not run by itself. So many people help in so many ways that we cannot mention them all; but are very grateful for their presence and help.

Every year we try to improve, in many ways, our service to the community as we, a volunteer group promote this Region. In the year 2004 the Center will have a new look with maps of the area and names of businesses, accommodations and churches on the front wall of the Center. We will also be updating the web site and be part of the Maine Tourism Kiosk in addition to all the yearly advertisement we do with Maine Tourism.

We thank you, the people of Belgrade, for your support and time that you give to us to make this organization work.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia M. Amon, President
Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc.



Belgrade Lakes Association

The Mission of the Belgrade Lakes Association is to Protect and Improve the Watershed of Great and Long Pond through Preservation, Education, and Action.

The Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) continued its vigorous campaign to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants into Great and Long Ponds in 2003. We hired experts to survey both lakes for the presence of these plants. The Great Pond survey has been completed and no invasive aquatic plants were found. Long Pond will be surveyed in 2004. We are proud of the fact that our volunteer and paid Courtesy Boat Inspectors on Great and Long Ponds conducted 10% of all Boater Surveys completed in the State in 2003.

We facilitated a watershed education program, "Lake Day", at the Belgrade Recreation Center's Day Camp and continued efforts to promote lake stewardship on the part of land owners with our Model Buffer program. The Swimmers' Itch Remediation Project had another successful summer. We continue to support the Belgrade Conservation Corps and to work closely in support of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Corps.

On behalf of our 500 members, we would like to thank the Town of Belgrade and its residents and visitors for the outstanding help and support we have received from you this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret S. Shannon
President, the Belgrade Lakes Association

Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps

The Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps would like to thank the Town of Belgrade for its continued support during the summer of 2003. This year marked the eighth anniversary of the Conservation Corps. Eleven area high school students, two crew leaders and the Corps director continued the tradition of becoming environmental ambassadors by implementing erosion control projects to reduce the amount of phosphorous running into our lakes. The cumulative effort of eight years of hard work has resulted in approximately 400 completed sites that are really making a difference in improving the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes.

Despite all of this hard work, the job is far from complete. As you travel around our lakes you will still notice many sites that need attention from the Corps. One of the goals of the Conservation Corps in 2004 is to increase the number of potential projects in order to improve the productivity of the Corps and to enable it to focus on the highest priority projects. During the spring of 2004, the Conservation Corps plans to have the director, or staff an intern, start early to contact property owners who have been identified in the various Watershed Surveys as owning potential sites needing improvement. Persons contacted will be requested to work with the Corps by making their properties available as potential work sites.

We hope that you will continue to support the efforts of the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps so that it may complete more projects that will help improve the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes. The Conservation Corps is an operation of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Tipper, Chair
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps.



Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is located at the Belgrade Town Office and is open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 A. M. to serve the citizens of Belgrade and Rome.

Our purpose is to provide food and household products for our friends and neighbors in our communities who are experiencing difficulty in providing for themselves and their families.

Contrary to what our state and national leaders are telling us about the economy, we continue to see an increase every year. In 2003, our 12th year in operation, we had 22 new families. With the help of dedicated Volunteers, we served 65 families. The total number of people in these 65 families is 167. Some of the families receive food every month while others required our services once or twice. From January to December, we served these families 209 times feeding 485 people.

A generous donation from the Lions Club is used for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. These dinners are given to our current and most needy families. This year, we prepared 22 Thanksgiving dinners and 18 Christmas dinners.

There are several fund raisers and food drives every year for which we are very grateful:

On "Make a Difference Day", the Long Pond Literary Club conducts an ambitious drive at Day's Store which is a huge success. These members also have a year long bottle drive from which we benefit.

The weather didn't stop Dr. Tim Comford from going forward with his yearly, tremendously successful fund raiser and food drive on the day of the Christmas Stroll. His patients show their gratitude to him in their generosity to us.

In November, the staff, faculty and students of Belgrade Central School collected over 1400 items.

We are grateful to each and everyone for all the time and effort that you so generously gave to make these fund raisers such a tremendous success. You all do make a difference in the lives of so many people.

I would like to mention 2 families who chose to contribute in a very innovative way. Sally and Ernie Johnson celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary in August and requested food be given as a gift to be donated to the Food Pantry. Also, for Anna Heath's Birthday party, she asked for food for the Food Pantry instead of gifts. The children brought food in individual party bags. Anna is a student at Belgrade Central and had visited the Food Pantry with her Brownie Troop.

We would like to thank Carol Moss, a summer resident from McLean, Va., for donating a much needed refrigerator to the Food Pantry and a stove and microwave to the Belgrade Lakes Fire Station. We were very happy to be the recipients of your renovation. Thank you for thinking of us.

The Food Pantries of Maine receive food from the U. S. Department of Agriculture six times a year.

We continue our association with the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. This past year, through the Good Shepherd Food Bank, we received a matching grant from the Sandy River Trust Fund, which was very beneficial to us. Without this organization, our Food Pantry and many other Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries in Maine would not be

able to have the variety of food, treats and household products that we offer our clients.

In addition to the above mentioned fund raisers and food drives we continue to receive support from the following individuals and organizations.

No. Belgrade Baptist Church	Bible Church
Old South Church	St Theresa's
St Helene's Church	Rome Baptist Church
Union Church	Girl Scout 33
Brownie Troop 162	Long Pond Literary Club
Sam's Club	KVM Club
Lions Club	Dr. Tim Comfort
Belgrade Town Office-Staff	St. Theresa's Youth Group
United Way	Lake/Country Real Estate
Waterville Community Garden Club	Waterville Knights of Columbus
Gardiner Savings Charitable Foundation	Marine Corps League Det. 599
Day's Store, Kerry & Diane Oliver	Belgrade Draggin' Masters
Belgrade Central School Staff,	(Snowmobile Club)
Faculty and Students	

Special thanks to all the kind, loyal and dedicated Volunteers. The 2003 Volunteers are:

Carolyn Alexander	Jan Bourne	Randee Bourgoin	Katarina Burdet
Gene Burgess	Karen Childs	Ethel Dernorsek	Ann Deschaine
Reno Deschaine	Joyce Dodson	Celie Everly	Emma Gardiner
Loyce Hayslett	Dawn Higgins	Maureen Maslak	Nancy Mastramarino
Tony Mastramarino	Tess McDade	Ben Murello	Jane Murello
Melda Page	Mimi Park	Pat Pow	Marie Pulsifer
William Pulsifer	Barbara Sheblee	Barbara Smith	Joan Tripp
Richard Tripp	Betty Weaver	Louise Young	Ron Young

All of the above mentioned contribute to the success of the Food Pantry. These kind and caring citizens and organizations of Belgrade and Rome are instrumental in our effort to better serve our friends and neighbors in need. We extend our appreciation to all who support our organization throughout the year with monetary and food donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Pulsifer, Chairperson	Board Member
Pat Pow, Secretary	Jan Bourne
Reno Deschaine, Treasurer	Maureen Maslak
Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Stone
Barbara Smith, Publicity	



Belgrade Draggin' Masters Snowmobile Club

The Belgrade Draggin Masters, once again, brings the community its annual report of activities and wishes to thank all of you for your tremendous response and support of our drive to raise money for the purchase of our new dragging tractor. We especially thank, Hammond Lumber and Gagne Fuel for their generous donations. The tractor costing some \$16,000 plus/minus is nearly paid for - we give, as a club, special thanks to Kevin Hawes and Bill Wadleigh who were so greatly involved in its purchase and the organizing of fund raisers. Bill, especially, came up with some very innovative ideas and managed our many raffle ticket sales. We are in hopes to conduct more ticket sales to raise money for maintaining our tractor which travels many miles grooming our trails. As club members, we are all very proud when we come in contact with people who stop and compliment us on how great our trails are through Belgrade. Again, a sincere thanks to our landowners who allow us to continue our trails on their properties, without their splendid cooperation, it would be impossible to have connecting trails with our communities which ultimately allow us to travel the entire state, if anyone so wishes. One does not have to be a club member to travel our trails. We do appreciate those who use our trails for respecting them and not destructing the trails as many long, hard volunteer hours are given by club members to their maintenance. Remember, non-members are encouraged to support us with a donation of time and/or money for maintainance and completion of trail work.

In way of reminding the community we do, as club members, pay dues and registration fees as well as all snowmobilers pay registration fees which are sent to the state who in turn remits payment directly to all communities. Monies paid out to club members is for individual reimbursement for gas and repairs they incur while volunteering their own time grooming trails and for trail preparation, i.e., building of bridges, trimming and cleaning up of fallen trees, re-routing of trails when necessary and much more.

We urge continued respect of property owner's land and safety used when riding our trails. If you should have any problems or concerns, please contact me or any club member at 207 495-3445

Sincerely,

Lou Ashland, President



Tree Warden Report

After an exciting and busy 2002, this year was a bit quieter. Although we have interested and trained Tree Stewards to assist homeowners in Belgrade we only had a few calls. Those we assisted were pleased with our help and the Tree Stewards enjoyed being of assistance as well. As we begin 2004, please remember that we have great tree resources here in Belgrade and we are grateful for these volunteer's enthusiasm and support.



We had two projects that are noteworthy that occurred this year as well.

A pine tree along Knowles Road that needed attention had an innovative bracing system installed thanks to a collaborative effort of Chavarie Tree Service, Skyline Tree Service and Belgrade's Town Tree Warden. The system that was installed was non-invasive (no drilling) and actually will grow as the tree grows, while still providing much needed support.

Second, a small contract was awarded to Skyline Tree Service for hazard tree removals/prunings at the Center for All Seasons. The contract started in late fall and will be completed before spring arrives. A benefit to the contract is that benches will be made out of the residual wood that folks can utilize while visiting the Center.

If you have any tree question, please don't hesitate to call the Town Office. Myself or one of our highly trained Tree Stewards will get back in touch with you to be of help.

think trees ~ tish carr



Animal Control Officer Report

Greetings Residents of Belgrade;

My first year as your Animal Control Officer went very smoothly, thanks to the Town Office staff and Town Manager Katie Farrin. I enjoyed working with such a great group of professionals.

At this time, mine and everyone's concern should be on the Rabies disease. I cannot stress enough the importance of licensing your pets. Not only does the money collected go to worthy animal welfare causes, but it also makes it possible for me to keep track of those pets in town, not vaccinated against rabies.

Recently, (within 2 months) there have been confirmed cases of rabies in Winthrop and Readfield (west-side). In the past 6 months, there was a confirmed case in Readfield (Northside). Hence the reason for concern.

The fees to license your dogs at the Town Office are: \$10.00 Un-neutered dogs, \$6.00 neutered dogs. A small price to pay to protect your pets and others pets.

A kennel license permit is now \$42.00/max. 10 dogs per license. To qualify for a kennel permit the owners must show proof that it is one of the following: Breeding, Hunting, Show, Training, Field trials or Exhibition purposes. In the case of a breeding kennel, the owners need to license that through the Animal Welfare office as well as your Town office.

I thank everyone for their cooperation this past year and look forward to another busy year as Animal Control Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cameron, Animal Control Officer

“Lilly”

I have been an exceptionally good dog this year, you should see all of the great gifts that I have received in 2003. My secret admirer (Mr. Buchak) came in with a Christmas bag full of just wonderful treats (truly gourmet dog treats). I must have really impressed him this year!! Thank you



Jan and Bette had another birthday party for me (getting older but still love the parties and goodies). Thank you ladies for the new bandanna from Hawaii, I wear it very proudly.

A big thank you to Bill and Marie for my pretty purple bandanna, it really goes well with my daily attire!!! And also for my 4th of July bandanna.

Pal still frequents the office and I still look for my treats from him. He has not failed me yet. Thank you Pal.

To the ladies in the office, thank you for taking care of me when my master has to run errands or leave the office for any special reason. I really do appreciate you all.

To all of the people that I have forgotten to thank for one reason or another, please forgive me and I love you all from the bottom of my heart.

I truly feel very special to be able to hang out at the office everyday and see all of the great people in this town.

Thanks to all of you who have canine's that are so much a part of your families, as I am, for stopping in and visiting with me. It is nice to see people, but also nice to see my own kind once in awhile. To all of my friends out there.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

Love always,

Arf, Arf, from Lilly Dog of Belgrade



Belgrade Lakes Business Group

2003 EVENTS

February 15th

Winter Carnival at The Center for All Seasons

July 4th

July 4th celebration village parade, fireworks & Chix BBQ, etc.

July 26th

Art Festival at The Center for All Seasons

August 2nd

Beanhole Bean Supper and Loon Calling Contest

October 11th

Octoberfest Beer tent, food, music, craft, kids games, etc.

December 6th

Christmas Stroll luminaries, carolers, wagon rides, etc.

OFFICERS

Chris Anderson, Chair, Laura Richter, Co-Chair,
Diane Oliver, Secretary, Dotty Danforth, Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Karen Swan, Gail Rizzo, Maryann Gee, Tammy Holman, Ron Bellavance

BELGRADE LAKES BUSINESS GROUP
HELPING MAKE MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

2003 has proven to be yet another busy year, particularly with the number of residential homes increasing yearly.

	2002	2003
Single Family Dwellings	36	38
New Seasonal Homes	2	4
Alterations/Additions	74	50
Garages/Sheds/Access. Building	30	51
Mobile Homes	7	7
Duplex	0	1
Swimming Pools	3	3
Commercial Structures	0	2
Home Occupations	0	0
Churches	0	0
Barns	3	2
Foundations/Retaining Wall	6	3
Warehouse	0	0
Storage Bldgs. Commercial	2	0
Gazebos	0	3
Greenhouses	1	0
Art Studios	0	0
Boathouse (Repairs)	1	0
Fill in Shoreland Zone	0	0
Bunkhouses	3	0
Denied	2	4
Withdrew permit	1	0
Consent Agreements	1	0
Permits on hold	4	0
TOTAL	176	168

Please remember, as we approach the upcoming year, that the town does require that a final inspection be conducted for all projects in which a permit was issued. Also, if your construction project involves a new driveway entrance a driveway permit is required before construction of the driveway begins.

Thank you to all the homeowners and contractors for their cooperation. It has been a pleasure working with you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my home at 495-3868 or the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller
Code Enforcement Officer



A Letter From Your State Senator

Dear Belgrade Residents:

I am honored to represent you in Augusta as your State Senator. For the last year I have served as the Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate and Chair of the Legal and Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Last year we had some impressive accomplishments at the State House. Among our achievements was passage of a state budget that closed a \$1.1 billion deficit without raising taxes while preserving education and health care funding. We also reaffirmed Maine's pace as a leader in health care reform by passing the Dirigo Health Plan and the Maine Rx Program - two of the boldest, most innovative, consumer friendly health care plans anywhere. We recognized that the dairy industry in Maine was in deep trouble, passed an emergency aid package and set up a task force to make a plan to keep the industry alive for years to come. We'll be voting on the recommendations of this task force this spring.

The Legislature will be working on some important issues this year. In addition to dairy farms, other issues we'll be taking on this year include maintaining a balanced budget in these challenging economic times, working to improve the economy, and developing a plan for property tax relief.

I look forward to working as your Senator this year. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above issues, or anything else you'd like to bring to my attention, please contact me at the State House at 1-800-423-6900, at home at 872-9239 or by e-mail at senken.gagnon@legis.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Senator Kenneth T. Gagnon
Senate District 14

A Letter From Your State Representative

THE YEAR OF CHANGE

To: The Citizens of the Town of Belgrade

Now that I have completed the first year of my term, I have a confession to make. You have elected as your State Representative, one of the most unlikely candidates in recent memory. There are two things that turn me off - political careers and partisan politics. Paraphrasing an old saying attributed to Will Rogers, I would not want to belong to a party that would have me for a member. So, why did I run?

For twenty-five years, I have been preaching a “growth-from-within” economic development policy for Maine to whoever would stop long enough to listen. What that means is that we invest our precious resources in encouraging and promoting good business ideas and that we position Maine as a State where entrepreneurs not only are welcome but are supported.

But there can be no substantive economic development policy change without property tax reform. And there can be no property tax reform without a new funding mechanism for public education. And there can be no new funding mechanisms without building a dynamic business climate that will ensure revenue streams for public services that survive national economic fluctuations.

Last year, I took to the road with Rep. Barney McGowan, touting his tax reform bill that would severely lower and cap local property taxes on residents and businesses and spread the cost over a broadened sales tax at the current 5%. There were few in Augusta who were willing to listen. But with the MMA education funding referendum issue emerging as the preference of the voters, and with Carolyn Paleski’s tax revolt measure ready to go on the ballot in November, things began to change - quickly. I fully expect that Rep. McGowan will be given an honored seat at the tax reform table this winter.

This year, I will be turning my attention to another matter of deep concern to the citizens of Belgrade - economic development. Having gotten the ear of the Democratic leadership in the House, I hope to be instrumental in crafting a “growth-from-within” policy that will result in a move away from the old “business attraction” model to a “people and idea attraction” model. Investing in people and their good ideas will, hopefully, build a vibrant Maine with a future no longer captive to the whims of non-resident corporate owners.

I have enjoyed immensely the privilege of representing you in the Legislature this term and getting to know a number of you personally. I think I have fulfilled my promise to myself to vote my constituency regardless of the cost. This next year will be a year of great change in Maine, and we should know within months whether we are up to the challenge. With God’s grace and your patience, I shall do my best to see that your interests are effectively represented.

Kindest regards,

Rep. Stan Moody



Town Clerk's Report

Births Recorded In 2003	38
Marriages Recorded In 2003	31
Deaths Recorded In 2003	23

DEATHS

Barton, Jeanette B.	August 3, 2003	64 years
Beaudoin, Rene	April 4, 2003	79 years
Beckwith, Donald L.	August 26, 2003	64 years
Ciforelli, Joseph T.	November 19, 2003	93 years
Cobb, Elizabeth	February 27, 2003	75 years
Druary, Delinda Sue	June 16, 2003	56 years
Dyer, Bessie M.	July 14, 2003	83 years
Gardner, Finley C.	February 14, 2003	88 years
Goodrich, Dexter A.	May 30, 2003	82 years
Hammond, Emily M.	April 17, 2003	76 years
Harding, Perry A.	February 7, 2003	78 years
Hutchinson, Armand C.	June 23, 2003	78 years
Krolak, Virginia M.	August 9, 2003	67 years
Lessard, Thelma A.	February 1, 2003	78 years
Murray, Pamela C.	August 2, 2003	59 years
Nutter, Marie E.	June 19, 2003	66 years
Nutter, Richard E.	March 28, 2003	73 years
Piecuch, Henry	December 11, 2003	90 years
Russell, Norman B.	August 8, 2003	72 years
Soucie, Delia	March 12, 2003	91 years
Talbot, Arthur W.	May 15, 2003	84 years
Taylor, Jane C.	September 22, 2003	56 years
Tukey, Arlene B.	December 10, 2003	68 years
Wiley, Leo F.	July 20, 2003	78 years

DOG LICENSING

Licenses Issued	231	Kennel Licenses Issued	10
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RESIDENT FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES

Adult Hunt & Fish	Junior Fish	14
Combination	Junior Hunt	56
Adult Hunting	Migratory Waterfowl	58
Archery	Muzzle Loading Permit	36
Bear Permits	Pheasant Stamps	0
Coyote	Servicemen's Fish	1
Expanded Archery	Small Game	5
Fall Turkey	Supersport	6
Fishing	Total	1177

Tax Collector's Report

2002 UNPAID, REAL PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Name	Amount
Amik Realty	23.11
Berube, Gerard	670.06
Bickford, Thomas	339.21
Bonneface, Darlene	1381.90
Bonneface, Darlene	248.98
Brann, Roberto	989.22
Burton, Claudia	1824.71
Burton, Terry	1437.04
Child, Mildred	243.78
Clements, Raelyn	1508.89
Conant, Douglass	586.51
Cook, Kenneth	1198.09
Danforth, Veronica	543.07
Dion, Randy	922.38
Donahue, Andrew	589.86
Douglas, Suzette	2897.48
Dulac, Paula	3151.47
Farris, Carol	1452.08
Finley, Martin	797.06
French, Helen	660.04
Frontier Vision	233.85
Grant, Jeffrey	611.58
Green, Wayne	349.23
Hamilton, Kenneth	910.68
Hanson, Jennifer	332.53
Hutchings, Duane	202.19
Johnson, Everett	832.15
Kenney, Cindy	377.64
Lafreniere, Lance	2145.54
Magoon, Thomas	2262.51
Maine Central Railroad	857.21
Maine Central Railroad	250.65
Maine Central Railroad	126.99
Miller, Sandra	67.05
Mills, Joel	342.55
Moore, Nellie	302.45
Pelletier, Roger	1017.63
Potvin, Lori Jean	237.51
Pray, Edna Realty	751.94
Raynes, David	1610.82
Serio, Frank	2468.04

Note: In some cases the failure to pay the required property taxes may be attributed to an oversight by a mortgage or lending institution.



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Name	Amount
Shiverick, Dayle	110.99
St. Amand, Nancy	1116.21
Stevens, Ormand	477.90
Stevens, Ormand	52.86
Sturtevant, Mark	88.46
Volk, Herbert	131.86
Webster, Jamison	152.06
Wood, Harvey	1697.71
Wright, Chester	549.40
Wright, Chester	372.63
Total	\$, 42,505.76

2003 UNPAID REAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Name	Amount
Adams, Barbara	450.64
Ainslie, Jay	335.40
Alexander, Brian	185.76
Alexander, Keith	510.84
Allain, Jennifer	190.92
Amik Realty	8176.88
Ashland, Dori	77.40
Athos, Thomas	2.41
August, Diedrick	161.68
Baker, James	853.32
Barejka, Gail	1405.24
Barnett, Leo	1049.20
Bartlett, Bertha	187.48
Belanger, Terri	930.52
Berube, Gerard	662.20
Bickford, Susan	567.60
Bickford, Thomas	688.00
Birch, Ronald	1247.26
Boghosian, Richard	491.92
Bonneface, Darlene	1394.92
Bonneface, Darlene	221.88
Borseen, Arne	1467.16
Brann, Roberto	990.72
Bureau, Kenneth	1714.84
Burgess, Leon	701.07
Burton, Claudia	1833.52
Burton, Terry	1451.68
BWD Associates	569.32
Campbell, Ronald	273.48

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Name	Amount
Cappello, Angelo	1178.20
Carpenter, Dana	2146.56
Carpenter, Dana	103.20
Childs, Kathleen	402.48
Clements, Raelyn	1518.76
Clewley, Timothy	1288.28
Clewley, Vicki	2602.36
Cochran, Marion	301.00
Conant, Douglass	576.20
Cook, Kenneth	1198.84
Cottle, Muriel	145.56
Coutts, Mark	306.16
Crawford, Lois-Ann	2824.24
Crommett, Craig	1625.40
Daku, Jacob	1243.56
Damren, Norman	414.52
Danforth, Veronica	531.48
Davis, Jeffrey	780.88
Davis, Robert	499.98
Day, Mark	945.50
Desimone, Michael	333.68
Dion, Randy	921.92
Doiron, Douglas	804.96
Donahue, Andrew	572.76
Doray, Darlene	321.64
Douglas, Edgar	2991.08
Duffy, Richard	2506.04
Dulac, Paula	3247.36
Dupont-Gibbs, Karen	555.56
Eaton, Charles	560.72
Ego, Gloria	964.92
Elliott, Clifton	1357.08
Ellis, Anita	1487.80
Fairfield, Joseph	588.28
Farris, Carol	786.04
Feldhouse, Walter	564.16
Ferre, Christina	4337.87
Finely, Martin	786.04
Fitzgerald, David	564.16
Flanagan, Bartlett	2705.56
Flannery, Niomi	1057.80
Fox, Charles	1282.30
Frappier, George	1525.64
French, Helen	645.00
Frontier Vision	430.00
Gagnon, Charles	949.44
Gagnon, Gertrude	646.48

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Name	Amount
Gawler, Annabell	1047.48
Gertloff, William	1231.52
Gould, Roger	1752.68
Gould, Roger	154.80
Grant, Jeffrey	602.00
Grant, Shawn	1604.76
Green, Wayne	325.08
Hamilton, Kenneth	903.00
Hanson, Jennifer	307.88
Harvey, Jane	326.80
Hayes, Edith	1499.84
Hayes, Edith	743.04
Hazard, Charles	2523.24
Hazard, Charles	732.72
Herrmann, John	380.12
Herrmann, John	374.96
Hooper, Lucretia	832.48
Hovenanian, Gerald	86.00
Hovenanian, Gerald	823.88
Howe, Michael	1644.32
Hudson, Dorothy	552.12
Hudson, Thomas	1959.08
Hunt, Bob	4.97
Jenney, Spencer	2554.20
Johnson, Everett	829.04
Johnson, Selena	441.91
Kadnar, Gloria	1190.24
Kennebec, Camps	7282.48
Kenney, Cindy	354.32
Kinney, Kevin	1047.48
Koester, Gerald	99.76
Lachance, Richard	1241.84
Lafreniere, Lance	2174.08
Landry, Linda	409.36
Languet, Albert, H	1322.68
Lavenson, Joel	108.36
Lavenson, Joel	1291.72
Lemelin, Deborah	13.76
Leonhardt, Robert	9.72
Lewis, Don, Ii	2394.24
Libby, Cecile	1680.44
Libby, Keith	725.84
Little, Rosemarie	1007.92
Lomba, Adam	641.56
Lucas, Scott	58.15
Mace, William	252.84
Mace, William	216.72

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Name	Amount
Magoon, Thomas	2294.48
Maine Central Railroad	847.96
Maine Central Railroad	223.60
Markham, Janice	1558.32
Marshall, Gilbert	65.36
Mckendry, Peter	7.81
Merckens, Ernst	258.00
Morrow, Anita	2679.76
Morrow, Eugene	307.88
Morrow, Eugene	89.44
Morrow, Lawrence	942.56
Michaud, Dawn	381.84
Mills, Joel	318.20
Modern Homes, Inc	29.24
Modern Homes, Inc	12.04
Morneau, Paul	1675.28
Murray, Dorothy	1479.20
Niedner, Margaret	87.72
Nilson, Rhonda	731.00
Nilson, Rhonda	856.56
Northwest Bank	1281.40
Osborne, Gary	2120.76
Paquette, David	1640.88
Paquette, David	147.92
Partridge, Edward	3125.24
Patten, Beth	1279.68
Pelletier, Eric	79.52
Pelletier, Peter	1143.80
Pelletier, Roger	1013.08
Pepin, Robin	1706.24
Pepper, David	47.06
Pepper, David	557.28
Pepper, David	789.48
Pepper, David	1506.37
Perro, Carol	1286.56
Pinkham, Catherine	503.96
Piteau, Sandra	911.12
Potvin, Lori Jean	215.00
Poulin, Cathleen	1004.48
Pray, Edna Realty	746.48
Raynes, David	1623.68
Rice, Ernest	304.44
Rice, Ernest	3188.88
Rice, Ernest	177.16
Riley, Juanita	700.04
Rubin, Kenneth	2366.72
Saucier, James	1597.88

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Name	Amount
Sawyer, Carroll	73.96
Sawyer, Carroll	309.60
Sawyer, Carroll	1252.16
Schubert, Dean	1652.92
Seifert, Betty	445.48
Serio, Frank	2543.88
Shepard, Rhonda	2210.20
Shiverick, Dayle	1345.04
Skeel, Richard	583.08
Somes, Vicki	1186.80
Spaulding, Loyal	1465.44
Spaulding, Loyal	1453.40
St. Amand, Nancy	1114.56
Stanton, Carol	1412.12
Steinbeiser, Chris	1037.16
Stevens, Ormand	464.40
Stevens, Ormand	22.36
Stilphen, Arthur	1909.20
Stilphen, Arthur	261.44
Stoops, Jessica	2227.40
Strohmeyer, Lawrence	2688.36
Stuart, Charles	1677.00
Stuart, John	1809.44
Stuart, Charles	419.68
Terhune, Susan	1376.00
Theriault, Daniel	956.32
Tinker, Joseph	509.12
Tinker, Joseph	326.80
Tripp, Marjorie	235.63
Tukey, Colleen	452.02
Tukey, Mary	555.56
Vieta, Sara	276.92
Vieta, Sara	270.40
Volk, Herbert	1548.00
Walker, Jeweline	715.52
Webster, Jamison	122.12
Weisben, Harold	834.20
Willey, Cecil	479.88
Wilson, Karen	1190.24
Wilson, Robert	1358.80
Wood, Harvey	1713.12
Wright, Chester	541.80
Wright, Chester	349.16
Wright, James	860.77
Zozula, Robert	4188.20

TOTAL **\$ 222,916.38**

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Auditor's Report

KEEL J. HOOD

Certified Public Accountant

2 Burns Street - Fairfield, Maine 04937 - (207)453-2006

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belgrade
Belgrade, Maine

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Belgrade, Maine, as of December 31, 2003, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Belgrade, Maine management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on those general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards and the standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Belgrade, Maine as of December 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and cash flows of its trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statement of the Town of Belgrade, Maine. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.



January 21, 2004



Exhibit 1

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 2003

	Governmental	Fiduciary	Account Groups	
	General	Trust	General	General
ASSETS	General	Fund	Fixed Assets	Long-term Debt
Cash	\$ 1,240,711	\$	\$	\$
Investments		709,116		
Receivables:				
Taxes	267,758			
Liens	51,084			
Accounts	1,770			
Due from other funds		242,972		
Due from other governments	15,029			
Operating property			2,941,654	
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt				186,730
Total Assets	<u>1,576,352</u>	<u>952,088</u>	<u>2,941,654</u>	<u>186,730</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	6,234			
Payroll payable	6,588			
Due to other governments	14,784			
Due to other funds	242,972			
Prepaid taxes	4,120			
Deferred property taxes	247,000			
Deferred revenue	2,500			
Compensated absences	10,108			
Leases payable				186,730
Total Liabilities	<u>534,306</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>186,730</u>
Fund Equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets			2,941,654	
Fund Balances				
Reserved for endowments		243,541		
Unreserved:				
Designated for reserves	343,774			
Designated for subsequent years revenues	19,610			
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	33,918			
Undesignated	644,744	708,547		
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,042,046</u>	<u>952,088</u>	<u>2,941,654</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,576,352</u>	<u>\$ 952,088</u>	<u>\$ 2,941,654</u>	<u>\$ 186,730</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Exhibit 2

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Equity - All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 4,746,968	\$
Licenses and permits	9,347	
Intergovernmental	331,491	
Charges for services	55,567	
Interest	39,384	8,160
Miscellaneous	22,329	5,500
Total Revenues	<u>5,205,086</u>	<u>13,660</u>
Expenditures:		
General government	271,490	37,280
Public safety	101,248	
Health and sanitation	274,086	
Public works	449,850	
Special assessments	3,763,903	
Leisure services	127,697	19,525
Social services	87,567	
Debt service	14,598	
Unclassified	48,843	
Total Expenditures	<u>5,139,282</u>	<u>56,805</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	65,804	(43,145)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Transfers in	420,723	54,526
Transfers out	(54,526)	(356,274)
Total Other Financing sources (Uses)	<u>366,197</u>	<u>(301,748)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	<u>432,001</u>	<u>(344,893)</u>
Fund Equities - January 1	610,045	344,893
Fund Equities - December 31	<u>\$ 1,042,046</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Equity
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,624,197	\$ 4,746,968	\$ 122,771
Licenses and permits	4,000	9,347	5,347
Intergovernmental	316,007	331,491	15,484
Charges for services	47,000	55,567	8,567
Interest	15,000	39,384	24,384
Miscellaneous	150	22,329	22,179
Total Revenues	<u>5,006,354</u>	<u>5,205,086</u>	<u>198,732</u>
Expenditures:			
General government	412,235	271,490	140,745
Public safety	100,838	101,248	(410)
Health and sanitation	271,118	274,086	(2,968)
Public works	463,101	449,850	13,251
Special assessments	3,786,868	3,763,903	22,965
Leisure services	139,128	127,697	11,431
Social services	90,864	87,567	3,297
Debt service	35,000	14,598	20,402
Unclassified	68,454	48,843	19,611
Total Expenditures	<u>5,367,606</u>	<u>5,139,282</u>	<u>228,324</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Budgetary Basis	(361,252)	65,804	427,056
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers in	208,352	420,723	212,371
Transfers out	(30,000)	(54,526)	(24,526)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>178,352</u>	<u>366,197</u>	<u>187,845</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	(182,900)	432,001	614,901
Fund Equities - January 1	610,045	610,045	0
Fund Equities - December 31	<u>\$ 427,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,042,046</u>	<u>\$ 614,901</u>

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Exhibit 4

TOWN OF BELGRADE, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in
Fund Equity
Nonexpendable Trust Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Fiduciary Fund Type Nonexpendable Trust
Operating Revenues:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 27,679
Donations	5,206
Perpetual care income	1,300
Total Operating Revenues	<u>34,185</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Administrative Fees	1,291
Other	296
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,587</u>
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	<u>32,598</u>
Operating Transfer Out	<u>(64,449)</u>
Operating Income	(31,851)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Gain (Loss) on investments	<u>62,236</u>
Net Income	30,385
Fund Equity - January 1	921,703
Fund Equity - December 31	<u>\$ 952,088</u>

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How the Annual Property Tax Mil Rate is Calculated

Municipal	
+ Education (MSAD #47)	
+ County	
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=	Total Expenditure
State Revenue Sharing	
+ Road Assistance	
+ All State/Federal Funding	
+ Vehicle Excise Tax	
+ License/Permit Fees	
+ Town Fees	
+ Boat Excise	
+ Other Misc Income	
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=	Total Non-property Tax Revenues
Total Expenditures	
– Total Non-property Tax Revenues	
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=	Net To Be Raised By Property Taxes
Net to be Raised by Property Taxes	
+ Overlay (Max 5% Of Net)	
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=	Commitment
Commitment	
÷ Total of Municipal Assessments	
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=	Mil Rate

2003 PROPERTY TAX CALCULATIONS

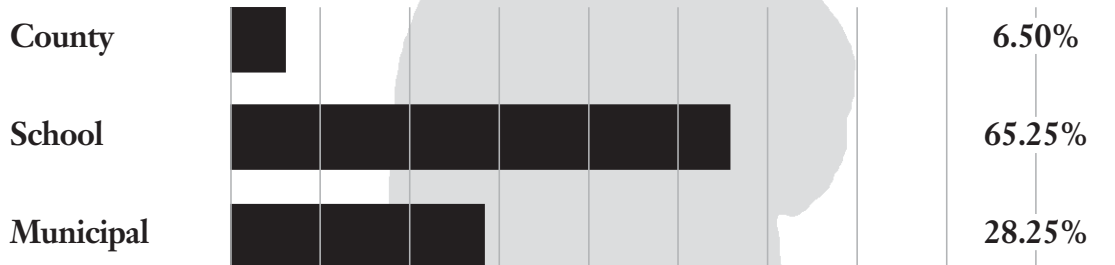
2003 Municipal Property Valuation	=	\$246,229,900	
Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/Co.)	=	\$ 5,246,590	
Total Non-Property Tax Revenues	=	\$1,034,402	
\$ 5,246,590 – \$1,034,402	=	\$ 4,212,188	(Net raised through taxation)
\$ 4,212,188 + \$ 22,966 (Overlay)	=	\$ 4,235,154	Commitment
\$ 4,235,154 ÷ \$ 246,229,900	=	.0172	Mil Rate

\$\$ The Town's Money \$\$

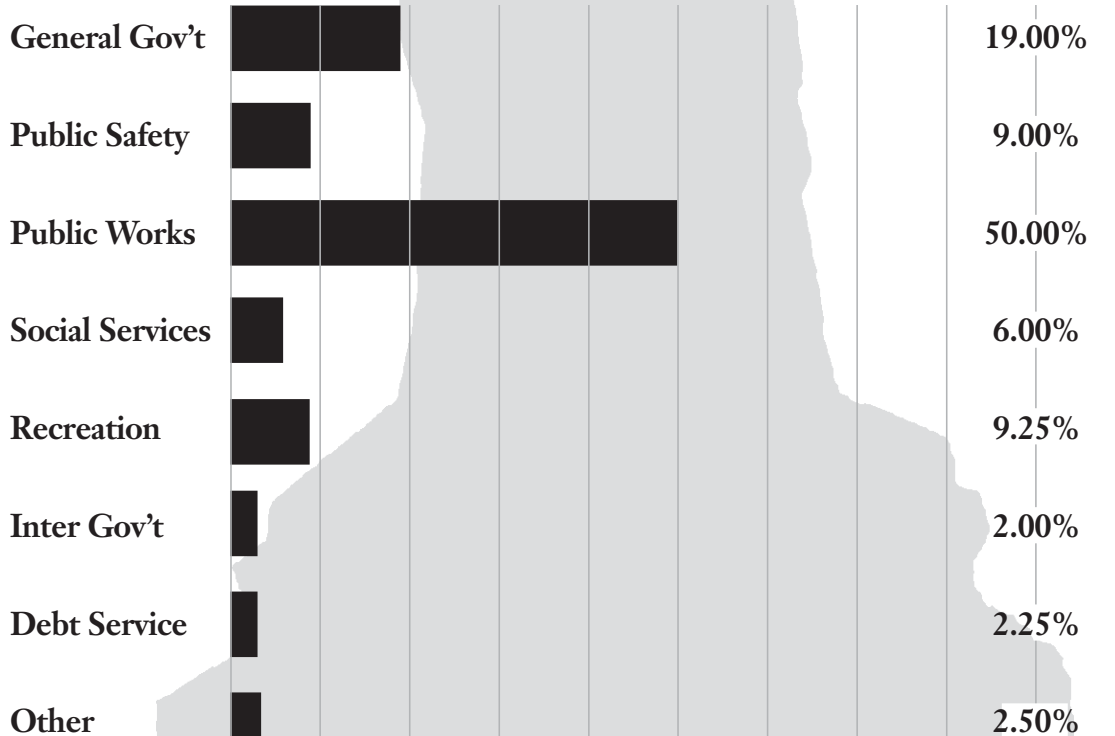
WHERE IT COMES FROM



WHERE IT WENT IN 2003 ~ OVERALL % ANALYSIS



WHERE IT WENT IN 2003 ~ MUNICIPAL % ANALYSIS



Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance, January 1, 2003 577,573.85

Receipts

Prior Years Property Taxes 154,443.61
Tax Liens 98,537.50
Accounts Receivable 1,807.01
State Licenses and Registrations 305,806.75
Prepaid Property Taxes 2004 4,121.05
2003 Property and Excise Taxes (270.93 Refunded) 4,542,151.98
Licenses, Penalties and Fees (115.00 Refunded) 68,080.78
State & Local Governments (A/R 124.13) 259,410.27
Recycling and Waste (219.07 Refunded) 5,396.30
Unclassified (475.00 Refunded) 53,958.83
Reserves & Trust Funds 133,844.24
Due to Other Funds 1,300.00

Total Receipts 5,628,858.32

Total Available in 2003 6,206,432.17

Disbursements

State Licenses and Registrations 307,979.00
Net Payroll Deductions -6,320.80
Accounts Payable - Expenses 812.50
Transfers - Due to Other Funds 3,601.04
Refunds 1,080.00
Recoverable Expenses 59,599.93
General Government 273,192.59
Public Safety 95,422.81
Public Works 449,874.88
Solid Waste 274,085.53
Social Services 87,567.38
Recreation 126,383.74
Special Assessment 3,763,902.54
Inter-Government 16,915.57
Debt Service 14,598.44
Unclassified 11,618.00
Trust Funds 72,534.35

Total Disbursements 5,552,847.50

Cash Balance, December 31, 2003 653,584.67

EXPENDITURES

AREA OF EXPENDITURE	APPROPRIATION	DESIGNATED FROM 2002	ACTUAL 2003	LAPSE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	7,405.00		7,186.95	218.05
Emergency Requirements	10,000.00		730.00	9,270.00
Administration	182,569.00	2,900.00	183,118.67	2,350.33
Town Manager	54,662.00		55,456.29	-794.29
Assessing	23,600.00		19,427.26	4,172.74
Planning/Appeals Board	3,265.00	4,511.00	2,264.69	5,511.31
Growth Management	0.00	4,154.00	1,096.69	3,057.31
Hearings & Elections	2,834.00		2,209.85	624.15
General Government Totals	284,335.00	11,565.00	271,490.40	24,409.60
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	3,139.00		1,763.60	1,375.40
Fire Department	59,909.00		58,708.28	1,200.72
Rescue Squad (AP-6183.52/AR-358.83)	25,564.00		24,341.27	1,222.73
Code Enforcement	9,226.00		10,572.84	-1,346.84
Street Lighting	8,000.00		7,770.19	229.81
To Fire Dept Capital Reserve	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00
Enhanced 911	0.00	3,094.00	3,091.32	2.68
Public Safety Totals	130,838.00	3,094.00	131,247.50	2,684.50
PUBLIC WORKS				
Road, General Maintenance	85,093.00		79,276.23	5,816.77*
Road, Paving	110,000.00		104,929.76	5,070.24*
Road, Plowing & Sanding	252,742.00		252,658.45	83.55
Landfill Closure	4,800.00		4,594.00	206.00
Facility Maintenance Support	10,466.00		8,391.26	2,074.74
Solid Waste Management	271,118.00	3,500.00	274,085.53	532.47
Public Works Totals	734,219.00	3,500.00	723,935.23	13,783.77
<i>* Paid to the General Maintenance & Paving Capital Reserve</i>				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00		450.00	0.00
Town Historian	300.00		300.00	0.00
Animal Control	8,367.00		7,725.02	641.98
Memorial Day Ceremony	150.00		150.00	0.00
Donations	22,491.00		21,991.00	500.00
Cemeteries	33,456.00		33,270.36	185.64
Special Article # 46	20,000.00		19,615.91	384.09
General Assistance	5,500.00		4,065.09	1,434.91
Social Services Totals	90,714.00		87,567.38	3,146.62



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AREA OF EXPENDITURE	APPROPRIATION	DESIGNATED FROM 2002	ACTUAL 2003	LAPSE
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	3,145.00		2,052.61	1,092.39
Center for All Seasons	70,623.00		69,741.57	881.43
North Belgrade Community Center	2,883.00		2,409.57	473.43
Library	19,952.00		19,858.88	93.12
Recreation Programs	42,525.00		33,634.77	8,890.23
Recreation Totals	139,128.00		127,697.40	11,430.60
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS				
MSAD #47	3,420,980.00		3,420,980.26	-0.26
Kennebec County	342,922.00		342,922.28	-0.28
Overlay	22,966.28			22,966.28
Special Assessments Totals	3,786,868.28		3,763,902.54	22,965.74
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Dams	15,000.00	5,069.00	671.57	19,397.43
KVCOG	5,694.00		5,694.00	0.00
Belgrade Lakes Alliance	10,550.00		10,550.00	0.00
Inter-Government Totals	31,244.00	5,069.00	16,915.57	19,397.43
DEBT SERVICE				
TAN Interest	35,000.00		14,598.44	20,401.56
Debt Service Totals	35,000.00		14,598.44	20,401.56
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers & Unemployment Compensation	11,000.00		11,618.00	-618.00
Unclassified Totals	11,000.00		11,618.00	-618.00
TRUST FUNDS				
DC Stevens Enrichment Fund	25,325.00		19,444.86	5,880.14
DC Stevens Scholarship Trust	70.00		70.00	0.00
Scholarship/Town Portion	450.00		430.00	20.00
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	365.00		365.00	0.00
Trust Fund Totals	26,210.00		20,309.86	5,900.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,269,556.28	23,228.00	5,169,282.32	123,501.96**
Total Paid To Reserves*	22,224.49			
Total Carry Forwards	33,918.00			
Total To Surplus	67,359.47			
Total Lapse**	123,501.96			

REVENUES

AREA OF REVENUE	APPROPRIATION	DESIGNATED FROM 2002	ACTUAL 2003	LAPSE
PROPERTY & EXCISE TAX REVENUE				
2003 Real & Personal Tax	4,163,197.22		3,907,843.33	-255,353.89*
Homestead Act	71,957.06		56,971.00	-14,986.06*
Supplemental	0.00		13,487.92	13,487.92
Abatements	0.00		-11,673.09	-11,673.09
Vehicle Excise	445,000.00		563,610.51	118,610.51
Boat Excise Tax	16,000.00		18,345.30	2,345.30
Property & Excise Tax Totals	4,696,154.28		4,548,584.97	-147,569.31
LICENSES, PENALTIES & FEES				
Interest on Taxes	15,000.00		20,771.72	5,771.72
Town Fee/Vital Statistics	16,000.00		20,347.50	4,347.50
Licenses & Permit Fees	4,000.00		8,093.00	4,093.00
Town Ordinances	0.00		318.00	318.00
Cable Franchise Fees	0.00		18,435.56	18,435.56
Licenses Penalties And Fees Totals	35,000.00		67,965.78	32,965.78
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	173,500.00		187,758.11	14,258.11**
Local Road Assistance	49,500.00		50,272.00	772.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,000.00		9,672.00	672.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,750.00		2,054.73	-695.27
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,700.00		1,498.00	-202.00
State Grants/Other Funds	1,000.00		1,679.56	679.56
Town of Rome	4,050.00		4,050.00	0.00
Town of Oakland	2,550.00		2,550.00	0.00
State & Local Totals	244,050.00		259,534.40	15,484.40
RECYCLING & WASTE				
Waste Disposal Fees	0.00		1,562.00	1,562.00
Recycled Waste Sales	3,500.00		3,615.23	115.23
Recycling & Waste Totals	3,500.00		5,177.23	1,677.23
UNCLASSIFIED				
Recreational Program Fees	27,500.00		29,745.25	2,245.25
Library Fees	0.00		297.00	297.00
Animal Control	0.00		935.50	935.50
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		3,893.31	3,893.31
Investment Income	0.00		18,612.77	18,612.77
Unclassified Totals	27,500.00		53,483.83	25,983.83



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AREA OF REVENUE	APPROPRIATION	DESIGNATED FROM 2002	ACTUAL 2003	LAPSE
RESERVES & TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Gupill Historical Trust	365.00		365.00	0.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	45,092.00		44,568.68	-523.32
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	70.00		70.00	0.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	25,325.00		19,444.86	-5,880.14
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	12,500.00		12,500.00	0.00
Reserve & Trust Fund Totals	83,352.00		76,948.54	-6,403.46
GENERAL FUND				
Undesignated	180,000.00		180,000.00	0.00
General Fund Totals	180,000.00		180,000.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	5,269,556.28		5,191,694.75	-77,861.53
Total Lapse	-77,861.53			
Add: Accounts Receivable (*2003 Property Tax)	270,339.95			
Less: Designated Revenues (**Municipal Revenue Sharing)	-14,258.11			
Total To Surplus	178,220.31			

Reserves and Trust Funds

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	103,362.53
Add: Interest to 12-31-03	2,245.50
Less: Due to Municipal Property Reval Reserve	-65,871.90
Balance 12/31/03	39,736.13

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1	57,846.77
Add: Interest Earned	1,297.18
Transfer from Community Reserve	65,871.90
Total Deposits	67,169.08
Less: Due to General Fund	-37,279.51
Balance 12-31-03	87,736.34

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	32,524.75
Add: Interest Earned	734.76
Appropriation (March 15, 2003)	25,000.00
Total Deposits	25,734.76
Balance 12-31-03	58,259.51

RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	16,097.63
Add: Interest Earned	359.14
Appropriation (March 15, 2003)	5,000.00
Total Deposits	5,359.14
Balance 12/31/03	21,456.77

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1	36,927.11
Add: Interest Earned	817.70
2003 Unexpended to Reserve	10,887.01
Total Deposits	11,704.71
Balance 12-31-03	48,631.82

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	31,510.07
Add: Interest Earned	696.88
Balance 12-31-03	32,206.95

SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	19,395.99
Add: Interest Earned	359.50
Less: Due to General Fund	-12,500.00
Balance 12-31-03	7,255.49



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RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	8,422.55
Add: Interest Earned	166.43
2003 Unxpended to Reserve	11,337.48
Total Deposits	11,503.91
Balance 12-31-03	19,926.46

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	471.69
Add: Interest Earned	10.43
Balance 12/31/03	482.12

CEMETERY WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1	1,766.67
Add: Interest Earned	39.10
Balance 12-31-03	1,805.77

ALICE MARY CRAM TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1	4,117.94
Add: Interest Earned	11.45
Balance 12-31-03	4,129.39

GUY A. YEATON CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 1,000.00/ Interest 1,789.69)	2,870.71
Add: Interest Earned	63.51
Balance 12-31-03	2,934.22

LACROIX CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance 1/1 (Principal 10,000/Interest 399.74)	10,399.74
Add: Interest Earned	230.03
Balance 12-31-03	10,629.77

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST PRINCIPAL

Balance 1/1	94,800.00
Add: Perpetual Care Payments	1,300.00
Interest Earned	2,098.06
Total Deposits	3,398.06
Less: Transfer to Interest Account	-2,098.06
Balance 12-31-03	96,100.00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST INTEREST

Balance 1/1	109,535.24
Add: Interest Earned	2,446.78
Interest from Trust Principal	2,098.06
Interest from Portfolio	8,363.03
Total Deposits	12,907.87
Less: Due to General Fund (Article 44)	-24,952.77
Due to General Fund (Article 46)	-19,615.91
Total Withdrawals	-44,568.68
Balance 12-31-03	77,874.43

CEMETERY PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	282,085.79
Add: Realized Gains	-2,042.65
Interest/Dividends	8,963.18
Total Deposits	6,920.53
Less: Agent Fees	-1,712.62
Transferred to CD	-8,363.03
Total Withdrawn	-10,075.65
Balance 12-31-03	278,930.67

ROBERT A. GUPTILL HISTORICAL TRUST

Balance 1/1	13,569.11
Add: Interest Earned	299.89
Less: 2002 Contribution	-365.00
Balance 12-31-03	13,504.00

D.C. STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Balance 1/1	2,061.48
Add: Interest Earned	45.76
Less: 2002 Scholarship	-70.00
Balance 12-31-03	2,037.24

D.C. STEVENS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Balance 1/1	42,926.02
Add: Interest Earned	971.42
Interest From Portfolio 2002	10,480.81
Total Deposits	11,452.23
Less: Expended Due to General Fund	-19,444.86
Balance 12-31-03	34,933.39

D.C. STEVENS PORTFOLIO

Balance 1/1	387,399.44
Add: Realized Gains	5,836.02
Interest/Dividends	13,102.66
Total Deposits	18,938.68
Less: Agent Fees	-2,787.38
Transfer to CD 2001	-10,480.81
Total Deductions	-13,268.19
Balance 12-31-03	393,069.93



Town of Belgrade Proposed Municipal Budget For 2004

NOTES

- 1) Fiscal Year = Calendar Year
- 2) Amounts for County & School are projections only

AREA OF EXPENDITURE	2004 (P)	2003	2002	2001
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectpersons	17,405.00	17,405.00	17,405.00	17,405.00
Administration	194,290.00	182,569.00	172,662.00	169,300.00
Town Manager	56,113.00	54,662.00	52,768.00	48,850.00
Assessing/Review	15,600.00	23,600.00	22,900.00	21,860.00
Planning Board/Board of Appeals	3,480.00	3,265.00	5,803.00	3,753.00
Growth Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Hearings & Elections	3,175.00	2,834.00	3,334.00	4,175.00
General Government Totals	290,063.00	284,335.00	274,872.00	268,843.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Constable/Civil Emergency	3,139.00	3,139.00	2,140.00	5,640.00
Fire Department	52,614.00	59,909.00	62,351.00	49,115.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Rescue Squad	20,414.00	20,564.00	20,415.00	11,728.00
Rescue Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Code Enforcement	12,070.00	9,226.00	9,618.00	9,952.00
Street Lighting	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,090.00	7,900.00
Enhanced 911	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Public Safety Totals	126,237.00	130,838.00	132,614.00	116,335.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads, General Maintenance	85,099.00	85,093.00	85,100.00	73,893.00
Dunn Rd Upgrade Project	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Roadway Hazardous Trees	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Roads, Paving	110,000.00	110,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
West Rd/Dunn Rd Reclaim Project	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Roads, Plowing & Sanding	249,477.00	252,742.00	243,628.00	237,238.00
Solid Waste Management*				
(4 Articles 03)	238,995.00	271,118.00	232,453.00	223,453.00
Landfill Closure	5,400.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Facilities Maintenance Support	10,466.00	10,466.00	11,648.00	9,470.00
Sidewalk Improvement Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Public Works Totals	699,437.00	734,219.00	709,629.00	648,854.00

* Includes Recycling

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AREA OF EXPENDITURE	2004 (P)	2003	2002	2001
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Health Officer	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Town Historian	400.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Animal Control	8,317.00	8,367.00	6,120.00	5,621.00
General Assistance	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,700.00	6,700.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Donations	21,791.00	22,491.00	18,920.00	19,924.00
Cemeteries (2 Articles-2003)	35,945.00	33,456.00	23,336.00	25,000.00
Cemeteries (Equip Upgrade & Maintenance)	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Social Services Totals	72,553.00	90,714.00	55,976.00	58,145.00
RECREATION				
Recreation Facilities	2,835.00	3,145.00	3,075.00	3,075.00
The Center for All Seasons (Generator-\$15,000-2002)	72,430.00	70,623.00	83,724.00	64,436.00
CFAS-Capital Maintenance Project	3,500.00			
North Belgrade Community Center	2,883.00	2,883.00	3,095.00	2,830.00
Library	27,960.00	19,952.00	15,154.00	20,660.00
Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
Recreation Programs	43,521.00	42,525.00	42,264.00	47,100.00
Recreation Totals	153,129.00	139,128.00	147,312.00	139,801.00
INTER-GOVERNMENT				
Belgrade Lakes Conservation (2 Articles-2003)	10,550.00	10,550.00	6,250.00	6,250.00
Dams	10,000.00	15,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
KVCOG	6,049.00	5,694.00	5,374.00	4,643.00
Inter-Government Totals	26,599.00	31,244.00	23,624.00	20,893.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	29,000.00	35,000.00	38,500.00	35,000.00
Debt Service Totals	29,000.00	35,000.00	38,500.00	35,000.00
UNCLASSIFIED				
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	7,500.00	6,600.00	6,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	4,500.00	3,500.00	3,400.00	4,000.00
Unclassified Totals	16,500.00	11,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00



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TRUST FUNDS

D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,325.00	25,325.00	26,875.00	26,300.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship (2 Articles)	500.00	520.00	535.00	540.00
R.A. Guphill	325.00	365.00	665.00	880.00
Trust Funds Totals	19,150.00	26,210.00	28,075.00	27,720.00

Total Municipal Requirements

(3% Decrease)	1,432,668.00	1,482,688.00	1,420,602.00	1,325,591.00
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COUNTY & SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kennebec County*	418,440.00	342,922.00	299,262.00	266,549.00
SAD #47*	3,718,695.00	3,420,980.00	3,182,872.00	2,964,345.00
County & School Totals	4,137,135.00	3,763,902.00	3,482,134.00	3,230,894.00

GRAND TOTALS	5,569,803.00	5,246,590.00	4,902,736.00	4,556,485.00
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**Projected*

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

AREA OF REVENUE	2004 (P)	2003	2002	2001
TAXES, LICENSES & PERMITS				
Vehicle Excise Taxes	511,000.00	445,000.00	445,000.00	415,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	17,000.00	16,000.00	15,500.00	15,000.00
Town Fees/Vital Statistics	17,000.00	16,000.00	14,500.00	14,000.00
Licenses and Permit Fees	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Interest and Cost Fees	16,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Taxes, Licenses & Permits	566,000.00	496,000.00	494,000.00	463,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00	173,500.00	191,000.00	241,000.00
Local Road Assistance	49,500.00	49,500.00	49,500.00	49,500.00
Snowmobile Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	9,300.00	9,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,750.00	2,750.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,400.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Other State Grants and Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total State Funds	238,950.00	237,450.00	257,550.00	308,250.00
OTHER				
Recreational Program Fees	28,000.00	27,500.00	27,500.00	30,000.00
Building Rentals (Included in Recreation)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Recycled Waste Sales	3,000.00	3,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total Other	31,000.00	31,000.00	33,000.00	37,000.00
RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS				
R.A. Guptill Historical Trust	325.00	365.00	665.00	880.00
Roads Maintenance & Paving	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Solid Waste Capital Reserve	0.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Capital Reserve	3,500.00	0.00	15,000.00	20,643.00
D.C. Stevens Scholarship	50.00	70.00	85.00	140.00
D.C. Stevens Enrichment	18,325.00	25,325.00	26,875.00	26,300.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care (2 Article-2003)	26,959.00	45,092.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
Total Reserves and Trust Funds	49,159.00	83,352.00	80,125.00	65,463.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Town of Rome	2,700.00	4,050.00	3,240.00	2,700.00
Town of Oakland	1,700.00	2,550.00	2,040.00	1,700.00
Total Intergovernmental	4,400.00	6,600.00	5,280.00	4,400.00



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FUND BALANCES

Undesignated	200,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00	210,084.00
Total Fund Balances	200,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00	210,084.00

Total Non-Property

Tax Revenues	1,089,509.00	1,034,402.00	1,069,955.00	1,088,197.00
Net Property Tax Requirement*	4,480,294.00	4,211,618.00	3,832,781.00	3,468,288.00

TOTAL REVENUES	5,569,803.00	5,246,020.00	4,902,736.00	4,556,485.00
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Town of Belgrade

2004 Town Meeting Warrant

STATE OF MAINE
Kennebec, S.S.

To Jeremy Damren, a Constable in 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 Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, in said Town, Friday March 19th, 2004 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 Article 3. Polls are to be opened 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 20th, 2004, at 1:00 P.M., to act on Article 4 to the end of the Warrant.

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):

two Selectpersons-three year term
one School Board Member-three year term
one School Board Member-two year to term end
one Road Commissioner-one year term
one Sexton-one year term

ARTICLE 3 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, on the following question: Shall the Town adopt amendments to the "Town of Belgrade Municipal Street and Road Ordinance" last updated March 1, 1997, as described in the document entitled "March 2004 Amendments to the Town of Belgrade Municipal Street and Road Ordinance"?



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the approved budget for 2004 between January 1, 2005 and the date of the regular 2005 Town Meeting.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will accept donations and grants to support all municipal facilities, operations and programs over and above what has been raised and appropriated.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectpersons to dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property in a manner which the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Town of Belgrade.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will accept the overdrafts and balances that have lapsed to the Undesignated Fund with overall impact of a plus \$245,579.78 with \$200,000.00 of this amount to be dedicated to reducing 2004 property taxes.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the following accounts be carried forward to the current year:

Assessing/Review	\$ 3,527
Planning/Appeals	4,437
Growth Management	3,057
Solid Waste (Ash Pile)	3,500
Dams	19,397
Total Carry Forward	\$ 33,918

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will appropriate revenues from the following sources in 2004 to reduce the 2004 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 511,000
License/Permit Fees	\$ 5,000
Town Fees	\$ 17,000
Boat Excise	\$ 17,000
Recycling Revenues	\$ 3,000
Interest & Cost Fees	\$ 16,000
Recreation Revenues	\$ 28,000
Total.....	\$ 597,000

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 0 Against / 3 Absent

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will set Wednesday October 20, 2004 as the date that the 2004 property taxes are due, and charge interest at the rate of 06.5% per annum on taxes paid after October 20, 2004, with interest to continue until the tax and tax lien are paid in full.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on taxes paid and later abated at 02.5% per annum from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,405 to support Selectpersons' salaries (\$150/mo for Selectperson Chair- \$100/mo for additional members), benefits, travel expenses, and fees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Board of Selectpersons to utilize as necessary to cope with emergency or unanticipated municipal expenses which require immediate attention.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent



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ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$272,658 to support the costs associated with municipal operations and administrative activities. Itemized requirements are as follows:

AREA OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Administration	\$ 194,290
(Town Office Operations & Maintenance- General Admin Operating Expenses- Admin Wages & Benefits)	
Town Manager (Salary \$44,100)	\$ 56,113
Assessing/Review	\$ 15,600
Planning Board/Appeals	\$ 3,480
Hearings/Elections	\$ 3,175
Total	\$ 272,658

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,139 to support constable and civil emergency requirements.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to contract with Law Enforcement for coverage at critical locations and times.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$52,614 for Fire Department operations and maintenance of equipment.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve for future major equipment replacement.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$20,414 to support general operating costs and equipment acquisition for the Belgrade Rescue Squad.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Rescue Capital Reserve Account for future equipment replacement.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,070 for the function of Code Enforcement.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

*Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent —
(Selectpersons and Budget Committee also Recommend: Increase in fee
schedule to offset expense)*

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the operation of municipal street lights.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

PUBLIC WORKS

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$85,099 for general maintenance of Town Roads. Any unexpended balance will lapse back to the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent



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ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$110,000 for resurfacing the following Town Roads, and give the Selectpersons authority to resurface and/or crackseal additional roadway within the total approved expenditure with any unexpended balance lapsing into the Public Works Road Maintenance and Paving Capital Reserve Account:

Roads to be paved: Bartlett Rd. 1.64 miles

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$249,477 for the purpose of plowing, sanding and salting Town and State-Aid roads in 2004.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$238,995 for Solid Waste Management related activities (includes Transfer Station & Recycling Center operation, transport fee, tipping fees, and equipment leasing) with any unexpended balance lapsing into the Solid Waste Capital Reserve.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,466 to support the general maintenance and upkeep of all municipal facilities. (Excluding the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons).

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Abstain

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,400 for Landfill Closure maintenance, inspection, and testing requirements. These actions are specified by the 1993 State Closure Order for the Belgrade Sanitary Landfill.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

SOCIAL SERVICES

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$450 as compensation for the Health Officer.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 1 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300 as compensation to the Town Historian.

Selectpersons Recommend: 3 For/ 0 Against / 2 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100 as part of the cash match for a grant of \$315 from the Historical Collections Grant Program for microfilm preservation of some of our pre-1900 municipal records. The Belgrade Historical Society has pledged \$100.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,317 to fund Animal Control Officer activities and provide a facility for the disposition of abandoned/stray cats and dogs.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to administer the General Assistance Program.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the Memorial Day Ceremony and appoint an individual to organize an appropriate ceremony.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent



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ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,986.25 for the Town's portion of maintenance for Belgrade's Cemeteries, and appropriate \$26,958.75 from interest generated by Perpetual Care Trust Funds for the balance of the total requirement of \$35,945.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will continue to allow Troop #453, Belgrade Boy Scouts of America to collect, bundle, and ship used newsprint both on and off Town property and to authorize the payments of proceeds from newspaper recycling to Boy Scout Troop #453 from revenues therefrom in support of its programs and activities. To the extent that any such collection, bundling, and shipping is done in collaboration with other Town recycling efforts, Troop #453 shall compensate the Town for its pro rata share of related expenses.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ARE SOLICITATIONS FOR DONATIONS FROM GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500 to help support the Mid-Maine Unit of the American Red Cross.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against / 2 Absent

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the 4th of July fireworks sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Business Group.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against / 2 Absent

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$750 to help support Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting business and recreation activities in the Belgrade Lakes area.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 2 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against / 2 Absent

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,000 to help support the operation of the Belgrade Regional Health Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 0 Against / 1 Abstain / 2 Absent

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,600 to help support the Children's Center, a non-profit organization providing early intervention and family support programs for children with special needs.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Abstain / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,375 to help support the Family Violence Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of domestic violence victims.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 1 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,489 to help support Hospice Volunteers of Kennebec Valley and Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,586 to help support the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 to support the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program Child & Family Services (Head Start and Child Care Programs).

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent



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ARTICLE 46 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500 to help support the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program Transportation Services for 2004.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,041 to help support the operation of Senior Spectrum, Central Maine's area agency on aging.

Selectpersons Recommend: 2 For/ 3 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against/ 1 Absent

RECREATION

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,835 for Recreation Facility operations (includes Long Pond Beach, Hayden Park and Peninsula Park).

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 49 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,883 to provide for the operation and upkeep of the North Belgrade Community Center.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 50 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,430 to cover the cost of operating the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, (including the Director's wages).

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,521 to support recreation programs.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will agree to place all unspent Recreational funds into the Recreation Capital Reserve Account.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 53 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to expend a sum, not to exceed \$3,500, from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account to complete capital building maintenance projects at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

ARTICLE 54 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,960 to support the cost of operating the library.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 3 For/ 0 Against/ 3 Absent

ARTICLE 55 To see if the Town will allocate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursements for use in maintaining the Town's Snowmobile Trails.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 0 Against/ 2 Absent

INTER-GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 56 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,600 as Belgrade's share of 2004 operating/maintenance costs of the region's three dams - Belgrade Lakes, Wings Mills, and Salmon Lake. Total projected cost in 2004 equals \$10,000 (Rome's share = \$2,700 and Oakland's share = \$1,700).

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 57 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,049 for annual dues associated with membership in the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).

Selectpersons Recommend: 0 For/ 4 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 1 For/ 4 Against / 1 Absent



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ARTICLE 58 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,250 to help support an initiative sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corp to preserve area lakes.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 59 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,300 to support regional efforts coordinated by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance to prevent the spread of nuisance aquatic species (Milfoil) and investigate management options for the existing infestation in Messalonskee Lake.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 4 For/ 1 Against / 1 Absent

DEBT SERVICE

ARTICLE 60 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 to pay interest charges and costs associated with the municipal debt in 2004.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

UNCLASSIFIED

ARTICLE 61 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$16,500 to pay Workers and Unemployment Compensation premiums for all municipal employees.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

TRUST ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE 62 To see if the Town will authorize the use of \$18,325.00 from the accumulated interest in the Don C. Stevens Fund for the benefit of students who attend Belgrade Central School during 2004.

Selectpersons Recommend: 5 For/ 0 Against

ARTICLE 63 To see if the Town will designate the accumulated interest (estimate-\$50) of the Don C. Stevens Scholarship Fund as of May 31, 2004, as an award to the highest ranking Belgrade student of Messalonskee High School Class of 2004.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 64 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount up to \$450 to supplement the Don C. Stevens Scholarship to equal \$500.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

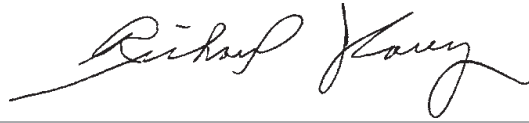
Budget Committee Recommends: 5 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent

ARTICLE 65 To see if the Town will release \$325 in 2003 interest accumulated by the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund to the principal of the Belgrade Central School. The principal will disburse the money in accordance with terms set forth in the Trust.

Selectpersons Recommend: 4 For/ 0 Against / 1 Absent



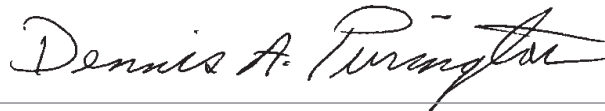
Board of Selectpersons



Richard J. Carey, Chairman



Roger J. Nadeau



Dennis A. Purington

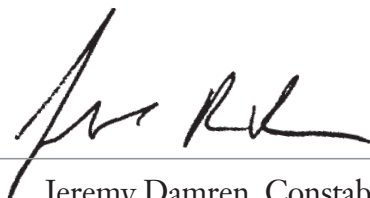


Richard W. Damren Jr.



Chad M. Nickless

A true copy Attest:



Jeremy Damren, Constable

Constable's 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, Double D's, and the Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Belgrade on the 13th day of March, 2004.

Jeremy Damren, Constable





*I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.*

*I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.*

*I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?*

*How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.*

*I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen."
When a flag had draped the coffin
Of a brother and a friend.*

*I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.*

*I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.*

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